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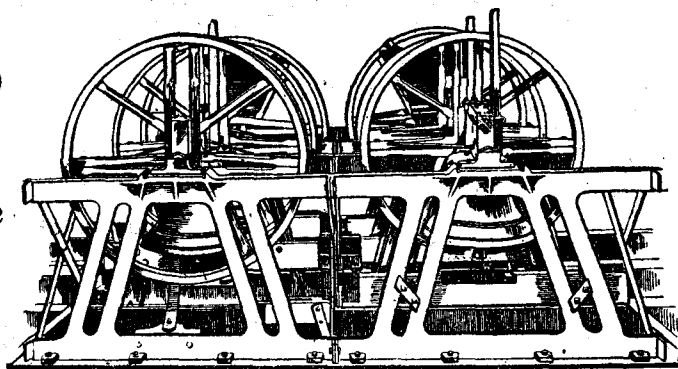
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UNPUNCTUALITY.

IN the very interesting report of the Middlesex County Association, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 29th, it is stated that certain peals were lost "by accident, that is to say by the breakage of a rope, or by a clapper becoming detached." The latter is certainly an "accident," a rare and untoward one; but the breakage of a rope is due rather to carelessness of the person or persons responsible for seeing that the ropes are sound before a peal is attempted. It is a preventible accident, for which somebody is to blame.

I may note another point. In almost every number of "THE BELL NEWS" I see, with regard to some peal or peals—"It was intended to go for——, but meeting one short, —— was substituted." Why did that man not turn up? If unavoidably prevented, did he give the others notice by message, post-card, or if necessary by telegram? Or was it mere carelessness, or a momentary whim taking him elsewhere? I write as one who in the past has suffered so much from the irregularity and unpunctuality of some ringers, from their disregard of the convenience of others, and from their apparent lack of any sense of the moral duty of keeping appointments, that at one time I had almost made up my mind to have nothing more to do with them, except so far as was necessary to encourage the ringing in my own parish church. I felt that I could not stand the annoyance and waste of time in waiting about for men who either did not come at all, or too late to do much ringing. This has been the one drop of bitterness in my cup of otherwise pleasant relations with ringers. Now that it is all over, and I shall ring no more, I am glad that I did not throw it up before; but it was often a sore trial to a very busy man of punctual temperament, though I daresay that many do not feel with me in this.

T. L. PAPILLON.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

A new large clock is to be erected in the St. Luke's hospital, Halifax, Yorkshire, in place of the electric clock, which has been a failure. The contract has been given to Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, who recently made the new great clock and chimes for Selby Abbey.

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BERROW, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday evening, November 24th, 1909, the church of St. Mary, Berrow, was filled to overflowing with a congregation who attended to take part in, and be edified by the proceedings in connection with, the re-opening of the tower, and the dedication of the ring of six bells which have just been rehung therein.

The clergy present were the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells (Prebendary Brymer), the Rev. E. G. Austen (Vicar of Berrow), Rev. P. W. Brancker, Rev. E. H. C. Stephenson, and the Rev. F. W. Bentley. Mr. W. H. Nixon presided at the organ. During the singing of Psalm cxii. the Archdeacon, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens (Messrs. Coome and House), proceeded to the tower. The ceremony of dedication being completed, the bells were rung for a short period. The Archdeacon then delivered an address, after which several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, from Burnham: W. Crandon, G. Chamberlain, G. Pruen, J. Coram, J. Dunn, W. Worgan, A. Routley, F. Iley, and J. Harris. The ringers were entertained to supper by the Rev. and Mrs. Austen, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness.

The go and tone of these Berrow bells are excellent. The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Llewellins and James, bellfounders, of Bristol, and the workmanship reflects great credit on that firm. They supplied a new treble, recast two of the old ones, and rehung the whole, with completely new fittings, in a superb frame. Previous to this desirable improvement Berrow had five bells only, but no ringing has been known there for more than thirty years, as the crown of the tenor was broken right out. Now with the addition of a new treble, and the old 2nd and the tenor recast, the village has one of the finest rings of six in the county, and in splendid going order for many years to come.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29th, at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to one of the ringers being taken ill after ringing 3860 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. F. S. Wilson, W. Short, John Elcock, John Overton, B. Head, W. Overton (conductor), H. Overton, and H. Jones. This peal was arranged for F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, and the above is his longest of Stedman Triples.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Beccles on bank-holiday, December 27th, 1909.

The ten bells in the campanile of the parish church were placed at the disposal of members throughout the day and were largely used. Messrs. Taylor have only just completed a thorough restoration of this fine ring, and as the Association had voted a grant from its funds for carrying out of the work, it was felt that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible to enable members to inspect the work. This included a new steel frame, with all new fittings, new floors, and the recasting of three of the bells. It is needless to say this has all been done in the most workmanlike manner, and those who had rung at Beccles under the old conditions—with hardly two ropes in the "circle" in proper consecutive order—welcomed the change, and appreciated the improvement carried out.

Dinner was served at one o'clock in the Public Hall, with W. H. Crowfoot, esq. (a honorary member of the Association) in the chair, supported by the Revs. E. C. Hopper and E. C. J. Bourn, Messrs. W. L. Duffield, G. G. Burton, C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the diocese.

Letters regretting inability to attend had been received from the President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq.) and the Rector of Beccles, and keen disappointment was felt by every one present at the enforced absence of the leader of the Beccles company, Mr. Henry Hopson, owing to ill-health. It is not too much to say that Mr. Hopson was solely responsible for the restoration of the bells—both for the inception of the work, and for the raising of the necessary funds—and universal regret was felt that he was compelled to keep away from the rejoicings which marked the completion of the scheme.

At the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal toasts were given by the chairman, who also proposed "Success to the Association," to which the secretary replied. The toast of "The Mayor and Corporation" was acknowledged by the Mayor, who suggested, in his reply, that a vote of condolence should be sent to Mr. Hopson. This was at once agreed to, and the election of new members concluded the meeting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at the church of St. Nicholas, Warwick, on Saturday, January 29th, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. H. Lawson, Vicar. Tea was provided at a temperance hotel at five o'clock, followed by the meeting of the Guild, with the ringing master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, in the chair.

The hon. secretary read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 23rd next. The hon. secretary read a letter of apology from Mr. W. G. Dickins (hon. treasurer), regretting his inability to attend the meeting that afternoon through having been called away from home on important business.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox then addressed the meeting. He said he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of the Guild, and that was to present to their ringing-master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a wedding gift of a complete tea service, as a token of their goodwill and fellowship, with every wish for his future happiness and prosperity. Mr. Smallwood suitably replied, thanking

sincerely the members for their great kindness and good wishes.

Mr. A. W. Brighton (of London) was duly elected a member of the Guild. Mr. Coleman (hon. secretary) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. F. H. Lawson, Vicar of St. Nicholas, for granting permission for the use of his bells.

Mr. Edward H. Adams very kindly arranged for the members of the Guild, after the meeting, to have a ring in the evening on the fine ten at St. Mary's, Warwick, which was very much appreciated by all who attended. Touches were rung in the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The attendance of ringers was about twenty-six. Although not a large meeting, it was a most successful one. A. L. C.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the South Bucks. and East Berks. branch of this Guild was held on Saturday, January 29th, at High Wycombe. The towers of the parish churches of Hughenden, West Wycombe, and High Wycombe were open to the ringers, who gladly availed themselves of the privilege. There was a special interest attaching to the meeting, as it was the first meeting of the Guild at High Wycombe since the addition to the belfry which has given to the tower a ring of twelve bells.

The service was held at 4.30 p.m., and the preacher was the Rev. A. S. Crummeline, Rector of Beaconsfield.

The members then assembled at the Guildhall for tea, and the annual business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Drummond, chairman of the branch, and he was supported by the Vicar of the parish, the churchwardens, and about one hundred Guild members. After the singing of a verse of the National Anthem, there was a report upon the year's work, which showed a satisfactory record of peals, and a sufficient balance in hand. The chairman gave his annual address, which was received with the usual appreciation and respect. Cordial votes of thanks and suitable replies brought a successful meeting to a close.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the above was held at Burnham on January 15th, 1910. The bells were available early in the afternoon. Divine Service was held in the parish church at 4.30 by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, assisted by the Rev. Bentley, vicar of Worle. A very able address was given to the ringers by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson. Soon after the service, some forty members, representing the following towers: Burnham, Berrow, Congresbury, Huntspill, Highbridge, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and Kewstoke, sat down to a capital meat tea at The Clarence hotel. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson presiding, supported by the Rev. Bentley and Rev. E. G. Austen. The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the year: Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson president, Mr. A. H. Davies local hon. sec., and Mr. G. Chamberlain on the general committee. Nine new members and one honorary member were duly elected. The next place of meeting will be Worle. A very hearty

vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting. The Rev. Thompson suitably responded. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. W. H. May for presiding at the organ. During the evening several capital touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

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

A CORRECTION.—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate writes: "I have just received my 'BELL NEWS' for Saturday last, January 29th, and thank you for inserting the report of the unveiling ceremony at St. Peter's, Bramley, but I find you have made a rather noticeable error. The report reads 'thirty-one methods' instead of 'twenty-one methods.'"

CHURCH NEWS.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.—At a meeting of the Liverpool Cathedral Committee on Monday it was announced that the Consecration of the Lady-chapel would take place at the end of June. The auditors' statement showed that the amount required to complete the first part of the Cathedral would be £50,000.

GIFT OF £15,000 FOR A NEW CHURCH.—A munificent gift was announced last week at a meeting of the Chester Diocesan Church Building Society, when the Archdeacon of Chester stated that Mr. Frederick James Harrison, of Maer Hall, Staffordshire, and Mr. Heath Harrison, of Lecourt, Liss, Hampshire, had given £15,000 for the building and endowment of a church and parsonage-house for a new parish to be formed out of Wallasey parish.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—A scheme is on foot, says the *City Press*, to improve the entrance to and surroundings of Southwark Cathedral. The idea is to do away with the unsightly area-like steps, improve the appearance of the railings, cut the approach off from the passage to the market, and build a sloping way to the south-west entrance. Over the entrance to this sloping way will be placed either an arch in stone in conformity with the architectural features of the church, or an ironwork structure of ornamental design.

RESTORATION OF WRENBURY CHURCH.—The re-opening services, after the extensive internal restoration of the beautiful and ancient parish church of Wrenbury, situated five miles south of Nantwich, were held yesterday week. The Bishop of Chester preached to a large congregation in the afternoon, the Rural Dean of Nantwich (Rev. J. Stapleton Cotton), occupying the pulpit in the evening. It is due to the initiative and energy of the new Vicar of Wrenbury (the Rev. H. W. Bradley), that the work has now been carried through successfully. It includes the re-flooring, re-seating, re-ventilating, re-heating, and re-furnishing of the old church.

CHURCH EXTENSION AT COVENTRY.—The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Margaret, Coventry, the first of the churches contemplated by the Church Extension Society for the Archdeaconry, was laid on Saturday. Meeting in the temporary church—some unoccupied motor works—a procession was formed to the Walsgrave Road site, the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" being sung as a procession. The Marquess of Hertford (Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire) walked with the Mayor of the city (Alderman Lee), who, although a Nonconformist, thus showed his sympathy with the work in hand. Lord Hertford laid the stone "in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ," and delivered a short address, in the course of which he spoke of the growing needs of a rapidly-increasing city; while Canon Masterman expressed the hope that church-people would either contribute or guarantee all the money needed, so as to enable the church to be wholly erected without any break in the building operations. The new parish, which has been carved out of the parishes of All Saints' and Stoke, will have a population of eight thousand. The church is to be in the Early Decorated style of architecture, and will ultimately provide accommodation for 650 persons; but with present funds it is only possible to put up nave and north and south aisles.

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.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.

On Wednesday, January 12th, Mr. Egerton G. Nicholls, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Eleanor Bramall, the daughter of a very well-known and respected Wath resident. The ceremony took place at 2.0 p.m., and was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Keble Martin, in the presence of a great many friends and relatives of both bride and bridegroom.

As the bridal pair left the church, the bells (tenor 14 cwt., cast in 1583), went into changes to the tune of 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. W. Bramham, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock, A. Panther, S. Woodcock, A. Nash (conductor). After this the bells were kept going until 9.30 p.m. The following methods were rung: London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Royston Delight, by the above band. Also touches of College Treble, Tulip, Woodcock's Delight, Wilson's Victory, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, Gladstone Delight, Darfield Delight and Duke of York, the band standing as follows: S. Woodcock, A. Crossman, A. Panther, W. Woodcock, jun., R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash conductor. After lowering the bells the band adjourned to The Saracen's Head, where the usual ringers' discussions took place until 11 p.m. Messrs. Woodcock very kindly came over from Darfield to assist in the celebration.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SLATER.

It is with regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred at his residence, Hunts Hill, Glemsford, on December 28th, 1909. Deceased, who was 59 years of age, had taken part in 128 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, being made up of one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, three of Royal, eighty-seven of Major, three of Double Norwich Major, two of Bob Triples, two of Grandsire Triples, twenty-four of Bob Major, in seven Minor methods four, four Minor methods two, one of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He rang his first 720 of Plain Bob on Stanstead bells on May 20th, 1865, and he concluded his ringing career there by ringing a 720 of Kent Treble on January 17th, 1909. He had also taught bands to ring at Glemsford, Stanstead, Cavendish, Hawkedon and Stansfield. He took part in the following long peals: 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxearth, 7040 Kent Treble Bob Major at Belchamp Walter, 7008 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Long Melford, all of which are the longest peals on their respective bells. He also rang the famous Lavenham tenor to the longest peal of Treble Bob it was ever rung to—6048 changes—on April 15th, 1895. He also organised and took part in the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the Norman tower bells Bury St. Edmunds. He was laid to rest in Glemsford churchyard on Jan. 3rd, the funeral rites being performed by the Rev. H. Hall, M.A. Rector of Glemsford. Immediately after the funeral the following rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (without muffled clappers, according to deceased's wish): A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson, P. J. Garwood, G. Smith, A. J. Clarke. He had made a collection of all the peals that had been rung in Norfolk down to the time of the Norwich Association. He had also taken "THE BELL NEWS" since its commencement, and "Church Bells" for twenty years. Besides being a ringer he was a member of the Albion Lodge of United Ancient Order of Druids since 1872, and had served all the elective offices in that lodge, at the time of his death being Arch Druid. He was a member of all the principal ringing societies in East Anglia. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss, the eldest of whom is a proficient ringer. May he rest in peace and rise in power.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BECCLES.—After the peal the ringers were invited to a tea kindly provided for them by the Mayor of Beccles, Mr. W. J. Money, his co-churchwarden Mr. W. Brooks, and Mr. H. Hopson, Secretary of the Beccles district of the Norwich Diocesan Association, to whom they desire to return their best thanks for their hospitality; also to the Rector of Beccles for the use of the bells. The restoration of the bells has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, leaving little or nothing to be desired; and Mr. H. Hopson, by whose efforts some six hundred pounds or more have been raised for this purpose, is to be sincerely congratulated on the result of his labours. The weight of the tenor bell is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., and the headstock about 4 cwt. aggregating nearly 29½ cwt. in all.

THE PEAL AT SITTINGBOURNE.—Mr. F. Bennett's 600 peals.—In seven Minor Methods, 4; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 55, conducted 37; Grandsire Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 14, conducted 7; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 46, conducted 23; Kent Treble Bob Royal 12, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 110, conducted 54; Stedman Caters 29, conducted 11; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9, conducted 37; Double Norwich Royal 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major 10, conducted 5; Norfolk Surprise Major 2; Westminster Surprise Major 3; Oxford Surprise Major 3; Gloucester Surprise Major 3; Bristol Surprise Major 4, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 74, conducted 21; New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, conducted 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 31, conducted 17; London Surprise Major 33 conducted 2. Total 600; conducted 264. Rung in 179 towers and 15 counties.

THE PEAL AT TILEHURST.—C. R. Lilley's 400 peals.—Doubles in twelve methods 6, conducted 2; Minor in seven methods 92, conducted 58; Union Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples 2, conducted 2; Bob Major 30, conducted 26; Bob Royal 8, conducted 4; Grandsire Triples 74, conducted 65; Grandsire Caters 18, conducted 6; Stedman Triples 40; Stedman Caters 9; Stedman Cinques 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 28, conducted 18; Kent Treble Bob Royal 7.

THE PEAL AT BRIGHTON.—G. H. Howse's 100 peals.—Minor four methods, 1; Minor, seven methods, 1; Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 5; Union Triples 1; Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 32; Bob Major 18; Kent Treble Bob Major 11; Double Norwich Major 2; Superlative Surprise 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1. Total 100; conducted 5. Rung in 18 different towers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance should be paid before the 28th inst.

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, to-day, Sat., February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30.

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

The London Chantry 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. 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 Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton to-day, Sat., 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. *Pinchbeck, Spalding.* G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Sat., 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. BOWER, *Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne to-day, Sat., February 5th. Bells at Wylam and Newburn available Committee meeting at 4 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at The Bird inn.

CHAS. E. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
92, Northgate, Darlington.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen to-day, Sat., 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. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bromford, Worcester.

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham to-day, Sat., 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, B.intree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., 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 Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Hyde to-day, Sat., February 5th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, February 12th, and not at Longton on February 5th as stated on the meeting cards. Bells at 3 o.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 Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5.30. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Alresford on Saturday, February 12th. The bells of Old and New Alresford will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Beasley's restaurant, West Street, Alresford, at 5 o'clock.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Usual arrangements.

A. H. WINCH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—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, Pickham, S.E.

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association—South-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at the vicarage, Galleywood, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30. Visitors and friends welcome.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt. A good attendance requested. Any ringer welcome.

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24365	-	3	-	-
46253	-	1	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
63254	-	1	-	-
34256	-	3	-	-
23564	-	1	-	-
62345	-	1	-	-
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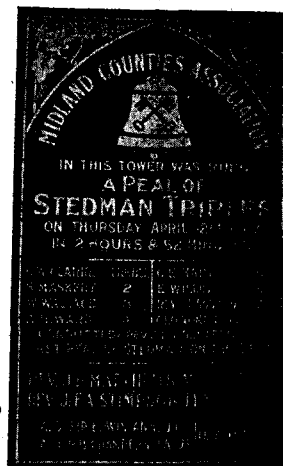
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1910.

THE remarks made by the Rev. Canon PAPILLON in this number are to the point. They deal with what at the present time seems to be an evil which is greatly on the increase.

An "accident" to bell-ropes from breakages while ringing is nearly always, as the Canon says, "due rather to carelessness" on the part of those whose duty it is to see that such "accidents" are provided against by periodical inspection and repair. We know very well how such duties are often carried out. So long as the ropes will stand chiming or ringing for the Sunday services, all goes well enough for the individual who rejoices in the proud position and title of "steeplekeeper," but when a peal is attempted, the failure of this person is generally apparent; perhaps as much to his own sorrow as that of the company, for his pocket is likely to suffer through such disappointment. It would be well if the various church authorities looked more deeply than they do into the manner in which the duties of steeplekeeper are performed. They should know that bell-ropes, like other mundane things, in course of time get old, and it is necessary that their decay should be prevented as far as possible by those frequent attentions which are known to most ringers.

The other evil referred to by Canon PAPILLON, it will almost be necessary to meet with some drastic measure. No one knows altogether the frequency of that reckless conduct which brings such disappointment to would-be peal-ringers. Perhaps the haphazard and callous manner into which those peal-promises are made is the cause of much of the trouble.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)***On Monday, January 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.

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

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON 5.
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

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

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HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

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*First peal.

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

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On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES TOMPKINS* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 4.
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Conducted by CRCIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal of Minor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th are members of the local band.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

GORDON CHECKITTS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY GOODGER* .. Treble.	WALTER WEBB 5.
CHARLES STONE 2.	AMEROSE W. OSBORNE .. 6.
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JOSEPH HANDS 4.	CHARLES K. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method. This is the conductor's 400th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED R. KITTLEBORO .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS RILEY 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 52nd birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR OWEN Treble.	JOHN EAMES 4.
HARRY SEAR 2.	THOMAS BEST, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE GROVES 3.	WILLIAM CRANWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BEST, JUN.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sear. First peal by all except H. Sear.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING Treble.	PHILIP J. ALLFREY 5.
WILLIAM ASHDOWN 2.	THOMAS STRINGER 6.
GEORGE TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT J. E. HARFFEY .. Treble.	ARTHUR GOWER 5.
ERNEST GOWER 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	ALFRED E. MIDMORE .. 7.
EDWARD W. BRAY 4.	HARRY HOOKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ERNEST GOWER Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
RICHARD STREDWICE 2.	CHARLES PALMER 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4.	WILLIAM C. HART Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was G. H. Howse's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

LEONARD AMBROSE .. Treble.	WILLIAM THILBERT .. 5.
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE .. 2.	FREDERICK PEARCE .. 6.
ALBERT KNIGHT .. 3.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 7.
ALEXANDER EVANS .. 4.	FREDERICK MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER EVANS.

*First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells by a local band. The ringer of the 7th was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	†W. BERNARD CLARKE .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
LEONARD LEWIS 3.	*JOHN MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EABLE BULWER, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
FRED BIGGS 2.	F. BOREHAM 6.
RALPH BIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
G. WHITE 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble.	HENRY HAWES 4.
HARRY BURCH 2.	WILLIAM KING 5.
DAVID LEGGETT 3.	GEORGE ABLITT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN AND STOKEPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Rochester, Islington, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise and Burton.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT 4.
HERBERT WILLIAMSON .. 2.	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5.
HARRY LANGLEY 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Langley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5.
ROBERT F. TURNER .. 2.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
ALBERT V. INNS 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD 4.	JOSEPH C. STRATFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble.	THOMAS MACK 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
HENRY MULLARD 3.	HERBERT J. ELLIS 7.
MICHAEL BROWN 4.	HERBERT RENMANT Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Attwell's daughter.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
HARRY HOWARD 4.	FREDERICK MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM WARD* Treble.	WM. ABBISHAW 4.
JAMES PEACOCK 2.	JAMES GUY 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE† 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Minor. †Fiftieth peal.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGEDS 7.
JESSE MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

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

The ringer of the treble is 83 years of age in August next, and this is his first peal in the method. He claims to have been a change-ringer for sixty-eight years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Major.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

CHRIS. A. WILSON* .. Treble.	†FREDK. C. MC CARTHY .. 5.
ALBERT SIMPSON 2.	ARTHUR TEMPLE 6.
ALBERT R. WEBSTER* .. 3.	*JOHN LOWBEY 7.
ERNEST G. WILSON* .. 4.	*CHAS. E. S. WILSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. This is the first peal ever rung by an entirely local band, and the first peal by the parish ringers, who have been instructed by the conductor since the dedication of the bells in June, 1908.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

EMANUEL COX Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 4.
GEORGE PARK 2.	G. JAMES LUNGLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOLKY 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in D flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	WILLIAM FLOYD 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 9.
ERNEST F. POPPY 8.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal rung upon the bells since their excellent restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the first peal in the Kent variation ever rung upon them. Further reference elsewhere.

The following peals were rung by members of the Kent County Association during the Christmas holidays:—

BORDEN, KENT.

On Sunday, December 26, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	ERNEST G. DOBBIE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES 7.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 4.	WILLIAM HEWETT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

ERNEST G. DOBBIE* .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Double Norwich; also on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. in E.

RICHARD STAINES* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Double Norwich, and the conductor's 600th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST G. DOBBIE Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
EDWARD TRENDLE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	ERNEST G. DOBBIE 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	EDWARD TRENDLE 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Miscellaneous.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 30th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. C. H. Hughes, E. Finch, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. F. Gowlett, G. F. Woodage, H. J. Gummer, J. Bullock, F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, January 16th, at St. George's church, Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. C. F. Winney, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. F. Gowlett, W. J. Kemp, W. H. Taffender, C. F. Burden, R. F. Deal, G. R. Fardon, H. Langdon, J. Bullock.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 19th, at the Abbey church, 720 Bob Minor on the lighter six. A. Dobson, H. Fairlam, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. Stokes, F. Cryer conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells since the new ring of ten was hung in September last by Messrs. Taylor. For evening service 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, A. Cryer, A. Hall, F. Cryer, F. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

FENTON.—On Sunday morning, December 12th, for Divine Service, 800 Grandsire Triples. W. Edwards, W. Hill, J. Nicklin, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Smith, E. A. Sherratt conductor, A. Jackson. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. W. Fitchford, jun., W. Hill, R. Scaville, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Smith, E. Sherratt conductor, J. Nicklin.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On December 8th, at the usual monthly practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 mins.

H. Payne, J. Guest, A. Monkley, L. Green, E. Shepherd, W. Riccardson, F. Davey conductor. W. Acreman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Stedman Triples. For evening service 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins. T. Crood, E. Watkinson, J. Watkinson conductor, A. Robinson, H. France, S. Watkinson, E. Bannister, J. Harrison.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On September 12th, at the Cathedral, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Beeson, G. Padgett, J. Chamberlain conductor, T. Foster, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. R. Beresford. On November 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, T. Foster, A. Chamberlain conductor, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. Wilson. On November 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples. E. Foster, G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, H. Clulow, G. Beckett, J. Beeson, A. Chamberlain conductor, A. Wilson.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Flinders, H. Whittle, J. Wooley, H. Colburn, T. Flint, F. Johnson, J. Hickman conductor, C. Barnes.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRENTHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, J. Spencer, L. Naunton, E. Nunn, F. Naunton conductor. Another 720 in the same method. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, F. Naunton, L. Naunton, J. Spencer conductor, E. Nunn. On Tuesday, November 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, J. Spencer, L. Naunton, F. Naunton conductor. E. Nuon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 14th, 1024 Bob Major. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. Alexander conductor, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, J. Lowther. On Tuesday, November 23rd, 1008 Bob Major. T. Steel, W. Breckon, F. Hodgson, Fred Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, G. Alexander conductor.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, December 8th, for practice at St. Helen's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Paulson, T. White, H. Gregory, F. Travis, W. Taylor, E. Blackwell, J. Derbyshire, E. Hallows.

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 Stedman Triples.

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.

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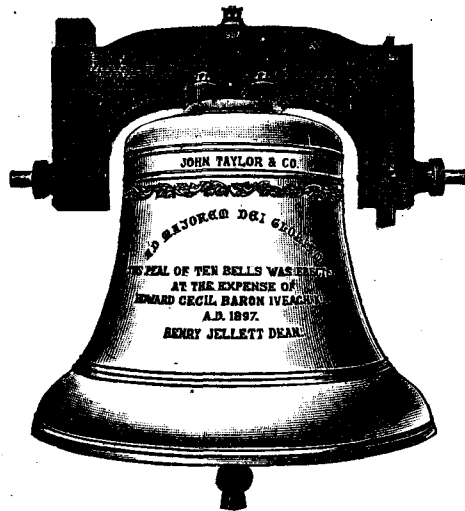
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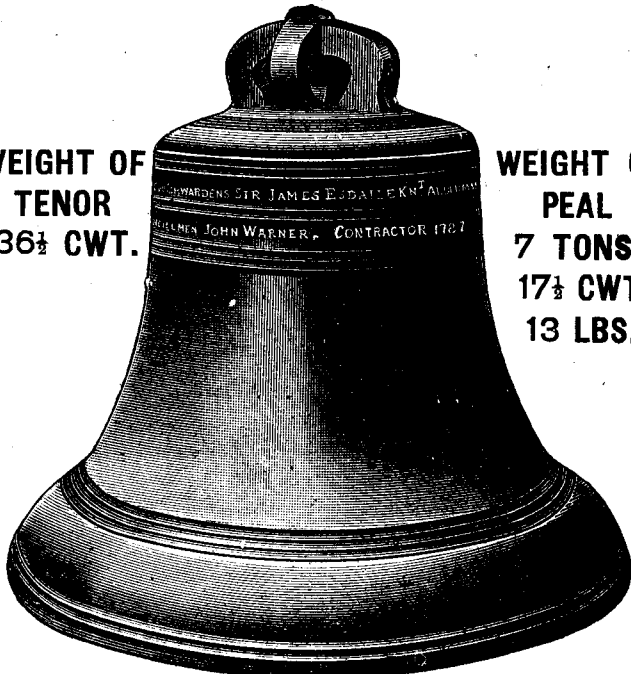
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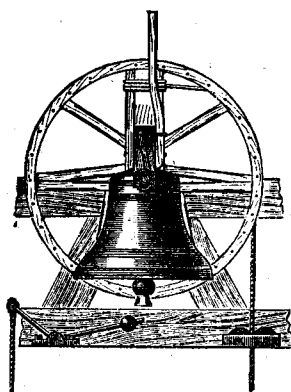
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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this Association for 1910 was held at Worksop on Saturday, January 29th, when the "the good old-fashioned winter" weather, which untruthful old people declare they used to enjoy "when they were young," did its utmost to spoil the gathering, but in vain. A driving snowstorm, borne on the wings of a biting nor-wester, prevailed all the day, and undoubtedly kept a good many away, nevertheless the meeting was a very pleasant and successful one, for you may depend on't that every one who did turn up was an enthusiastic ringer. We had particularly hoped for a good muster, as this was the first meeting to be presided over by the new Vicar of Worksop, the Rev. J. d'Arcey. But if it lacked in quantity it was not deficient in quality, and some very good ringing was done on the Abbey Church bells in the course of the evening. Only about a score were present at the tea and business meeting, but some more members arrived later, and six towers were represented plus several unattached members. Twelve new members, attached to the Worksop, East Retford, and Markham towers, were elected; which was a promising start for the new year.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, the hon. sec. expressed the satisfaction of the members at his presence among them on that occasion, and their hope that they might frequently see him at their meetings in the future. Mr. d'Arcey responded in kind and encouraging terms.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. H. Haigh moved a vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Mr. D. Taylor, for many years a member of the Shire-oaks company; eulogising the deceased brother as a skilful ringer and an amiable comrade.

The members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and several good touches were brought round, especially a 720 of Kitchener's Surprise and a 360 of Mirfield Delight by the Anston men, one of whom, C. F. Fowler, is the composer of the Surprise method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing to it not being possible to arrange it at the tower originally selected, the first quarterly meeting of this body was unfortunately a week later than is usual, and owing to this it had the misfortune to clash with that of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild. Notwithstanding that and the fact that the weather was by no means good, the attendance at Halesowen was satisfactory, and quite a successful meeting was held. The service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., when the address was delivered by the Rector, the Rev. Ronald Saymes, who remarked upon the enormous amount of good the various guilds that existed in the middle ages had done in encouraging the production of artistic work of every description, and admiring the way in which ringers had, when

nearly all other guilds had ceased to exist for any practical purposes, encouraged the formation of such guilds for the advancement of the art of change-ringing.

At the conclusion of the service, tea was served in the schoolroom near the church, and was much appreciated by all present. At the business meeting after the chair was taken by the Rector, who called upon the secretary for the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Halesowen, to be conducted by W. H. Webb; and then some discussion took place as to where the annual meeting should be held, Worcester being finally decided upon by a very large majority. After some few new members had been elected the annual report and balance-sheet were put before the meeting, and as it was found that only twenty honorary members had assisted the Association, local ringers were requested to endeavour to persuade their clergy and churchwardens to take an interest in their work and to become members.

The Association having recently lost one of its oldest members—Mr. W. Micklewright, of Dudley—one who had always taken a great interest in ringing, and who was always willing to assist any neighbouring band of ringers, the secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to his widow.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the local ringers for providing tea, concluded the meeting.

The bells, eight in number, are hung in a handsome spire, which can be seen for miles. One of them is by Lester and Pack, 1753; two by Warner, 1864; and the other five were cast at Edgbaston, Birmingham, by Joseph Smith, 1707; and they possess the peculiar feature of having no less than thirty-five William III. coins upon them, twenty-eight being on the tenor. Touches in various methods were rung upon them before the service and after the meeting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-western district was held at Witham on Saturday, February 5th, which was presided over by the district master, members being present from Braintree, Bocking, Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Maldon, and Witham.

After the election of a ringing member, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Ingles for the use of the bells, and also that he be invited to become an honorary member of the Association.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Colchester, if circumstances were favorable, or failing there, then Halstead. Some discussion followed on the intended proposal that the annual meeting should be held in each district in turn, and not always at Chelmsford, those present favoring the proposal.

Various methods were rung on the church bells, and these included 700s of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, and Double Court.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m., and various touches were rung till 5 p.m., when a shortened evensong was held, this being taken by the Rev. J. E. Dawson, Rector.

On entering the pulpit the Rector, on behalf of himself and churchwardens, extended to the members a hearty welcome to Chislehurst, and hoped they would enjoy themselves, and also find things comfortable at the Village Hall, but unfortunately, owing to a meeting of trustees, they could not join them. He then gave a very interesting and instructive address from Romans xii., which was listened to with rapt attention by about fifty members from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford (St. John's), Erith, Eynsford, Farningham, Hayes, Sidcup, Woolwich, and the local band, also a good number of unattached members.

The members then adjourned to The Village Hall, where a sumptuous meat tea was awaiting them, provided by the Rector and churchwardens, and to which justice was done.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's) presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected.

Mr. W. Jeffries (representative) then read his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

Woolwich and Crayford were proposed as the place of the next meeting on the last Saturday in April, Crayford being selected by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, also the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had provided, this being carried with applause. This concluded the business, the members again returning to the tower, where ringing was kept up with vigour until 9 p.m., touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major being accomplished, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

An ordinary meeting of the Eastern Counties branch was held at Moulton on Saturday, February 5th, ringers attending from Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Fleet, and the local company.

Ringling commenced in the morning about nine o'clock. A dinner took place at The Swan inn at one o'clock, the Vicar of the parish (Rev. C. J. Ward) taking the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president, supported by the Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. R. King and H. Clark, churchwardens. There were about twenty ringers present, to whom the catering gave satisfaction.

After the cloth was removed, the chairman gave the usual toast of "Church and King."

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting at Donington, which were passed and signed. Four new ringing members and four new honorary members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Walpole St. Andrews on Whit-Monday.

The Rev. H. Law James moved a vote of thanks to

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the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells. The Vicar suitably responded, and kindly invited the ringers to tea, in the parish room, bountifully provided by the ladies of the parish.

A short service was held in the church at 3.30, and was well attended, the Vicar giving an address from the words "Lord save us, we perish. And immediately there was a great calm." The preacher in his remarks drew many lessons from the bells.

Afterwards ringing was well kept up till, all too soon, train time arrived, the ringers dispersing to their various homes, having spent a most enjoyable day, and expressing a hope that it would not be long before they again visited Moulton.

THE RYE (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the ringers of St. Mary's parish church, Rye, was held in the vestry on a recent Monday evening, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes), presiding.

The collectors (Messrs. V. D. Lawrence and G. Billenness), reported that the inhabitants of Rye and district had very liberally responded to their appeal on behalf of the society, several people having increased their donations, and many new residents during the past year had readily favoured the collectors with generous contributions.

The report being adopted, the Vicar handed each member his allotted share.

Mr. V. D. Laurence proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so willingly subscribed towards the ringers, stating it was apparent that the people appreciated their efforts.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. Whiteman, and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Billenness (conductor), reported that during the past year 267 touches had been accomplished, this being the largest number ever obtained by the Rye band in one year, and included twelve quarter-peals and a date touch of 1909 changes. Two peals had also been rung, and altogether it had been a very satisfactory year.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the annual outing held in August last at Northiam, Hawkhurst, Goudhurst, and Cranbrook, and produced the balance-sheet of the outing. The Secretary also reported on the Tower Box Fund, which showed a substantial balance in hand.

On the proposition of Mr. G. J. Youngs, and seconded by Mr. G. Billenness, the reports and balance-sheets were adopted.

The officers were all re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; secretary, Mr. V. D. Laurence.

Mr. G. Youngs moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, which was heartily carried.

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.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting was held at Eastwood on Saturday, January 29th. The eight bells at the parish church were at the disposal of the ringers from 2.30 until about 6.30, at which time a request was brought to the church that owing to a case of illness close by the ringing might be stopped.

Practically no arrangements had been made for tea, as the local secretary had only received notice from thirteen ringers of their intention to be present, and for this small number no caterer could be found to prepare tea in the schoolroom. Before the time fixed for tea, however, more than thirty ringers had turned up, and after making the best of a bad job the general meeting was held in the schoolroom, the vice-president taking the chair, supported by Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. W. Worthington, the hon. treasurer, the hon. secretary, and others. The Rev. F. W. Cobb, Rector, and the curate of Eastwood were also present.

Before the commencement of the business the Rector, who said he was unable to stay until the close of the meeting, asked permission to say a few words, and after giving all a hearty welcome to Eastwood, and expressing his good wishes for their enjoyment, he proceeded to point out the duties of ringers towards the Church, and to shew what a great help they might be to the clergy if those duties were conscientiously carried out.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for his presence at the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed and signed.

Mr. W. E. Whitto proposed the following alterations and addition to the rules:—

Rule 4.—Erase the words "entitled to the report of the past year, nor."

Rule 4b. (The existing rule 4 to be called 4a).

"Members may by the 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 hon. secretary of the district in which they reside. "Non-resident members and others can obtain the report post-free from the hon. 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."

This was seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried unanimously.

The Revs. H. H. Pimm and J. P. Hales were chosen to audit the accounts of the Association for the past year, and in case either of these two were unable to do so, Mr. John Hickman should be asked to fill the vacancy, on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. Clifford.

Mr. W. C. Wakley drew attention to the great area covered by the Derby district, and asked the members to think over the question of dividing the same into two, with Derby as the centre of one, and Chesterfield as the centre of the other. Mr. W. E. White also spoke on the same subject, and pointed out that by the suggested division the members in the neighbourhood of Chesterfield would receive more attention than could be given them by the Derby local secretary under the present conditions, and they would also secure representation on the General Committee.

Thirty-three ordinary, three life, and one honorary member were next unanimously elected.

The vice-president next addressed the meeting, and in the course of his remarks drew attention to the great number of peals rung during 1909, totalling 153, and beating all previous records, and made special mention of the 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung on handbells at Bolsover, the first in the method on handbells by the Association; the 6080 of Double Norwich at St. Andrew's, Derby; and the 5008 Aston Major at Handsworth and 5120 of Aston Royal at Aston, these latter two being the first peals ever rung in this method, which is by Mr. John Carter.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. Worthington, terminated the meeting, which, in spite of the very wintry weather and the scramble for tea, may be described as an enjoyable one.

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This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths, with the 6th five courses wrong, and all the 5 8 6 7s at separate course-ends.

Rung at Pendleton on April 9th, 1909, conducted by Harry Chapman. A Variation of this peal was rung at Sheffield by the Yorkshire Association on July 19th, 1882, conducted by Thomas Hattersley.

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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DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, OF DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, January 21st, Mr. William Micklewright, of Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley, aged 55, passed away after a lingering illness of several months' duration. He had been connected with the St. Thomas's ringers for upwards of forty years. He was a regular attendant at his duties, and as a change-ringer was always reliable, while he was a composer of of no mean order, and a safe conductor. He rang 144 peals of 5000 changes and upwards in various methods, composing some and conducting a good number, the peals ranging from six to twelve bells. He was well known and respected as a ringer for miles around, and as an instructor was eminently successful. Possessing an amiable temper, combined with indomitable perseverance, he was always able to command success. He was Hon. Secretary of the St. Thomas's Guild Dudley from the time of its formation, the representative of the Society to the Worcestershire Association, a member of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society and the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, his name frequently appearing in the peal book of each Association. His name will be honoured, respected, and long remembered by his many friends and brother ringers in this district. His remains were interred in St. Thomas's Cemetery, Queen's Cross, Dudley, on Tuesday, January 25th, the service in the church and at the grave being conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the St. Thomas's Guild. The bearers were Mr. S. Spittle, Master of the Guild, Mr. W. R. Small, Treasurer, Mr. J. Smith, late Secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. S. Reeves, Secretary to the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Messrs. J. Goodman, sen., J. Mills and H. Sheppard, members of the St. Thomas's Society, and A. Prestige, representing the St. Andrew's Society, Netherton. The mourners were his widow, brother, two sisters and brother-in-law. At the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by W. R. Small, J. Goodman, S. Spittle and S. Reeves. Muffled peals were rung as tributes of respect at Dudley, Netherton and Tippton, which will eventually appear their proper place. The following is a list of the peals rung by deceased:—

Grandsire Triples 37, conducted 16; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters 28, conducted 10; Grandsire Royal, 3; Grand-Cinques, 2; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Major, 17, conducted 13; Plain Bob Caters, 1; Plain Bob Royal 2, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 12, conducted 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 2; seven Minor methods (plain) 9, conducted 3; seven Treble Bob Minor methods 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 4, conducted 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 3, conducted 2; Forward Major 2; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1. Total 144, conducted 63.

THE LATE WILLIAM MOULTON.

"Will passed away this morning." So ran a telegram received at Chester on Saturday, January 15th, the day on which strange to say, a paragraph appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" recording the death of his brother James in October last. The deceased started his career as a change-ringer at St. Mary's parish church, Chester, early in the year of 1896, and continued till he removed to Huddersfield about four years ago. Although he never aspired to the position of conducting, as a conscientious and safe ringer he was hard to beat, and it can be said of him, in spite of the fact that he lived a considerable distance from the tower, he was never late or absent. He was ready to stand in a peal at any time, preferring the heavy end. His first peal was accomplished in October, 1896, at Chester Cathedral, when he rang the 7th in the first peal of Major on the bells. The number of peals in which he took part is about twenty, varying from Grandsire to Double Norwich. His age was about 42, which is comparatively early, but he was ailing for some little time. Deep sympathy his felt for his widow in her great loss. A muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, January 22nd, particulars of which have been duly recorded. On Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's parish church, Chester, a muffled

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a mark of respect to his memory. J. Orme, E. Harrison, W. Thomas, J. Sconce, W. Sconce, H. Gough, E. Smith, J. Hatchwell. Composed by the late James Moulton, and conducted by W. Sconce.

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."

SAMUEL SLATER, DECEASED.

SIR,—I read in your columns, with sincere regret, the obituary of our old friend and correspondent, Mr. Samuel Slater. Not only was he respected and valued by all who knew him, but as an assiduous collector of historical matter relating to the Exercise, his industry was such as to entitle him to our grateful recollection. Both in his charming personal intercourse and in his correspondence, I feel sure that I am by no means the only one who has been indebted to him, and it is sad to think that on this side of the grave we shall know him no more. Peace to him! May I add that I hope his manuscripts will be preserved, and made available for subsequent investigators of the subjects he had so much at heart. R. A. DANIELL.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Already acknowledged	82	3	0
Mr. W. R. Howlett (Mayor of Norwich, 1907) ...	1	1	0
Mr. John Youngs (Norwich)	0	10	6
Excess payment on subscription already acknowledged	0	0	6
	£83	15	0

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.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for the Harvest Festival, 640 Treble Bob Major. J. Sconce, E. Smith, J. Tomlinson, J. Hatchwell, H. Dew, H. Gough, W. Sconce conductor, E. Channell. 544 Double Norwich. J. Hatchwell, E. Smith, A. G. Watkyn, J. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, J. Tomlinson, W. Sconce, E. Channell. And 576 Superlative Surprise. J. Hatchwell, E. Smith, A. G. Watkyn, W. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, J. Sconce, J. Tomlinson, E. Channell.

FENNY STRATFORD.—On Wednesday, December 16th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. A. Owen, H. Sear, G. Groves, J. Eames, T. Best, jun., conductor, W. Cranwell. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. William Kirby, for many years choirmaster at St. Martin's.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, H. Armstrong, J. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Pickworth, J. T. Allway. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. W. E. Bates, first Vicar of St. John's Palmer's Green (formed out of the parish of Southgate), who died on Christmas Day.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 21st; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance should be paid before the 28th inst.

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 to-day, Sat., 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. 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. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot to-day, Sat., February 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5.30. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

G. B. EDSER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., February 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Alresford to-day, Sat., February 12th. The bells of Old and New Alresford will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Beasley's restaurant, West Street, Alresford, at 5 o'clock.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted to-day, Sat., February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Usual arrangements.

A. H. WINCH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Important Notice.—The supper advertised for the 19th is unavoidably postponed until further notice. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
215, Sumner Road, Peckham, S.E.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at the vicarage, Galleywood, to-day, Sat., February 12th. Bells at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30. Visitors and friends welcome.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt. A good attendance requested. Any ringer welcome. J. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-dale, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. BULL, the bells of St. Paul, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available for two hours, from 3 o'clock till 5. The tower at Heston will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) in the Church Room, Heston, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A general meeting of the South-Western division will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Notice of tea in a subsequent issue. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me within a few days of the event. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 23rd, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.

FRED HAYES, *Hon. Sec.*
54, Hughenden Road.

JAMES BOOTH BENEFIT FUND.

RESULT OF DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The following numbers are the winners of the prizes: 1st prize—19350; 2nd—29746; 3rd—4951; 4th—16201; 5th—14143; 6th—32027; 7th—32802; 8th—21563; 9th—16712; 10th—13033; 11th—27992; 12th—10432.

Prizes to be claimed before February 26th, 1910. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hammond, W. Sadler, S. R. Roper, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, F. Eley, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Coote. For evening service 928 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard, W. Grimwade, W. Hammond, P. Holmes, F. Eley, H. Coote, S. R. Roper conductor.

A MECHANICAL ENGINEER desirous berth. Change-ringer. No objections to distance. A. R. MACDONALD, 58, Frances Road, Bournemouth.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

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A and D spliced gives another peal of 5088 changes B and C spliced gives another peal of 5024 changes. Thanks to Mr. Lindoff's reference, but here are two others on the same plan.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Minor in 43 mins. R. Scattergood, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. C. Gobey conductor. Also 360 Violet by the same band. On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, 360 New London, and 240 Double Court. T. Thompson, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. C. Gobey.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Cambridge, London, Wells, York, and Durham. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD A. HERN Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON 4.
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Earl Percy.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP Treble.	JOHN CARTER 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 2.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 9.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	JAMES H. SHEPPARD 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JOHN NEAL 11.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 6.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home, and has the tenors together every lead. This is the second peal of Grandsire twelve ever rung on the bells, the previous one being on June 12th, 1815.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS Treble.	ALBERT HURCOMBE 4.
WILLIAM DAVIES 2.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 5.
ALBERT BRACE 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKEE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. H. FITCHORD, JUN* .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOODHEAD 5.
JOHN BURCHILL† 2.	HARRY ROBERTS 6.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD, SEN. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
CHARLES BISHOP 4.	*THOMAS HARLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 13 years of age, for the way he managed his bell throughout the peal.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham and York Surprise, Wood-bine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MONK Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHER 4.
WILLIAM SAVAGE* 2.	WILLIAM DAY 5.
REGINALD BLAKE 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES PLUMMER Treble.	WILLIAM NEWTON 4.
HENRY CARDER 2.	ALFRED GOUGH 5.
JAMES NORTH 3.	*EDWARD HAWKINS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GOUGH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBERT R. FALCONER .. Treble.	*B. C. DIXON 5.
JOHN H. BIRD* 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3.	†WILLIAM SINCLAIR 7.
NORMAN FLECK* 4.	ERNEST FERRY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

*First peal of Oxford. †First peal. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. R. B. Foster B.A., Rector of Kessingland (late curate of Leiston), and Miss Muriel Alice Gordon Roe, eldest daughter of the Rev. R. Gordon Roe, M.A., Rector of Leiston, the service being performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Sheepshanks, Bishop of Norwich.

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

On Wednesday, January 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW Treble.	JOHN MONK 5.
ALBERT BROOKS 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HARRY BROOKS 4.	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the eve of the 77th anniversary of the conductor's birth-day, the band wishing him many happy returns.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d. Also for same bells, selection containing march Semiramide, songs—"The Young Recruit" and "Old Folks at Home." No. 333, price 2s. 3d. Both pieces for six ringers, from WM. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 3½ cwt.

WALTER ALCOCK Treble.	FRANCIS A. RENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
FRANK MEDHURST 4.	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

Messrs. Alcock, Medhurst, Kennett and Watson are members of the band at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea; the rest who belong to the local company, were after the peal entertained by the visitors at the Royal hotel.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ALBERT MATTHEWS 5.
SAMUEL BROOKS 2.	WILLIAM HARGEST 6.
GEORGE GIBLIN 3.	WILLIAM EVANS 7.
GEORGE HARDWICK 4.	DAVID PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. First in the method ever rung in the diocese of St David's, and believed to be the second yet rung in South Wales.

LEIGH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

W. MORT Treble.	H. SMITH 5.
G. PINCOTT 2.	F. BANKS 6.
E. MARKLAND 3.	J. ARROWSMITH 7.
R. HOLDEN 4.	S. ARROWSMITH Tenor.

Conducted by G. BANKS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ANDREW SHOFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WALTER BURST 2.	JAMES FLEUTY 6.
ERNEST W. BRCKWITH 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Oxford by the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	ROBERT YOUNG 6.
ARTHUR BLAKE 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	*ALBERT HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILSON* .. Treble.	*HERBERT WORMWELL .. 5.
RICHARD ASHWORTH 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 6.
RENNIE HARTLEY 3.	TOM REDMAN 7.
HARRY ENTWISTLE 4.	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD TIMBRELL, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to W. Mallinson, the band wishing him many happy returns. Longest peal by all the band, and on the bells.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	FRANK SHEPHERD 4.
HERBERT HURDMAN 2.	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5.
JOHN HOUGH 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

This is Mr. Worthington's first peal, he having presented a new treble bell to augment the ring to six which was dedicated last December. The work has been carried out very satisfactorily by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 7.
WILLIAM C. HART 3.	RICHARD STEDWICK 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	KEITH HART 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	RICHARD JENNER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SMITH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

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

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOYCELYN M. TURNER .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE CONDLICK 6.
JESSE GILLET 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by THOS. NEWMAN.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	GEORGE O. DIXON 7.
GEORGE HOLMES 2.	WILLIAM BURGAB 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	*GEORGE LEWIS 9.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4.	SAM SEED 10.
JOSEPH ATKIN 5.	JOHN THORPE 11.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 6.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. LOMAS.

*First peal on twelve bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

VICTOR ROWLANDS* .. Treble.	SIDNEY FIGGESS 5.
SIDNEY PEACOCK 2.	WILLIAM EASTER 6.
SAMUEL TAYLOR, R.N. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
EDWARD ALLEN* 4.	*EDWARD FRIEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lbs.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
RICHARD JONES 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
JAMES H. RIDING* 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal, and for the use of the bells; also the steeplekeeper for having everything ready.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	ALFRED H. POLLING 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	ROBERT WHITTINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HEAD* .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
HARRY STRATFORD 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 7.
WILLIAM GOODCHILD 4.	*JAMES NEWNS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM .. 2.	ALBERT JULL 5.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK .. Treble.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. 5.
HARRY WHEELER 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
GEORGE PARROTT 3.	THOS. E. KNAPP 7.
SAMUEL EELLES 4.	*ERNEST CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. E. KNAPP.

*First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MISS F. A. PHILIPS* .. Treble.	ELI WATERS 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
FREDERICK PHILIPS 3.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 7.
CHARLES E. FOFITT 4.	CHARLES MERRIFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN T. GREEN.

*First peal, aged 16 years, and daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

E. H. HANCOX .. Treble.	G. H. GUTTERIDGE 5.
W. LAWRENCE 2.	R. H. YOUNG 6.
W. WELLING 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
R. BUCKLAND 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This was the conductor's 1250th peal.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. SOUTH* .. Treble.	*WALTER COOK 5.
JAMES R. FEATHER 2.	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6.
THOMAS WARDMAN* 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
THOMAS W. CRAWSHAW .. 4.	JAMES W. BIRKIN Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

*First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GEORGE WHITING Treble.	WILLIAM LAST 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	SIDNEY PILGRIM 6.
ALBERT STAFF 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WALTER WHITING 4.	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

F. W. BRADLEY Treble.	F. ROBINSON 5.
J. ROSEWORTH 2.	J. F. CLAYTON 6.
W. CLARKE 3.	THOS. H. GELDER 7.
L. MIDGLEY 4.	ELI BARBER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Friday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, J. Law, H. White, F. W. Richardson, A. Bennington, W. Jeffries, A. C. Micklin. On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. F. Bacon, F. Richardson, A. Bennington, H. White, W. Jeffries conductor, J. Law, A. Goddard, A. Macklin.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On September 12th, at the Cathedral, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Beeson, G. Padgett, J. Chamberlain conductor, T. Foster, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. R. Beresford. On November 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, T. Foster, A. Chamberlain conductor, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. Wilson. On November 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples. E. Foster, G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, H. Clulow, G. Beckett, J. Beeson, A. Chamberlain conductor, A. Wilson.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Flinders, H. Whittle, J. Wooley, H. Colburn, T. Flint, F. Johnson, J. Hickman conductor, C. Barnes.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On November 9th, at the parish church, two 1008s and 560 Bob Major, a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 672 Treble Bob Triples, 360 Oxford Minor, and 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, November 14th, 360 Grandsire, and 336 Bob Major. On November 23rd, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent Minor, 672 Kent Treble Bob Triples, and a course of Kent Major. The following ringers took part in the above touches: Messrs. Toak, Lee, Lambert, Howard, O'Neill, Foreman, Kerrison, Pierce, Jolly, Easter, Watling, Punchard, Chatten, Spalding, and Hammond.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 11th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Bob Minor. G. Easthaugh, A. Took, F. C. Lambert conductor, J. O'Neill, J. Larter, J. Punchard.

EUSTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Rivers, W. Davey, A. Macro, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd.

THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 12th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hotten, G. Thurlow, A. Barker, J. Bullock, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, conductor, A. Turner, H. Porry. Composed by R. F. Deal. Rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Thurlow, of London, and Miss May Pickering, of Manchester.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On October 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Daubney, J. Hayward, H. Powell, W. E. Garrard, F. Edwards, E. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman conductor, F. Redknapp. On Sunday evening, January 2nd, for Divine Service, 1251 Stedman Caters. W. E. Garrard, A. Cutmore, J. Hayward, G. Frayne, H. Miles, A. Bradley, W. Daubney, A. Selby, J. R. Mackman conductor, E. Stibbons. On December 15th, at St. Clement Danes, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. G. Frayne, H. Miles, J. A. Trollope, A. Selby, J. R. Mackman, S. Wright, J. Howes, F. Dench, W. E. Garrard conductor, F. Redknapp.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Stedman Triples. For evening service 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins. T. Crood, E. Watkinson, J. Watkinson conductor, A. Robinson, H. France, S. Watkinson, E. Bannister, J. Harrison.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On November 30th, 720 London Surprise. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On December 7th, for practice, 720 York Surprise. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On December 12th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor.

COTTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening September 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Youngs, B. Chilvers, F. Hayward, W. Gaffer, A. Coleman conductor.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, December 8th, for practice at St. Helen's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Paulson, T. White, H. Gregory, F. Travis, W. Taylor, E. Blackwell, J. Derbyshire, E. Hallows.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 14th, at the parish church, 633 Stedman Caters. W. Matthews conductor, E. Atkins, G. Bottomley, A. Lomas, W. McKinnell, T. Mottershead, W. Walmsley, A. Mottershead, G. Warburton, J. Norbury. It is very rare the tenor is rung, it being cracked about eighteen months ago while attempting a peal.

RATTLEDEN (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 7th, 720 Oxford Minor. W. Welham, — Day, — Merton, W. Melbourne, W. Souter, E. Diaper.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, December 5th, for Divine Service, 1008 Double Norwich. W. Welham, W. G. Melbourne, C. Alderton, T. Allard, W. Tydeman, S. Hull, W. Souter conductor, E. Diaper. For evening service 1008 in the same method. On Monday, December 6th, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Welham, — Merton, E. Diaper, — Day, W. Souter, S. Hull, W. Tydeman, W. Melbourne. Also touches of Double Norwich.

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.

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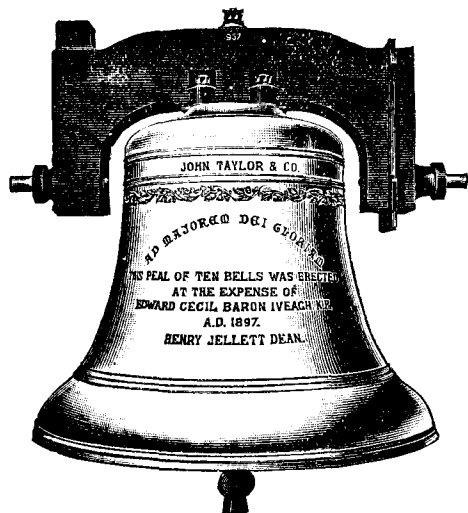
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GOOLE (Yorks.)—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, J. Clarke. F. Greenwood, M. Tate, T. Smith, F. Tate. H. Ludham conductor, J. Smith. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. G. Davis, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. On Monday, January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davis.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

TADCASTER (Yorks.)—On Wednesday, December 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bird-sall, J. Garbutt, E. Pickering, C. Atkinson, H. Clayton, J. Bradley, H. Williams conductor, B. Pickering.

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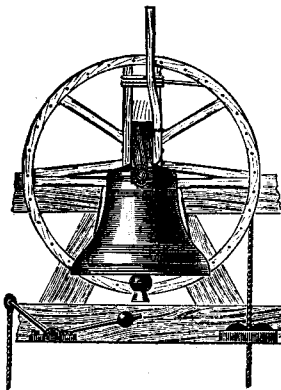
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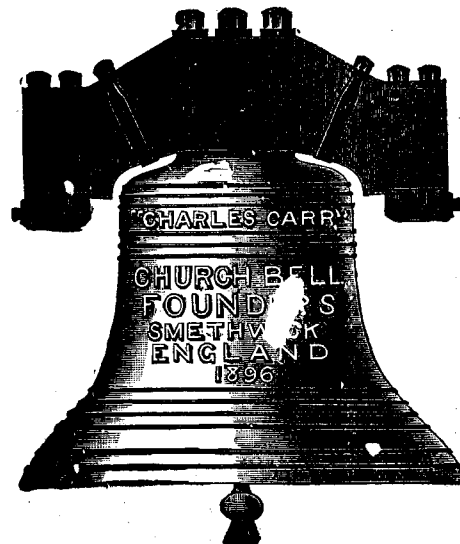
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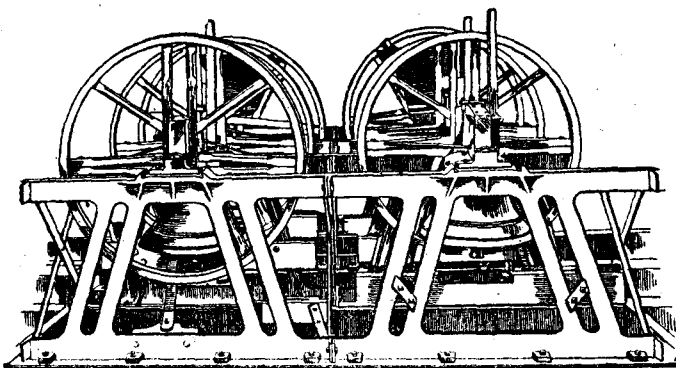
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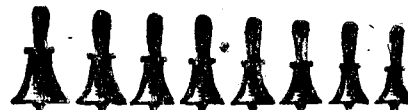
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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

Owing to the General Election, which in this politically enthusiastic district absorbs all interest for the time being, the quarterly and annual meeting of this Guild was postponed until February 5th last, when it was held at Sutton Coldfield.

As one of the early afternoon trains drew into the station, a party of city ringers disembarked, and found the bells of the parish church already "going," sending forth a sonorous roll of welcome, and as the church was approached, it was remarked what a truly magnificent ring of ten they would make with the addition of two trebles.

A shortened form of evensong was held in church at 5.30, when the Rector, Canon Barnard, gave an exceedingly interesting address, in the course of which he touched on the venerability of church towers, bells, and bell-ringing. The musical portion of the service was very heartily rendered, thanks to the presence of the organist and choir, whom the Rector had thoughtfully asked to attend.

At the conclusion of the service many members had a look round the ancient church, where there are many interesting things to be seen, among which are some old colours of the Royal Warwickshire regiment.

The business meeting was held shortly afterwards in the Church House, at which Canon Barnard presided. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting having been read and confirmed, the secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. Albert Walker, which partook of a farewell to his old associates. From this letter it is easy to gather that though Mr. Walker is, for personal reasons, obliged to stay in London for the present, he would be glad to return once more to the old "city of Stedman Cinques," and by the same token we should be glad to welcome him.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett was unanimously re-elected presiding Ringing Master, and Mr. James E. Groves as deputy ringing-master for the ensuing year. At this point Mr. Groves appeared in the room and received an ovation, as having met with a nasty accident to his head only two days before, he was not expected to be present.

It was decided (need we say unanimously?) to hold the twenty-third annual "Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner" at The Olde Royal hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th next.

Mr. Thomas Russam was elected a trustee, and several new members were also elected.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for arranging and conducting the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the Church House for same.

Canon Barnard, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud applause. When this had ceased he thanked the meeting for the attention they had given to him, and remarking on the unanimity of the members said he should

be only too pleased to welcome them again to Sutton Coldfield at any time.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and well into the evening, some excellent ringing being accomplished, the methods indulged in ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford district was held at Godalming on Saturday, February 5th, and was attended by about sixty representatives from Guildford, Farnham, Liss, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Merrow, Clandon, Hascombe, Godalming, and other towers. Service took place at the parish church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. C. Fanshawe), who afterwards presided at tea at The Little George hotel, supported by the Mayor of Godalming (A. Monro, esq.). His worship expressed his regret at not being able to stay very long, as he was bound to be elsewhere that evening, but he felt that never having met a bellringer (having resided so many years abroad) he would like to make their acquaintance that evening there, and he hoped on some future occasion to see them in their belfry.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. F. E. Dawe mentioned that he had rung in eight hundred towers and had heard a good many addresses to ringers, but he really thought the eloquent one they had just heard from the Vicar was the most practical and interesting one he had ever listened to.

The Vicar said he was always pleased to welcome the Guild to Godalming, and hoped that now they were going to have monthly practices they would have visits oftener than in the past.

Nine new members were elected, including a lady ringer from Ewhurst. The next practice was fixed for Haslemere on March 12th, and the special quarterly meeting at Frensham on April 23rd.

The Secretary reported a balance of over £20, and after deducting the train allowance to Winchester, cost of instruction, etc., he had forwarded £17 9s. 6d. to the General Secretary, and received in return warm thanks for their fine balance.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell tunes by the Godalming band, double-handed Stedman Triples by the Guildford men, piano solos, recitations, songs, etc., by the company, concluding a most successful gathering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

Bellringers from all over the district visited Appledore on Saturday, February 5th, the occasion being the annual meeting of the above-named guild. The following towers were represented: Appledore, Ashford, Rye, Stone, and Tenterden.

Proceedings commenced in the afternoon, when touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung. Afterwards the ringers repaired to The Swan, and

enjoyed an excellent meat tea. Twenty-two partook of the repast.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. O. Scott, president of the guild, presiding. The balance-sheet showed a sum in hand of £1 8s. 8d. The Rev. A. O. Scott was elected president. Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, was chosen Master of the Guild for the ensuing year. Owing to the unavoidable resignation of the late hon. secretary (Mr. G. Johnson) Mr. G. Youngs, of Rye, was installed in that office, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to the outgoing secretary for his services. Mr. C. W. Player was again made hon. treasurer. The committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. F. Brown (Appledore), R. Dunster (Stone), A. C. Kay (Ashford), C. Tribe (Tenterden), A. Blackman (Rolvenden), and G. B. Anderson (New Romney).

Woodchurch was decided upon as the venue of the next meeting. It was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rye. A number of new members were then elected, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The compact and well-appointed belfry of the parish church of Wellingborough was filled on Saturday afternoon week by ringers from Northampton, Bedford, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, and other places, who came for various reasons, one of these being to ring touches on the old bells, and another—and that the most important—to be present at the dedication of a very handsome tablet which has been fixed on the north wall of the belfry commemorating a peal that was rung on the bells o'erhead on a Saturday in December of 1908 by members of the Northamptonshire Association.

The dedication service, though brief, was very impressive, and was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Smeaton, the Vicar. The dedication prayer offered by the Vicar was as follows:—

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose is this house of prayer and all therein, we pray Thee to accept the dedication of this tablet to Thy glory and in memory of a notable peal rung in this church. We pray Thee to bless the work of Thy servants the bellringers in this diocese and church; make their service a religious service, performed always in Thy fear and to Thy glory; may the bells of this tower comfort the sorrowful, encourage the faithful, warn the careless, and evermore summon Thy people to prayer and praise. Grant rest and perpetual light to all those who have rung in this tower and have departed this life, and to us who remain the forgiveness of our sins and the perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then followed the Lord's Prayer, the collect, and the Grace.

The tablet is elected to record a peal of Superlative Surprise, 5088 changes, rung on the 19th December, 1908, by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, conducted by Fred Wilford.

Later in the day the company sat down to a well-prepared tea in the Church Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. A. M. Baines, Mr. Fisher (churchwarden), Mr. F. Wilford, and others.

The Vicar said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association, and also to unveil

the memorial tablet which had been placed in the belfry. That tablet was a valuable addition to the belfry, and commemorated what he understood was a notable effort in change-ringing. He would that he was able to speak with a technical knowledge of that particular effort, but he must confess that his own ringing did not amount to very much. He did once ring a plain course on eight bells, but that was only after learning the changes by heart. Personally he was glad to notice that the name of the late Vicar was commemorated on the tablet, and it was a matter of regret for them to know that he was unable to be present. It was a matter of regret that their belfry sidesman, Mr. Ette, was not able to be there, and they offered him their condolences in his prolonged illness, which had kept him out of the belfry for nearly a year.

Wilby and Irthlingborough were voted upon for the July meeting, and the former place was selected. New members were then proposed, and the names of the Rev. G. W. Smeaton, Rev. A. M. Baines, Mr. J. W. Fisher, and Mr. A. H. Kilborn were added as hon. members. Further arrangements were made with respect to the projected visit to Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough on Easter Monday.

In moving a comprehensive vote of thanks which made special reference to the part taken by the Vicar of Wellingborough that day, Mr. Wilford said it was a great pleasure for the ringers to come to Wellingborough. Meetings like theirs did a great amount of good, both to the ringers and the Church generally. It was the aim and object of them all to do the work to the very best advantage, and in the best manner possible. They could not do that without they had some assistance and mixed one with another. Their thanks were also due to the churchwardens and to the ladies who were responsible for the tea. He, for one, wished that more of the clergy understood the art of ringing, and he was very pleased to find that a great number of them were taking much more interest in bells and bellringing than they formerly did. By the aid of Associations such as theirs, and by their numerous Guilds all over the kingdom, much help had been given towards fostering the Art, and extending its practice. Mr. Wilford concluded by stating that he had received a letter from the Rev. R. W. Wynter (the late Vicar) sending a donation, and expressing his sorrow that he was unable to be present with them.

Mr. Pratt (Mears Ashby) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in reply, said his had been a very pleasing duty. Speaking of bellringing, he said he should like to see a band of probationers formed in Wellingborough, and if so he would be glad to join it.

Mr. Fisher also replied, expressing the hope that the Northamptonshire ringers would always maintain their efficiency.

Attention was then given to the handbells, and later several good touches were rung on the church bells.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Very gratifying was the result of the third quarterly meeting of the year, held at St. Luke's church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 29th, more especially as the weather was not very favourable. Numerous towers were represented, and although the methods rung were not of the higher class, they were various; all present being delighted to have a pull on this musical and handy ring of eight bells.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. E. V. Cox (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), gave an inspiring address. A substantial and appetising tea was provided in the schoolroom, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Milligan), was passed for the use of the church, bells, and the schoolroom: also to the choir, choirmaster, and organist for their kindly assistance at the service.

Mr. W. H. Barcroft (choirmaster), in response said how pleased they were to be of service to the ringers, adding that if such were done more often, a closer friendship would exist generally. The Vicar was unavoidably absent, being engaged at a mission in Cambridgeshire.

Mr. R. Cartwright and his band gave a performance on the tower bells in the form of intermingling several methods without allowing the bells to run round, which interested the on-lookers.

Ringling continued until 9 o'clock, thus ending an enjoyable half-day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8th, at the church of St. Andrew, Burnham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *H. Lawrence, J. Coram, J. Harris, F. Iley, J. Broad, H. Worgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Crandon. *First quarter-peal. Later in the evening the ringers' annual supper was held at The Clarence hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Whitaker (churchwarden). There were also present in addition to the ringers, Mr. J. Cox (churchwarden), the Rev. E. G. Austin (Vicar of Berrow), and a few friends. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual toasts were given, and some capital songs and recitations were given.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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 ult., 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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Obituary.

GEORGE HENRY HOLLISS.

We have to announce the death of the above ringer, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, which occurred on Wednesday, February 9th, after an illness of about three years, at the age of sixty-three. He commenced his ringing career at Grinton, Northamptonshire, but moved later to Bourne, and there joined the local company and remained an active member until he was compelled to retire on account of his health. He will be greatly missed, as he was always ready to give advice to young ringers and help them to master the difficulties of the Art. His remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery on Saturday, February 12th, being carried to his last resting place by three of his fellow ringers and three old friends. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss, one son being Mr. George Holliss, of Chesterfield. After the funeral a 720 of Plain Bob was rung half-muffled on the Abbey bells by A. E. Larkinson, J. T. Woolley, C. Neaverson, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, T. L. Bainbridge. And 720 Single Court. A. E. Larkinson, C. Neaverson, T. L. Bainbridge conductor, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, F. Blood. The above were his two favourite methods. On Sunday, 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 48 mins. A. E. Larkinson, C. Neaverson, T. L. Bainbridge, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, F. Blood. May he rest in peace.

THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH.

We have also to announce the death of the above, which occurred at his residence, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derbyshire. Eighteen months ago he underwent a most serious operation in London, and afterwards for a time he seemed to regain some of his former health. He was a lover of bells and ringers, being a ringer for over forty years. In 1882 a ring of six was put in the tower of St. Michael's, Melbourne, by Taylor. This was when he started his career as a ringer. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1885, and rang ten peals in various methods. He was vice-president of the St. Michael's Society since its formation. He was both kind and generous, always giving the ringers and their friends an annual outing, and before returning home sang them his favourite song "The men of merry England." His remains were interred at Melbourne Cemetery on Monday, January 24th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. P. Robin. The coffin, of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, bore the inscription—"Thomas Hollingworth, at rest January 20th, 1910, aged 66." He leaves a widow, five sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. Three sons are proficient ringers. May he rest in peace and rise in power.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BUSHEY.—Mr. Prewett's 600 Peals.—Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 2, conducted 1; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; New Cambridge Surprise Major 11, conducted 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 15; London Surprise Major, 49; Superlative Surprise Major 130, conducted 26; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 10; Kent Treble Bob Major 11, conducted 9; Stedman Cinques, 29; Stedman Caters 97, conducted 6; Stedman Triples 185, conducted 52; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 19; Bob Major, 2. On handbells: Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 13; Stedman Triples, 8, conducted 3. Total 600, conducted 103. Rung in 167 towers in 29 counties.

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I kindly ask Mr. J. W. Barker to withdraw his name from the peal published in your issue of January 22nd, as I composed that peal years ago, and it has been rung as a five-part peal, conducted by Mr. J. E. Groves. If Mr. Barker will look in the Salop Diocesan Guild peal book (and other books too) he can see the figures under the record of the peal rung at Doldgelly as a ten-part, and was conducted by your humble,

JOHN CARTER.

P.S.—I have enclosed the figures for publication as it was rung.

5 40.

By JOHN CARTER. No. 39.

2 3 1 4 5 6	H	L	Q
5 3 6 4 2 1	x	x	
2 4 6 3 5 1	x		
5 4 1 3 2 6	x	x	
6 3 1 5 4 2	x	x	
2 5 1 6 3 4	x	x	
4 6 1 2 5 3	x	x	
3 4 5 2 6 1	x	x	x
1 2 5 3 4 6	x	x	

Four times repeated and calling a single at M in last course after quick produces:—

2 3 1 7 5 6 4	S	H	Q
6 3 4 2 5 1	x		x
3 5 1 2 4 6	x	x	
5 4 6 2 1 3	x	x	
4 1 3 2 6 5	x	x	

These four courses four times repeated, calling a single at R after the course end completes the peal with two singles.

The 5-part peal, No. 38. Call the first part and single at the end, and then the first part of the last five parts with single at R. Then four times repeat the whole. Ten singles.

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The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Thursday evening, February 4th, for practice at the church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, an Alphabetical 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in the Kent variation, in 32 mins. Archduke A. Hughes, 1; Baron Blinde Corde, 2; Count Burden, 3; Duke Peck, 4; Earl Cockerill, 5; Friar O'Meara conductor, 6.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 1st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 2nd; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance should be paid before the 15th inst.

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

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Important Notice.—The supper advertised for the 19th is unavoidably postponed until further notice. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
215, Sumner Road, Peckham, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton to-day, Sat., February 19th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, to-day, Sat., February 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt. A good attendance requested. Any ringer welcome.
J. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-dale, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available for two hours, from 3 o'clock till 5. The tower at Heston will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) in the Church Room, Heston, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A general meeting of the South-Western division will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Messon Hall, 8d. each. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me within a few days of the event.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 26th. Peal attempt at 3.30 p.m. Nomination meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rosserdale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of members of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday,

February 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all members at 6 o'clock (free) who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Wednesday, February 23rd. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid forthwith. These bells have recently been rehung, and three recast by the Whitechapel firm.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. D's. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6.30 p.m., John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

The Appleton Society.—The annual meeting and dinner of this society will be held on Friday, March 4th, at The Plough, Appleton. Members and friends wishing to be present, please let me know.
F. TUBB.
The Plough, Appleton, Berks.

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 21st, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.

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CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

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On Saturday, February 5th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 48 mins. B. Churley, A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton, H. L. Garfath, M. Smither, E. Hazelden, C. Wiltshire, J. W. Golding conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Darwen to Miss D. Perkins at the above church on this date.

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5th 40.

231456	H	L	Q
536421	x	x	
152436	x	x	x
642153	x	x	
312645	x	x	
562314	x	x	
432561	x	x	
652341	x		
132654	x	x	
462135	x	x	
512463	x	x	
342516	x	x	

Four times repeated, by adding the following five courses between the 2nd and 3rd courses in one part only, thus—

536421 R S H Q M

452613	S	X	X	
513624	x	x		
124635	x	x		
235641	x	x		
3417526	x	x		S

completes the peal.

For a five-part peal call the following course between the 2nd and 3rd courses of every part.

536421 R S H Q M

4527136 S X X S

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23456	I	4	6
34256	-	-	-
52634	-	S	-
26534	-	-	-
65234	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-
43256	S	S	
35246	-	-	-
52436	-	-	S

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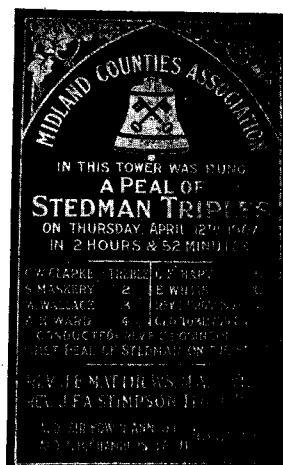
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1910.

JUST as our paper was going to press we received the painful intelligence that the sudden demise of the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON had taken place. This sad event occurred on Wednesday, the 16th. We can make no further allusion this week to such a sudden bereavement. The day of the funeral is hardly determined on yet, though it will be either Saturday or Monday next at Wokingham.

The Metropolis.

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Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.**

JAMES F. GODFREY Treble.	HERBERT HURDMAN 4.
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Conducted by D. COTTON.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. J. Harvey and Miss B. Belfitt.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.**

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 6.
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Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
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Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th, Mrs. F. E. Hart.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, January 14, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.**

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Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 5.
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JOHN FLINT 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	JOHN HOLMAN Tenor.

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

*First peal of London.

**MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDVIL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.**

ALBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	WILLIAM EVANS 5.
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CHARLES F. SADLER 4.	JAMES SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble.	FRANK H. TALBUTT 4.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringer of the 2nd, he not having struck a blow in three of them previous to the peal.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

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HUMPHREY BISH Treble.	THOMAS TULLETT 5.
JOSEPH WREN 2.	HENRY C. CASTLE 6.
HERBERT TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.	FRANK DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

This was the quarterly peal for the Central Division. The Misses Crawford very kindly provided the ringers with a tea after the peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY COLLEY* Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
FRANK COOK 3.	HERBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK

*First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, January 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

HUBERT EMMERSON Treble.	JAMES JONES 4.
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 2.	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5.
ALBERT E. HURCOMBE .. 3.	EDWARD BROOKES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

RICHARD DARLOW* Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal. This was the conductor's 600th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

WILLIAM S. SMITH Treble.	JOHN S. DANIELS 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 7.
EDWIN J. MILES* 4.	CALEB DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	THOMAS BLOOMER 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS 3.	BERTRAM LEECHAM 7.
GEORGE H. CLAYDON 4.	WILLIAM PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CLAYDON.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910 in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST DUNTON Treble.	MARTIN STEWART 5.
HUBERT DAY 2.	GEORGE MURTON 6.
ERNEST CLOVER 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
ELIJAH BROOME 4.	THOMAS TURNER Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER RYDER Treble.	FREDK. RYDER 5.
WILLIAM RYDER 2.	*ROBERT DAVIES 6.
JOHN IDLE 3.	WILLIAM H. IDLE 7.
EDWIN BORROUGHS 4.	FRANK SLOMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Harold Anson.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	FRED G. MAY 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
NORRIS WAY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
WALTER WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged and rung muffled as a mark of deep respect to Mr. Tribe, sexton of the above church, who was buried on the above date.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3.	R. WILFRED COLLIER 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN 4.	GEORGE H. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lbs.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 22 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	GEORGE JONES 5.
MARTIN HARRIS* 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER† .. 4.	FRANK MILTON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Moulton.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	JOB A. ROSS 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	GEORGE NAYLOR 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
WILLIAM JOYCE 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Broadley, and with the ringers' congratulations.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S No. 1. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

G. BROWN	Treble.	A. B. BRITNELL	6.
W. ECKERSLEY	2.	C. B. BURNS	7.
D. FORSHAW	3.	D. JONES	7.
W. RIDGE	4.	W. BUSBY	Tenor.
J. AINSWORTH	5.	A. PARKER	Tenor.

Conducted by G. BROWN.

First peal by all except G. Brown and W. Busby.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER	Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY†	2.	JOHN CARTER	7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY*	3.	EDWARD I. STONE	8.
JOHN H. SWINFELD*	4.	HARRY WAKLEY	9.
GEORGE BULL†	5.	GEORGE ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

†First peal on ten bells. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN	Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER	5.
ALBERT D. STONE	2.	PHILIP ALLFREY	6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3.	KEITH HART	7.
ERNEST GOWER	4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS	Treble.	THOMAS JULL	4.
WILLIAM SPICE	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	3.	ALBERT J. DAY	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. T. Leonard, formerly choir master at the above church.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six of Grandsire, and sixteen of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY J. LENTON	Treble.	GEORGE HOLLAND	4.
ALBERT E. WYKES	2.	FREDK. C. WOOLLEY	5.
DAVID J. NICHOLS	3.	HORACE W. SHARMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER	Treble.	WALTER PRESTIDGE	5.
CHARLES ROLINSON	2.	HARRY PRICE	6.
HARRY HILL†	3.	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	7.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE	4.	*HARRY HUBBLE	Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor; also his first peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late William Micklewright, of Dudley, who took a great interest in the company, and by whom he was highly respected.

HURST, BERKS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

A. W. WHITE	Treble.	T. H. BARCUS	4.
W. G. COX	2.	JOS. WHITE	5.
R. H. TUCKER	3.	J. PRINCE	Tenor.

Conducted by JOS. WHITE.

This is the first peal, as far as is known, that has been rung upon these bells. Great credit is due to the ringers, who, with much perseverance, have at last succeeded in their efforts to secure a peal; and it is interesting to note that the 2nd was rung by a young member who had not, previous to last summer, handled a rope.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES PRICE	Treble.	RICHARD JONES	5.
ROBERT SPEERING	2.	HENRY W. WILDE	6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.		RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.	
JAMES H. RIDING	4.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.—(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

BEN CHORLEY	Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.		CHARLES HAZELDEN	6.
HENRY HUTTON	3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	7.
HENRY L. GARFATH	4.	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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OLD WINDSOR, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

SIDNEY BOORE Treble.	ARTHUR BLAKE 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	ROBERT YOUNG 6.
THOMAS GOSLING 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Constance Ricardo, of The Friary, Old Windsor, and Mr. Clive Bayley, H.B.M. Consul at Warsaw, who were married that day in London.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 52 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
BENJAMIN GILL 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 8.
ROBERT WALLWORE 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE 9.
EDWIN BREEZE 5.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.
	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.
Reference next week.

Handbell Meals.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT 20, HIGHFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpires—William Ward and Frederick White.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, February 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT DEVON VILLA, ALAANY ROAD,

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

FERRIS SHEPHERD* 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3-4.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—William A. Woodrow. *First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells by the Devonshire Guild. All the above are natives of Devonshire.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, February 13, 1910, in One Hour and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT 17, HAYDON PLACE,

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

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH 7-8.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires—S Radford and M. Smither.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Double Norwich has been sent from Benhilton, Surrey, without the number of changes.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at the church of All Saints, 1280 Bebb Major in 50 mins. J. Wilkinson, F. Butler conductor, W. Parrish, J. Tinker, W. Dickenson, W. Whelpton, J. T. Ladd, P. Ballance.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER.—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Attfield, W. Falconer, G. Farley, F. Tompkins, W. Tickhurst, J. Blake, H. Falconer conductor, G. Marshall.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Stedman Triples. For evening service 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins. T. Crood, E. Watkinson, J. Watkinson conductor, A. Robinson, H. France, S. Watkinson, E. Bannister, J. Harrison.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks.).—On Christmas morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Mulford, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, V. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor. On Boxing Day, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Rice, R. G. Rice conductor. T. Hughes, H. C. Mulford, R. F. Deal, W. Hitchman.

BLEWBURY (Berks.).—On Sunday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Rice, R. G. Rice, G. James, T. East, R. F. Deal, W. Grace, E. Bannister conductor, T. Aldworth. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Welch, R. G. Rice conductor, G. James, E. Aldridge, C. Gregory, E. Bannister, R. F. Deal, R. Slade.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK.—On Sunday evening, December 26th, for Divine Service, 1440 Kent Major in 56 mins. W. Postlethwaite, T. Hogarth, J. Bell, S. Usher, T. Wilson, F. Grisdale, F. Postlethwaite conductor, W. Campbell.

CENTRAL NOKTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants.).—On Christmas Day, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Farby, E. M. Atkins conductor, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, G. Blaxby, F. Andrew. And 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Farby, F. H. Talbutt, E. M. Atkins, W. Lewis, G. Blaxby, F. Andrew conductor.

CHELTENHAM.—On Tuesday, December 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. E. Dean, F. Musty, J. Turner, A. Humphreys, W. Yeend, J. Parsons, J. Ballinger, R. Trigg.

KESWICK.—On Sunday, December 19th, 960 Kent Major. R. Dennison, W. Postlethwaite, T. Hogarth, S. Usher, T. Wilson, W. Campbell, F. Postlethwaite conductor, W. Telford. On Friday, December 24th, 720 Kent Minor in 28 mins. R. Dennison, S. Hogarth, J. Bell, S. Usher, T. Wilson, F. Postlethwaite conductor.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, December 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Wade, G. Bester, H. Armstrong, J. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Allway.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, December 5th, for Divine Service, 1008 Double Norwich. W. Welham, W. G. Melbourne, C. Alderton, T. Allard, W. Tydeman, S. Hull, W. Souter conductor, E. Diaper. For evening service 1008 in the same method. On Monday, December 6th, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Welham, —, Merton, E. Diaper, —, Day, W. Souter, S. Hull, W. Tydeman, W. Melbourne. Also touches of Double Norwich.

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.

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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.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, J. Clarke, F. Greenwood, M. Tate, T. Smith, F. Tate, H. Ludham conductor, J. Smith. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. G. Davis, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. On Monday,

January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davies.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

TADCASTER (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bird-sall, J. Garbutt, E. Pickering, C. Atkinson, H. Clayton, J. Bradley, H. Williams conductor, B. Pickering.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, W. Malins, W. Taylor, H. White, S. Small, C. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor.

HAUGHTON (Stafford).—On New Year's eve, 480 Grandsire Doubles. T. Tunnicliffe, B. Duke, J. Nottage, G. Booth, J. Taylor conductor.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 29th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief at the end of the 19th course. C. Baker, E. Whiting, H. Borrett, R. Whiting, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett, E. Whiting.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On January 5th, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Bisb, T. Thompson, T. Streeter, M. Smither. E. Lucas, C. Willshire conductor.

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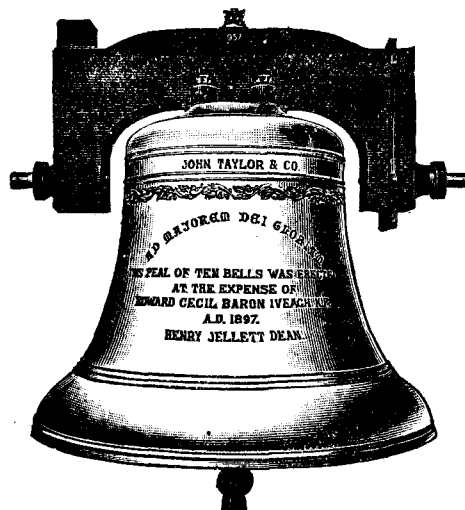
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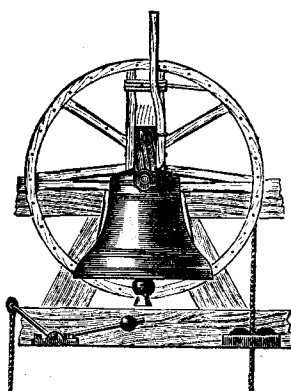
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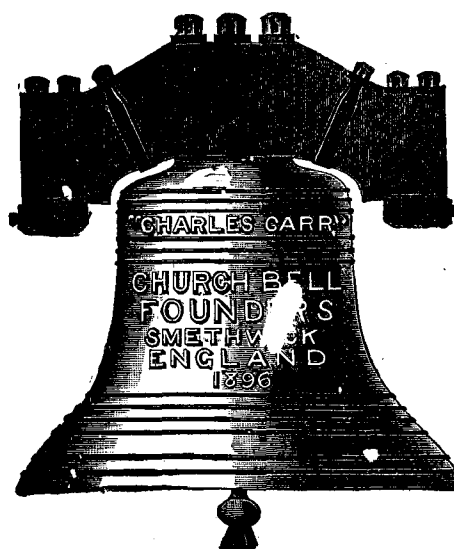
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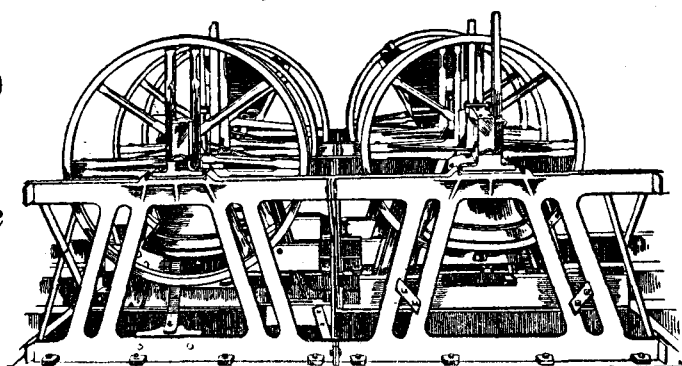
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of the above took place on Wednesday, January 26th. The proceedings commenced with several touches of Grandsire Caters on the bells of St. Laurence's church, conducted respectively by F. W. Hopgood and A. W. Osborne. A special service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, who preached a very appropriate sermon from the words of St. Paul—"Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

The ringers then proceeded to Mr. Phillips's dining rooms and enjoyed a good dinner. This was followed by the business meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. W. P. Routh, that the Rev. F. E. Robinson be elected to the chair, which needless to say was carried unanimously. The chairman proposed the toast of "The King," remarking how His Majesty was loved by all his subjects. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Apologies were read from the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, deputy master, R. W. Carew Hunt, Vicar of St. Giles, Reading. The minutes and balance sheet were then read, both being accepted and duly signed. Mr. Wright, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said it gave him much pleasure in so doing. He thought it reflected great credit on their Secretary, Mr. Osborne. He was sure they were one and all indebted to him for his work.

Reference was made to the peals rang by the branch during the year, viz.: Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative 1, Stedman Triples 3, Double Norwich 10, Grandsire Triples 2, Grandsire Doubles 1.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, after addressing the chairman and his brother-ringers, said they had for a number of years past Mr. Martin Routh as their President, but of late they had not had the pleasure of his company at their annual gatherings. He would like to propose that his brother, Mr. W. Pole Routh, be elected to take his office, but they did not lose sight of the fact of their thankfulness in the past to him, for he always made a splendid chairman. This was seconded by Mr. W. Newell, and carried unanimously.

The Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, pointed out that no notice had arrived from Mr. Martin Routh to say he would not be present at that meeting. He thought he should be written to on the matter.

The election of Secretary and Treasurer for the branch was proposed by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. F. W. Hopgood, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson spoke in very favourable terms on the re-election of Mr. Osborne, congratulating the branch on having such an efficient officer, which was not an easy task. He wished therefore to congratulate Mr. Osborne, and wished him every success in the future.

It was proposed by Mr. Osborne, and seconded by Mr. F. W. Hopgood, that Mr. H. Goodger be elected to serve on the committee in the place of Mr. L. Green, who had moved out of the diocese. The Secretary said he would

like to see the combined practices continued if it was possible, they having fallen off very much of late.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said if he might, he would quote another instance where these combined practices did not prove at all satisfactory—that of the Winchester Guild. A sub-committee was elected to arrange them, Mr. W. Newell to act as secretary, the captains of each tower to form the committee.

Mr. J. Hern proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse for the use of his bells, and the bright little service, not forgetting the choir boys also.

The Rev. R. P. Newhouse, responding, said he need not say it always gave him much pleasure to welcome the members of the branch at church and in the belfry. He wished more members were able to attend the service, and hoped to see more of his brother clergy taking interest in their ringers. In making some very encouraging remarks in reference to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, he would like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to him for taking the chair on this occasion.

Mr. A. E. Reeves apologised for the absence of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who was not able to be present that evening. This was regretted by all.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thanked the Rev. R. P. Newhouse and all present for the most kind reception given him, and said he was very glad to say he was so far restored to health that he had been able to ring in five peals of Stedman Triples since Christmas, which made 870 in the method. Although he was not so strong as he used to be, six months ago he was not able to get near a bell rope. As long as he was well enough he would do his best for the Guild. He also hoped to see as many as possible at the meeting at High Wycombe on Saturday. He also spoke a few words about his old friend Mr. F. White, of Appleton, and assuring them he would do his best for them as long as they elected him as their Master, the rev. gentleman left to catch his train for home.

Mr. A. E. Reeves said he was sorry he could not give any details of the Guild's finance, but it was very satisfactory to mention how pleased he was to see so many young ringers there that evening, mentioning that Mr. Osborne's two sons, aged 10 and 12 respectively, had proved they were able to claim a certificate of the Guild. He hoped other fathers would bring up their sons in the same way.

After several other toasts had been drank the rest of the evening was occupied in harmony, songs being sung by several members of the company. Mr. Dormer gave several selections on the bag pipes, which was much appreciated by all. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by H. Goodger, C. Giles, F. W. Hopgood, J. E. Hern, W. Newell. A course of Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples were also rung. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne."

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At a quarterly meeting of the Winchester district held at Alresford on Saturday, February 12th, members attended from Winchester, Southampton, North Stoneham, Twyford, and Farnham, and rang touches in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The tea was presided over by the Vicar of Alresford (Rev. A. A. Headley), who announced his intention of becoming an hon. member of the Guild. The Rev. E. Banks James (Northampton) and the Rev. W. E. Colchester, the general secretary of the Winchester Guild, were also present. Mr. Colchester informed the members that in going through the accounts recently he was pleased to find the Guild was in a more satisfactory financial position than it had been for some time past. It was decided to alter the date of the next meeting at North Stoneham, from the 14th of May to May 21st, the earlier date being the Saturday before Whit-Sunday.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar of Alresford said he was glad to welcome the members of the Guild to his parish, and hoped his own ringers would soon become members, and he would be glad if an instructor could be sent by the Guild to teach them the art of change-ringing.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

A very quiet but interesting function took place a few days ago in the vestry of Christ Church, Dore, Derbyshire, the occasion being to present Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, with two cases of sterling silver table ware, for his valuable and unstinted services in forming and instructing a local band of ringers. The picturesque village of Dore is situate five miles south-west of Sheffield, and is so located that it was necessary for Mr. Thomas to walk this distance to and fro, which he did once, twice, and occasionally three times a week. When this long distance is thought out, and occupying, as it did, the long period of eighteen months, it will be easily understood that Mr. Thomas covered over one thousand miles in his pilgrimage to promote the art of change-ringing in a somewhat isolated district. The difficulties of coaching a young band from the raw material, so to speak, is only understood by those who have had a similar experience, and by others who have volunteered assistance in such a direction. To an observant mind his pupils appear to be a promising company of young ringers, and by unity, perseverance, and sociability, should make satisfactory progress, and in that way reciprocate the efforts and valuable services of their instructor, whose practical and theoretical knowledge is admitted by every one who is capable of judging.

The presentation was made by Mr. Leinesley, one of the churchwardens, on behalf of Mr. T. H. Greaves, the Master, and the local ringers. Mr. Leinesley said that it was a great pleasure to him to make the presentation, and to have the opportunity of being present at such an interesting proceeding, and he hoped that their instructor would always be one of them, and that his interest in the Dore ringers would continue for a great many years.

Mr. Thomas, in thanking the ringers for their thoughtfulness and kindness, said it was a great privilege to be able to earn their gratitude, and it showed that at Dore at any rate there was a kindly feeling in human nature. He assured them that he appreciated their valuable gift, and he hoped that the bond of friendship would long continue in the future as it had done in the past. The Vicar (Rev. W. R. Gidson) was unavoidably absent, but afterwards tendered his congratulations to the recipient.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

One of the happiest evenings that could possibly fall to the lot of a band of ringers happened on the evening of February 2nd last, when through the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, of the "Old Vicarage," the ringers and elder members of the choir sat down to an excellent dinner provided in their beautiful dining-room, the heads of the table being taken Mr. Archibald and Mr. Geoffrey (sons), and right well did these gentlemen make every one feel at home.

After dinner we found ourselves leisurely drifting into the large billiard-room, where songs, handbell ringing, and billiards were the chief items. Others could be found in a snug little room where cards were provided, and in the hall couches and easy chairs were placed for those who preferred a quiet smoke and chat. After the hour of midnight, back to the dining-room, where could be seen the components of this happy gathering partaking of all kinds of tempting eatables before departing for home.

The toasts of the evening were "The King," "Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and Family," cheers and musical honours closing the evening.

The memory of this happy evening will linger long in the hearts of all. The delightful dinner-table, with its superabundance of dainties; the port wine, twenty years of age; the tempting cigars and cigarettes, and every other possible delicacy calculated to engender a happy time. Those present might well say: "Such hospitality was ideal socialism."

THE PEAL AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

This peal, rang on the 12th instant, and recorded last week, was arranged as a birthday compliment to P. C. Newton, of the city force, a most enthusiastic ringer, and who is greatly esteemed by his brother-strings in the county, as well as in the neighbouring county of Yorkshire of which he is a native.

The ringers who took part in the peal were a very representative company, embracing friends from Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Bury, Oldham, Pendleton, Port Sunlight, and Worsley.

At its conclusion the ringers, together with a few friends who had gathered to hear the peal, and also to do honour to the man on the spot, were invited by him into the kitchen of the town hall, where they partook of a very good and substantial tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed. This over, the chairman (Mr. J. R. Pritchard) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donor, together with the usual wishes for many happy returns of his birthday, which was heartily carried, as was also a vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells; these votes being a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable evening.

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RINGERS' SUPPER.

The members of the Horley branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual supper on January 13rd, at the historic Six Bells inn, when about twenty-two sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. Huey. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. E. Cheesman occupied the chair. On the removal of the cloth, the toast of "The King" was most loyally honoured. A selection on the handbells then followed, and was much appreciated by all.

Mr. W. B. Wood, who was entrusted with the task of proposing "Church and State," dealt appropriately with passing events; that the association of the Church with the State had proved an untold blessing to mankind.

The toast of "The Horley Band" was enthusiastically received. It was proposed by the chairman, who congratulated Horley upon having a band of ringers who were a credit to the town and country-side, and who gave them a great deal of pleasure when they rang on Sundays. If there were any who complained that their ringing kept them awake on Sunday afternoons, all he could say was they ought not to be asleep during the day-time.

Mr. Songhurst, who replied, referred to the fact that the Horley ringers had rung during the year 1909, for Sunday ringing and practice, a total of 61,763 changes, comprising Grandsire Triples 39,239; Grandsire Doubles 8,100; Court Bob Triples 1,504; Bob Major 2,310; Bob Minor 3,680; Kent Minor 3,530; Oxford Single Bob Minor 1,520; Oxford Treble Bob Minor 360; Stedman Doubles 1,100; Stedman Triples 420.

Songs and glees were rendered by Messrs. Wood, Dibley, Sherlock, Songhurst, Edwards, and others, which made up a very enjoyable evening.

THE RECENT GALES.

During Sunday's gale some heavy masonry was blown from the spire of St. Mary's church, Stamford, and crushed through the roof of the nave, the alarming incident happening barely five minutes after the morning congregation had left. The Marquis of Exeter (Mayor of Stamford), is taking a prominent part in raising a sum of something like £1,500 for the thorough restoration of this majestic spire.

One of the pinnacles of the western tower of St. Peter's church, Plymouth, was dislodged during evening service on Sunday, and crashed through the roof. The fragments fell close to the font, but no one was injured. The congregation remained in their seats, and there was an entire absence of fear or panic. The service was carried on without a break by the Rev. H. M. Downton, the Vicar, and his assistant-clergy.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. *C. Rochester, A. J. Perkins composer and conductor, *E. Hawkins, W. Watson, *G. Prayle, *A. Chaplin, J. Dale, *D. Phillips. *First quarter-peal.

FAIRY BELLS.—Splendid sounding Instruments, just like a peal of Church Bells ringing. Every ringer should have one. Play almost any tune. Can be learnt in one half hour. But before ordering write for testimonials received from other ringers. You can imitate raising and falling, or a muffled peal. Price:—Ten bells 7s. 6d.; Twelve bells 10s. Carriage 6d. extra. A few copies of music sent.—ANDERSON, 6 Lock Terrace, Coed-Isanmaer, Pontypridd, South Wales.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW CHURCH, LONDON.

Antiquaries (says the *Church Times*) should rejoice that the Archbishop and Vicar-General have seen their way to retransfer to Bow Church the ceremony of Episcopal Confirmation. The church has had a long history in connexion with the legal side of Church life, extending to days long prior to the Reformation. If the stones of Bow Church could speak, they could tell a wonderful story of Papal Bulls and heresy hunts and Puritan riots. For it should be remembered, when we think of Mr. Kensit's disturbances, that he had a predecessor, one Jones, a bookseller, in Charles I. days, who as a brawler at Bishop Montague's Confirmation caused a flutter in the House of Commons. To-day the ceremony of an episcopal Confirmation is so purely the shadow of a shade that it is a small matter on ecclesiastical grouches where it is performed. Were it a genuine inquiry into the Bishop-elect's fitness for the post, it should take place in the Cathedral of his diocese. The persons most interested in making a protest are future subjects of the Bishop-elect, and they ought not (on Reformation principles) to be "cited" out of their diocese.

PRESENTATION.

The Rev. W. C. Griffith, curate of South Weald, Brentwood, Essex, who has been appointed to the living of Totternhoe, near Dunstable, has been presented with a sum of forty guineas, a clock, and an illuminated address bearing the names of the subscribers to the presentation. Mr. Griffith also received a silver coffee-pot from the choir and bellringers, and Mrs. Griffith a biscuit-box from the Brook Street Mothers' Meeting. Mr. Griffith is a change-ringer, and was at one time Honorary Secretary of the Oxford University Guild.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LORD GRIMTHORPE.—A memorial brass in memory of the late Lord Grimthorpe has been unveiled in Doncaster parish church by his sister, Miss Beckett Denison. The brass is mounted on black marble, and is placed on the east side of the nave south door. The inscription records that "it was largely owing to his efforts that this church was, after its destruction by fire, rebuilt with much of its former beauty, 1853-8," and also that during his long life and by his will he was a generous benefactor. The Bishop of Sheffield said that Lord Grimthorpe was the prime mover, and in a large sense the architect of three churches in Doncaster—St. James's, St. Mary's, and St. Jude's—and on his death he had left £4,000 for the fabric fund of the parish church.

THE SCENE OF GRAY'S ELEGY.—The churchyard of Stoke Poges, made famous by the *Elegy* of the poet Gray, whose tomb it contains, is nearly filled, and it has become necessary to provide further burial accommodation for the parish. A piece of land immediately outside the churchyard has been purchased and vested in the trustees, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford on Saturday last.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d. Also for same bells, selection containing march Semiramide, songs—"The Young Recruit" and "Old Folks at Home." No. 333, price 2s. 3d. Both pieces for six ringers, from Wm. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The following lines, from the pen of the Rev. Canon Papillon, appears in this week's *Guardian* :—

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, formerly Vicar of Drayton, near Abingdon, who passed away suddenly last week at his home at Wokingham, exercised a notable influence in the revival of change-ringing and the reform of belfries and their ringers which marked the latter part of the nineteenth century. An enthusiastic and highly-skilled ringer himself, who had taken part in more than one thousand peals of three hours and upwards in all parts of the United Kingdom, he was instrumental in spreading a knowledge of change-ringing in numbers of parishes where it was before unknown, in bringing about the reform of old abuses once too common in belfries, and in raising the whole tone and standard of ringers. He always insisted on the close connection of the belfry with the church. Wherever possible, before a peal, he said a short office as the ringers stood rope in hand ready to begin, and the knowledge that any unbecoming language or conduct would meet with his instant stern rebuke was in itself sufficient to prevent such things where he was present. Most valuable, perhaps, of all was the example that he set to parochial clergymen who are responsible for the charge of church bells and for the moral of their ringers, that they should lose no opportunity of using their influence in this department of church work. Mr. Robinson's ringing career shows, moreover, that a clergyman may make change-ringing his hobby and devote considerable time to it without forfeiting any of the respect due to his office or in any way neglecting his clerical duties. He had done, in a little known field of church work, a great service to the Church, as great as many that have been more widely known and more loudly proclaimed. He rests from his labour and his work follows with him in many a belfry and among many a band of ringers.

The following touches were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks.)—On Saturday, February 19th, at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. H. Osborne, A. Harding, C. Baker, G. Wheeler, A. Osborne conductor, J. Swain, G. Goodship. On Monday, February 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Harding, C. Baker, N. Cox, R. Bishop, W. Paice, F. Griffin, A. Osborne conductor, R. Sawyer.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks.)—On Saturday, February 19th, at St. Peter's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Boore, T. Gosling, F. Guttridge, W. Welling, W. Ralph, A. Blake conductor, J. Guttridge, F. Guttridge.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks.)—On Saturday, February 19th, at All Saints, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins. A. Walker, P. Witham, H. Cox, J. Eldridge, C. Smith, A. Walker, T. Price conductor, G. Martin.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Monday, February 21st, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gough, H. Hunt, G. Matthews, J. Evans, S. Roberts, C. L. Sadler conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, February 19th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich came to grief after ringing 3664 changes. L. Allen, T. Chapman, E. Morris, A. Aldham, F. Dexter, H. Argyle, J. Morris, C. Fowler conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of Grandsire, St. Dunstan, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. E. Peart, J. Farmer, E. Gibbs, F. Cook conductor, H. Dolley, H. Peart.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts.).—Mr. Tucker writes to say that a half-muffled peal was rung at St. Michael's church on hearing of the death of the Master.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Saturday, February 19th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. Afterwards the whole pull and stand was rung by A. Crane, F. Hedges, H. Sear conductor, T. Best, H. Hopkins, R. Nichols, F. Whitehead, V. Sear. On Sunday evening, February 20th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear conductor, J. Marks, T. Best, L. Meager, E. Marks, W. Sear, J. Mead.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 19th, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

FAREWELL.

Farewell to the Master, whose deeds and whose glory
Must e'er fill our hearts with pride of his name;
Though the last change be rung, there remains his life's story
To tell of his triumphs and speak of his fame.
Bright star of the Muses, who now shall succeed thee,
To take up thy mantle bequeathed to the bells;
What rival shall ever attempt to exceed thee
In virtue and valour, where excellence dwells? G. F. M.

Correspondence.

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

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

TO MESSRS. DAINS AND CARTER.

SIR,—Mr. Dains doubtless finds those 5088s very simple to get, seeing that the last two he published can be found in your issues for February 1st, 1896, and August 3rd, 1895, under my name. Re the 5040 Stedman Triples claimed by our friend Mr. J. Carter from Mr. Barker. I may say that the same peal has been in circulation for the past six years as my peal. If Mr. Carter's claim is prior to this, which I think possible, I shall be pleased to withdraw my name from it. G. LINDOFF.

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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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 March 1st and 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 3rd, 17th, and 31st; St. Mary—Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-dale, to-day, Sat., February 26th. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
E. R. MARTIN, Br. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held to-day, Sat., February 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available for two hours, from 3 o'clock till 4. The tower at Heston will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) in the Church Room, Heston, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.
H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—A general meeting of the South-Western division will be held at West Ham to-day, Sat., February 26th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Meeson Hall, 8d. each.
G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley to-day, Sat., February 26th. Peal attempt at 3.30 p.m. Nomination meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, to-day, Sat., February 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, Br. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of members of the above will be held at New Romney to-day, Sat., February 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. These bells have recently been rebung, and have recast by the Whitechapel firm.
C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Appleton Society.—The annual meeting and dinner of this society will be held on Friday, March 4th, at The Plough, Appleton. Members and friends wishing to be present, please let me know.
F. TUBB.
The Plough, Appleton, Berks.

The Lancashire Association.—Furless and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kirby-in-Furless on Saturday, March 5th. Meeting at 4 p.m. Bells (6) available during the day.
W. ROBSON, Hon. Sec.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration

Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6.30 p.m. John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.
The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudisy on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 9th.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 21st, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.
FRED HAYES, Hon. Sec.
54, Hughenden Road.

"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:—
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Further subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by
JOHN W. BARKER.
24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.
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LLANELLY (Breconshire).—On Thursday, February 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. F. Edwards, G. Jones, H. Apperly, H. Rackham, S. Rackham, A. Rackham

A MECHANICAL ENGINEER desires berth. Change-ringer. No objection to distance. A. R. MACDONALD, 58, Frances Road, Bournemouth.

WANTED. Second-hand set of hand-bells. Good condition. Details and price. E. WHITE, 86, Portway, Warminster.

JOINER seeks situation. Aged 23. Standard Method ringer.—THOMAS SALMON, 1, Grayrigg, Bank, Kendal.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

Some few weeks ago I noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," someone—a Mr. Parker, I think—stating that a peal of Double Norwich Major (5024), with the 4th and 6th in 6ths place, could not be got; but by a simple arrangement in the first course, it is accomplished by yours faithfully,
Reading. F. W. HOPGOOD.

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BATH.—On December 28th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 4 mins. W. Seers, C. Bell, J. Odey, C. Goodenough, H. Lewis, R. Cousins, A. E. Seers composer and conductor, C. Densley.

BIRMINGHAM.—On December 8th, at the church of St. Chad, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Composed by John Hare, of Hitchin, and conducted by C. R. Lilley.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, January 16th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Plumb, A. Jacob, W. Dixon, A. Howell, C. Ross conductor, F. Fensom. On Sunday evening, February 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Jacob, F. Fensom, C. Ross, A. Howell, T. Langdon conductor, W. Dixon.

SHOREHAM.—On Sunday, January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triplss. R. Noakes, W. Henson. E. Brown, J. Boyd, T. Burtenshaw, H. Stalham, B. Challen, C. West.

SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).—On December 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of London Surprise, a 576 in the same method. W. Palmer, C. Dickens, C. R. Lilley, A. Chambers, J. Withers, G. Swann, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor. On December 22nd, several courses of London.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 27th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 3600 changes in 2 hrs. R. Kilby, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble.</i>	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	FREDERICK WILFORD .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, February 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLEWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION, Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDGAR WEBB <i>Treble.</i>	WILLIAM LIDBETTER .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
THOMAS BEADLE 3.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
CHARLES DELL 4.	ALBERT SHEARD <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Ransom and Goddard, and Mr. John Basden, Master of the Association. This is the first recorded peal on the bells by entirely local ringers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

ALBERT WALKER <i>Treble.</i>	EMANUEL HALL 5.
JAMES SCHOLES 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER .. 3.	SAMUEL JOYCE 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	ALFRED JOYCE <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

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

REUBEN SANDERS <i>Treble.</i>	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 4.	WILLIAM PYE <i>Tenor.</i>

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. First Surprise peal on the bells.

The Provinces.**LINTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire, and three each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT BROAD† <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE HADAWAY 4.
GEORGE BROAD 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 5.
JAMES BEACH 3.	CHARLES H. SONE <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM SOUTER <i>Treble.</i>	*HENRY TURNER 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

BENHILTON, SURREY—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT <i>Treble.</i>	ALFRED TRAPPITT 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK 3.	FRANK HOLDEE 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL GLADWIN* <i>Treble.</i>	WILLIAM WILLIAMSON .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	THOMAS ASHTON 6.
HARRY HAYTHORN 3.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER 4.	FRED HOLT <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by G. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATEGORIES, 5055 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY <i>Treble.</i>	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
HENRY HOWELL 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 8.
WALTER WADE 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 9.
NORRIS WAY 5.	URIAH BRAVEN <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

SHILDON, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. 5.
JACKSON FALLISTER 2.	WALTER H. METCALFE .. 6.
EDWIN J. TITT 3.	THOMAS WICK 7.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON <i>Tenor.</i>

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD* .. 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	*ARTHUR HARDING 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Brandon,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	*WILLIAM BROWN 5.
J. H. LENTON 2.	J. G. GREEN 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER 3.	THOMAS J. BROWN 7.
G. W. PERVERELL 4.	*JAMES ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.*First peal on eight bells. For calling see "Treble Bob," part 2,
page 79.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY SHENTON Treble.	COLIN ROGERS 4.
JAMES HUGHES* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JOHN INGER* 3.	WALTER BOUGHEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT CARTER Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 4.
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2.	BARNARD PATMORK 5.
FRED WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vincent,

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

JOHN P. PALRY, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE SCOTT 5.
JOHN P. PALRY, JUN. .. 2.	PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 6.
FREDK. W. STOKES 3.	JOHN W. WOOD 7.
JOHN CRAGG 4.	†THOMAS BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

†First peal

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES,

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
JAMES H. RUMBLE 2.	JAMES F. WIGNELL 7.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	WILLIAM GROVES 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	FRANK HOLDER 9.
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5.	*CHARLES H. KIPPEN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

*First peal.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. J. SMITH Treble.	F. SHEPHERD 4.
J. HOUGH 2.	W. W. WORTHINGTON .. 5.
G. ROBINSON 3.	L. BULLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

First peal on the bells.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

THOMAS J. ELTON Treble.	DANIEL JONES 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD† .. 2.	GEORGE HUGHES 6.
WALTER R. HUGHES* .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	*JOSIAH ELTON Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

EDGAR WHITTINGHAM .. Treble.	*ARTHUR PRICE 5.
ARTHUR WIGGINS 2.	*JOHN FRENCH 6.
FRANK LUSH 3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7.
SAMUEL PAICE 4.	ALBERT HILL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

*First peal. First peal by the All Saints society. First peal by an
entirely local band.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 5.
EDWARD KERSHAW 2.	SAM. GLEDHILL 6.
JESSE RUSHWORTH 3.	JONAS FOSTER 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY 4.	JOHN WM. WRIGHT Tenor.

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

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Midgley (churchwarden), for his
hospitality and interest, which is again gratefully acknowledged.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES PRATT Treble.	WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 5.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 2.	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE .. 6.
ERNEST HOYLE 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4.	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

*First peal.

WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD A. CARTWRIGHT Treble.	*HERBERT ASHTON 5.
FREDERICK HAYES 2.	*GEORGE CLEWES 6.
JOHN A. CALLAND 3.	FREDK. J. HANCOCK 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	GEORGE SANT Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(CHARLES' PAROCHIAL SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble.	GEORGE R. STROUD 5.
REGINALD DOBSON 2.	FRANK W. HOCKADAY .. 6.
WILLIAM D. JAMES 3.	WALTER H. MARSH 7.
HAROLD W. BENNETT .. 4.	*FRANCIS W. PURSE Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. First peal in the method in the Three Towns by a local band, and on the bells.
*First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	JOHN S. DANIELS 5.
JAMES D. DEWETT 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
HENRY CORBETT 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 4.	JOHN COOK Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED MATTHEWS .. Treble.	PERCY S. BAILLY 5.
FRANK STONELEY 2.	EDWARD JOHNSON 6.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. 3.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7.
ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. 4.	ANDREW B. LOMAS, JUN... Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

The figures of this peal are given in the Central Council Collection of peals. Section 1, No. 63.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

RICHARD BURGE* .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 4.
HAROLD HUNT* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JOHN NEWMAN 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in the county.

SURFLEET, LINGOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOR .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
R. HUGH RICHARDSON* .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal with a bob bell.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT GOUGH* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
HAROLD HUNT 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
GEORGE MATTHEWS 3.	*HENRY CORFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. SADLER.

*First peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
FRANK BLONDELL 2.	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 6.
FREDERICK WEBB 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the much respected Master of the above Guild, who was laid to rest that afternoon in the churchyard of All Saints, Wokingham. May he rest in peace.

The following peals were also rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LOWMAN .. Treble.	JOHN W. RUSSELL 5.
GEORGE UPSHALL 2.	THOMAS UPSHALL 6.
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS 7.
ALFRED BAIGENT 4.	WALTER SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS Treble.	WALTER HUGHES 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	HENRY FYLES 6.
THOMAS JENNIONS 3.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE 4.	JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector, Canon Plummer, and the churchwardens, for permission to ring this peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	JOHN LUCEBY 5.
HERBERT LITTLE 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
GEORGE JORDAN 4.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This was J. Luckey's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	GEORGE PINCOTT 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
ROBERT FIDDIES 4.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

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

These bells were also rung muffled, whole pull and stand, at the time of the funeral on February 19th.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. 3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS 7-8.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—S. Peck.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE (Sussex).—On Friday, December 31st, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes. T. Ashenden, C. Price, J. B. Bennett, V. Laurence, W. Bennett, G. Youngs, G. Billenness conductor, F. Whiteman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Dawes, who held many public offices, among them being vestry clerk of Rye.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 6th, a date touch of Plain Bob, 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Jacob conductor, C. Ross, W. Dixon, A. Howell, P. Fensom, M. Fensom.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, T. Seers, V. Laurence, C. Price, G. Youngs, W. Bennett, G. Billenness conductor, E. Whiteman. Rung on the tenth anniversary of King Edward's accession. On Sunday evening, November 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, T. Seers, J. Bennett, G. Billenness conductor, E. Whiteman. On Tuesday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, T. Seers, J. Bennett, C. Price, V. Laurence, G. Youngs, G. Billenness conductor, E. Whiteman. On Friday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, T. Seers, J. Bennett, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. Youngs, G. Billenness conductor, E. Whiteman. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Dawes, who returned from their honeymoon on the above evening.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples. K. Clouston, R. Hogg, J. Hein, G. Dix, J. Hogg conductor, E. Hern, A. Tully, J. Foreman. Rung as a farewell touch to K. Clouston, who leaves for Canada on Wednesday, March 1st.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

CLEATOR MOOR.—On Thursday, February 17th, some ringers from Workington paid a visit to this place, and rang 576 Kent Major in 23 mins. J. Phillips, J. Mawson, J. Willson, J. Peel, W. Britton, T. Birkett, A. Sanderson conductor, W. Johnson. First touch of Major on the bells. A new peal of eight has recently been put in by Messrs. Taylor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHENLEY (Bucks).—On Monday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 53 mins. S. Willett, C. Burgess, W. Daniels conductor, W. Pether, G. Clarke, H. Cameron.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—Recently, after an attempt for a peal, and as a compliment to Miss M. Gilbanks on the occasion of her marriage a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. H. Godden, E. Parrish, T. Horton, J. E. Groves conductor, J. Screen, D. Jones, R. Hall, W. Painter.

BARKING (Essex).—On January 9th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins. A. C. Hardy, H. H. Parker, G. Howchin, G. W. Faulkner, C. Fenn, G. Norris, R. Fenn, D. S. Simons conductor.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Bester, S. Wade, H. Armstrong, J. Armstrong conductor, F. Tegg, J. Miller, H. Miller, J. Allway. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Crane, G. Bester, H. Armstrong, J. Miller conductor, F. Tegg, N. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong, R. Young.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Major has been sent from Bolsover, Derbyshire, without any date being mentioned.

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APPLETON CHURCH BELLS.

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 amount required for the recasting and repairing of the 6th bell in Appleton church tower is £25.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	8	1	6
J. F. Parsons esq ..	1	0	0
J. Parsons, esq. ..	1	0	0
Major H. G. Henderson, M.P. ..	5	0	0
E. Pendleton ..	0	2	0
C. Houslow ..	0	5	0

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.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, J. Clarke, F. Greenwood, M. Tate, T. Smith, F. Tate, H. Ludham conductor, J. Smith. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. G. Davis, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. On Monday,

January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davies.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

TADCASTER (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bird-sall, J. Garbutt, E. Pickering, C. Atkinson, H. Clayton, J. Bradley, H. Williams conductor, B. Pickering.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, W. Malins, W. Taylor, H. White, S. Small, C. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor.

HAUGHTON (Stafford).—On New Year's eve, 480 Grandsire Doubles. T. Tunnicliffe, B. Duke, J. Nottage, G. Booth, J. Taylor conductor.

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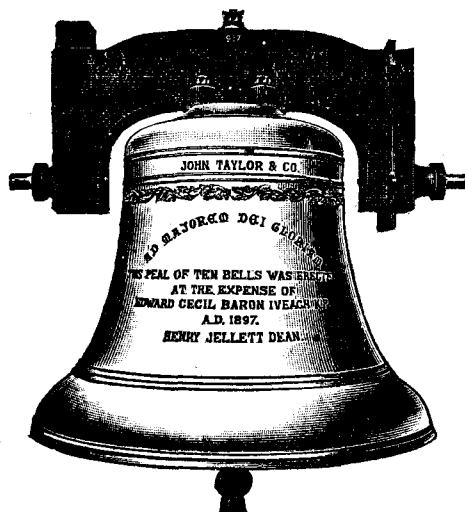
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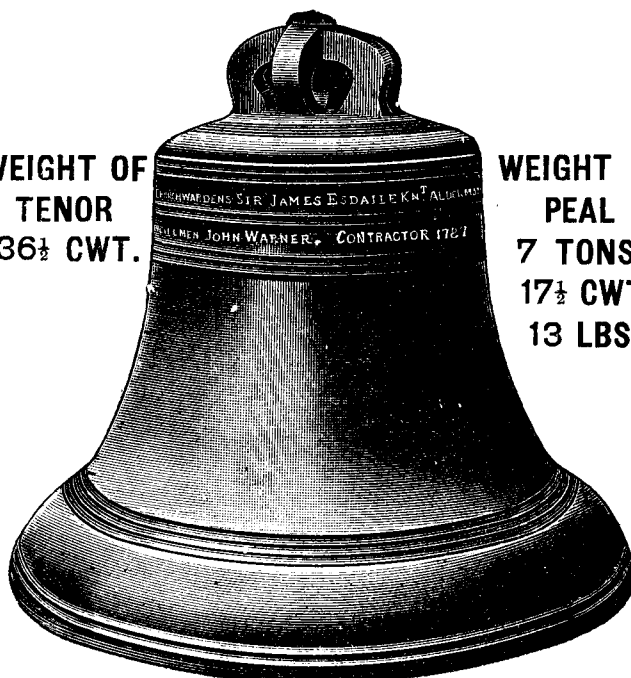
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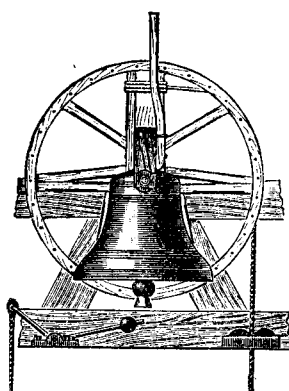
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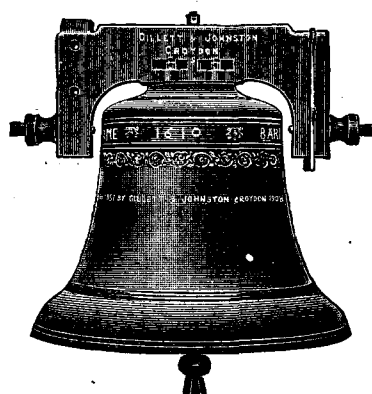
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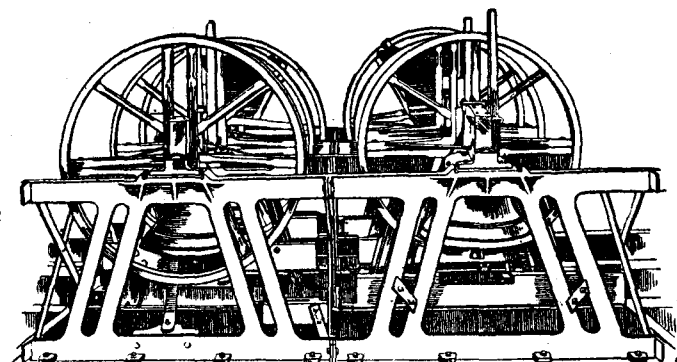
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JOHN BUNYAN.

Some ten years ago, when I was contributing to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" some articles relating to the history of ringing I had occasion to refer to Bunyan and to criticise the absurdities written about him by the Rev. G. S. Tyack in a then recently-published volume entitled "A Book about Bells." If, therefore, I am now to write about Bunyan, some repetition is unavoidable. But I venture to submit the following lines to Mr. Editor, because in the course of ten years what I formerly said may not be readily accessible to some younger members of the Exercise, who may be interested in Bunyan, and because as we have in him a distinguished and interesting Englishman on the roll of our ringing ancestors, it seems as well to strip from his memory some of the trash that has been written about him. It is a most extraordinary circumstance that whilst Bunyan has in his own words, in that most remarkable autobiography, the "Grace Abounding," told us about his connection with ringing, we find people dogmatising about him without the smallest attention to what he himself has left on record. Even such a scholar as Mr. H. B. Walters in his "Church Bells" has been misled about Bunyan, as I observed when noticing his admirable book in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 20th, 1909, and I then mentioned that I had noticed in these columns a similar error a few weeks previously. This allusion was to nothing less than the account appearing in the issue of January 2nd, 1909, of the bell opening at Elstow. When I read the account of the address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. F. Hawkins, on that occasion, I said to myself—"Here's Mr. Tyack's nonsense again," and if Mr. Editor will permit the following extracts in parallel columns, I think his readers will see what I mean.

Bell ringers in the past bore everything but the best of reputations. John Bunyan, in his early days, was one of the ringers of Elstow church. But an employment which ought from its sturdy exercise for the brain and body to be a help, was found to be an obstacle and was abandoned by John Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity, Sunday tip-cat on the green, dancing and evil company.

REV. C. B. F. HAWKINS.

Bell ringers in the past bore anything but the best of reputations John Bunyan, some perhaps will remember, was in his early days one of the bell-ringers at Elstow; but an employment which in better regulated times ought, from its sturdy exercise for the body and its summons of the soul to prayer and praise to be a help to a man, was found in those days to be a hindrance, and was abandoned by Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity and Sunday tip-cat, dancing and evil company.

REV. G. S. TYACK.
(p. 143).

The resemblance between these extracts is too close to be accidental, and we have here an instance of the harm done by careless book-makers. What Mr. Tyack says is inaccurate, unhistorical and misleading; and one consequence of this has been that Mr. Hawkins, the Vicar of Elstow, who has taken the utmost interest in the bells of his parish, who cannot wish to be inaccurate about anything connected with it, whose earnest desire it must be to convey from his pulpit nothing but what is true, has, by relying on statements presented to him in a book, which he might reasonably suppose to be prepared with accuracy, been beguiled into saying what is false. Under these circumstances it may not be amiss to consider Bunyan's connection with ringing from his own point of view, and from that of the social history of the period in which he lived.

If we are to get any reasonable understanding of Bunyan and his actions we must begin by realizing that in his day the conditions both of religious and of political ideas were widely different from what in these respects we observe now. No civilized statesman would now mix up politics and religion as causes of war. Yet for a century before Bunyan's time wars had been waged as much for the one as the other. The so called Wars of Religion in the sixteenth and the thirty years war in the seventeenth century, whatever might be their nominal object included both, because rulers in general were unable to understand modern ideas of toleration. They held that there could be but one system in a state and that variety in religious organisation could no more be allowed than opposing civil institutions. Fortunately for our country we escaped the prolonged strife of the European Continent, but the expedition of the Spanish Armada reminded Englishmen forcibly of the facts of the situation.

In our own days there is, goodness knows, sadly too much want of charity in connection with religious differences; but under the conditions of the seventeenth century such differences were much more accentuated. When men at large are treating forms of religious belief and practice as of vital importance to the Civil Government and well being of States, a tendency naturally arises to a strong partisanship which emphasises differences of opinion into facts of absolute right and wrong. If Protestants agreed in recognising this in the case of the Roman Catholic Church, they were equally open to the same censure themselves, and the prominent preachers of opposing views exhibited towards each other a narrow and bitter spirit. There were, to be sure, some wise men of tolerant mind whom we still esteem, but naturally these were not held of much account by the fanatics of their time.

It is necessary to bear these considerations in mind when investigating Bunyan's connection with ringing; because when we come to consult his own account in "The Grace Abounding" we shall see that which drove him from the Exercise was not any such reason as that assigned by Mr. Tyack, but the bewilderment of his mind arising from his acceptance of Calvinistic Doctrine as the true exponent of Christianity.

John Bunyan was born at Elstow, a village about a mile from Bedford, in the year 1628. His father was a tinker or brazier, and he was brought up to follow the same trade, and he seems to have been industrious in following it. He was fond of sports and games, and I suppose no reader of "THE BELL NEWS" will blame him for this. He was temperate and chaste. He swore at large, but on receiving a rebuke for this, which carried conviction with it, he instantly abandoned the practice. He married at the age of twenty, and he and his wife lived happily together.

The key to Bunyan's abandonment of ringing is to be found NOT in the character or conduct of his fellow ringers—as Mr. Tyack ignorantly suggests—BUT in the Calvinistic distortion of Christianity under whose influence he fell.

I hope to continue this next week. R. A. DANIELL.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the south-western division took place at West Ham on Saturday, February 26th, when thirty or more members, representing most of the towers of the district, assembled at the parish church soon after three o'clock. Everything was found in readiness within the belfry, thanks to the supervision of our veteran steeple keeper, Mr. W. Doran, reflecting the greatest credit on his valuable services, and also promoting both comfort and pleasure while the ringers thread the magic dance of figures, with sounds that change and change in mathematical precision, to their delight and entertainment.

The bells are now in thorough repair, and the tenor goes like a top—a beautiful bell truly she is, though little can be said in praise of the others so far as being in tune. The 9th is the worst offender.

Those old ringers of a century or two ago, whose names may be dimly traced upon the mouldering records which adorn the rugged walls of this venerable and historical tower, could they now appear on the scene, would doubtless be astonished at the improvements and conveniences which ringers now enjoy under the electric light instead of the lanterns and candles of their generation. Nor would their surprise be less at the methods indulged on this particular occasion. Commencing with Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. A. J. Perkins, Stedman Caters followed, bringing up the hour for tea in the Meeson Hall.

The Master of the Association, Mr. C. Howard, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. G. Black and twenty-five other members, and for an hour everything flowed as harmoniously as the vibrations of Lavenham tenor, for-

getting the past week's labours and anxieties in the joy of conviviality. We had scarcely finished tea when Canon Pelly arrived, having been unavoidably detained some distance from home.

At the business meeting three members were proposed for re-election, and had the pleasure of again being installed to the honour they had formerly enjoyed. A proposition to hold the next meeting at Loughton was seconded and agreed upon, North Weald having the next preference in case of not obtaining the Loughton tower.

Mr. C. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Pelly for his presence, and the privileges he had granted us, to which the rev. gentleman replied by assuring us of the pleasure he felt at seeing so many present that evening. He was glad to know the bells went well, and would endeavour to get the 9th bell tuned if Mr. Doran thought it advisable.

Mr. Dale mentioned that a united practice at Hornchurch had been inaugurated for each alternate Saturday, to-day, Saturday, March 5th, being the next, at 8 o'clock.

An expression of sympathy for Mr. S. Hayes, the district master, whose continued illness prevented his attendance, closed the business for that day.

The company then returned to the steeple, and a capital touch of Treble Bob Royal led off the evening's success, Mr. Doran conducting from the treble, while at his side the renowned Tom Faulkner popped in the tenor with the greatest neatness and ease. An attempt at London Surprise proved a failure. The bells would have none of it, but took better to Superlative and Double Norwich, conducted by Mr. Walker.

By nine o'clock every one seemed satisfied, including those who had not yet mastered the higher methods on ten bells. And as the best of friends must part, so did we in the anticipation of another gathering in the near future.

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THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The eighteenth annual general meeting of this society was held on Monday evening, February 21st, in the parish church vestry. In the absence of Canon Baillie (president), owing to his being in London for Convocation, Mr. G. E. Over (churchwarden) presided. There was a good attendance. The balance-sheet was passed as satisfactory. Mr. Coleman (ringing master), Mr. Small (hon. sec. and treasurer), Mr. Fenton (deputy ringing master), and Mr. Hessian (hon. auditor), were all re-elected, and Messrs. Watson, Murray and White were appointed on the committee.

Mr. Brooke (ex-warden), in proposing a vote of thanks to the ringers for their services during the past year, said that what had been heard of the bells, and what had not been heard of the bellringers, proved that the society was getting on very well indeed, and he was sure their services were very much admired, and the least one could do was to wish the society another successful year.

Mr. Over seconded Mr. Brooke's proposition, and said he was grateful to the ringers, as churchwarden, and as an individual, for their readiness at all times to do what was required, remarking that one can judge, from what one does not hear, the condition of affairs regarding this and any other society, and he was pleased to say that he had never heard anything other than that things were going smoothly with the society.

Mr. Coleman, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. Brooks and Mr. Over for their kind remarks, and also the

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ringers for re-electing him, as their leader. He said the progress of the Society had been highly satisfactory during the year, and the attendance shewed the great interest which the members took in their work. They regretted the loss of the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson (Chaplain to the Society), and hoped that he might speedily recover his health. They also regretted the absence of an old face at that meeting—the late Mr. Spencer—a gentleman whom they all much appreciated, as he always took a very great interest in their work. It is satisfactory to note that there are now nearly thirty members in the society, which is a record in its history.

Owing to another engagement, Mr. Over had to leave at this juncture, and the meeting proceeded with Mr. Brooke in the chair. Two new members, Messrs. E. Hughes and F. Wheeler, were elected.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Saturday, a monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Pendleton, when about forty ringers turned up, representing about twelve towers in the district. Practice in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative was indulged in. The business was presided over by Mr. Barratt, who in a few well-chosen remarks proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Robinson and family in the loss they have sustained by the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

On Monday, February 21st, the Pendleton company, with the consent of the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Edwards Rees), attempted a peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who had been a member of the Association for fourteen years, but it came to grief just before the half-way in 1 hr. 30 mins.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the vestry of St. John's church on Thursday, February 17th. Mr. W. Allen presided. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of W. Biss (captain), also the election of H. Day as secretary. Discussion took place on several interesting subjects. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the officers for their services during the past year. A suitable reply from Mr. Allen brought a satisfactory meeting to a close.

Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—Let me thank Mr. Lindoff for his dates and compliments, and to say the process of finding or getting these 5088s is about on a line with his own, when a few years since he unfortunately re-produced, published, and sang his praises for the beautiful musical changes contained in a twenty-year old composition of mine published in Snowdon's Treatise.

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The following touches were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, February 24th, at St. Edmund's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr., so a quarter-peal was rung. F. Hopper, T. Haynes, B. Soden, R. Howard, J. Metherell, F. Wilford, T. Tebbutt conductor, W. Farey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Monday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Mitchell, F. Blay, J. Simmonds, J. North, J. Brant conductor, F. Brant.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Thursday, February 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Buckland, W. Bailey, T. Buckland, J. Batting, A. Bagley, R. Young. R. Buckland conductor, S. Child.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 21st, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief. T. Turner, A. Bowell, E. Clover, E. Broome, T. Brunning, G. Murton, F. Day, E. Poppy. Also touches of Kent, with E. Dunton, E. Youngs, A. Berry, and C. Nunn.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Monday, February 21st, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung. W. Blyth, R. Christian, H. Hammond, W. Harding, C. Harwood, D. Hayward conductor, F. Pestell, C. Pidgeon, E. Todd, H. Wright, W. Clayton, A. Webber.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost in the 44th course. W. Perkins, J. Ward, C. Keller, H. Horn, F. Palmer, J. Garratt, A. Tyler conductor, F. Jones.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday, February 21st, at the church of St. Edward, two touches of Bristol Surprise Major. W. Watson, G. Buggs, T. Loosemore, G. Jaye, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins, H. Catterwell, E. Pye, G. R. Pye.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 56 mins. G. Townsend, R. Thompson, E. Bishop, H. Wells, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, S. Palmer, C. Gardiner.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following Cambridge Youths, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. H. Mansfield, T. R. Dennis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, J. Taylor, P. Taylor, G. Taylor, F. Kempton conductor, W. B. Kempton.

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FUNERAL OF THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Evidence of wide-spread mourning marked the funeral at Wokingham, on Saturday, the 19th ultimo, of the beloved Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Not only was there a large attendance of local residents and people living in the immediate district, but bellringers came from all parts of the country to pay their last tribute of respect to him.

The cortege left Fair Home, at about 2.30. In the meantime the ringers and the members of the Church of England Men's Society had met in the Town Hall, where they were marshalled by Mr. R. H. Watts, Mr. S. Paice (foreman bellringer at All Saints') and Mr. Reeves (assistant-secretary of the Oxford Guild).

The ringers and C.E.M.S. members then marched into the market-place, and formed the head of the funeral procession to All Saints' church. Mr. J. C. Hammond, carrying the cross, preceded the bier, the casket being covered by a purple pall. Ringers from Drayton had charge of the bier, other Drayton representatives carrying wreaths. Carriages containing the mourners came last. These were:—

First carriage: Mrs. F. E. Robinson (widow), Miss Robinson and Miss C. Robinson (daughters), Dr. W. E. Robinson (son).

Second carriage: Miss M. V. Robinson, Miss M. E. Robinson (daughters), Mr. D. J. Robinson (son), Mrs. W. E. Robinson.

Third carriage: Dr. and Mrs. Spon (daughter), Mr. E. Robinson (brother), Dr. G. W. Butler (brother-in-law).

Fourth carriage: The Rev. W. Burrell Norris and the Rev. W. Carter.

Mrs. Sturges, of Tithe Barn, sent her carriage.

On arrival at the church, those in front opened out into two lines, through which the bier and chief mourners passed. The ringers fell in immediately behind and were followed by the members of the C.E.M.S. There was a crowded congregation. The body was met at the entrance to the churchyard by the Rector (Rev. B. Long), with the choir, and a numerous array of clergy. Among the latter were the Revs. E. Broome, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, A. C. R. Freeborn, R. H. Hart-Davis, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. M. Walter, H. C. Wilder, and C. D. P. Davies.

The organist played Beethoven's Funeral March and "O Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) as voluntaries, and as the cortege passed up the aisle the congregation sang hymn 137, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices raise." Psalm xc. and the "Nunc Dimittis" were well-rendered by the choir; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge read the lesson; and hymn 437, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," was sung. As the coffin was borne from the church the organist played Mendelssohn's funeral march.

In the churchyard the ringers and C.E.M.S. members formed a large square at the graveside. The Rector read the committal sentences; the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was sung; and the choir rendered Stainer's Sevenfold Amen. Then four ringers stepped forward, and rang upon handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. These were Messrs. Hopgood and C. Giles (St. Mary's, Reading), A. H. Pulling (Holy Trinity, Guildford), and J. Hunt (St. Nicolas, Guildford).

The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, the inscription being: "Francis Edward Robinson, M.A.

Oxon., late Vicar of Drayton, Berks., born 6th January, 1833, died 16th February, 1910."

The number of floral emblems of affection and sympathy was very great, and came from people of every degree.

On the following Sunday morning a pulpit reference was made to the late Master by the Rector of All Saints', Wokingham. He said: To most of them Francis Edward Robinson would be known as a devoted, lovable, priest of God. For forty years he had worked patiently, earnestly, as a minister of God, endearing himself to those who knew him a short time at Wokingham, and to those whom he had worked for at Drayton for thirty years. His work was marked by the spirit of humility, the spirit of service to the Church of God, which was a qualification for leadership. He (the preacher) would never forget the spirit in which deceased undertook work when he came into that parish, as soon as his health allowed him to do anything. When the Rector asked him if he would be able to undertake some work in the church, his answer was, "I like to be asked, and if you ask me I shall do all I can; when I am asked by the Rector of my parish to do anything, I look upon that as a call from the Holy Ghost." There were many, some who had passed to their rest, who had appreciated his loving care, and until his last illness it was always a joy to him to be able to continue the work of his ministry in that church. He exercised a peculiar influence upon many by the kindness of his face and voice, and there were many in that place who felt a real sorrow and loss in his departure from among them. But it would be in his capacity as a bellringer, perhaps, that he would have been best known, and would be so long remembered. Let it not be thought for a moment, however, that this work was in any way dissociated from his work as a priest. The Master of the Oxford Guild stood out among the foremost bellringers, and was known all over England, and far beyond the British Isles, where change-ringing was practised. He had that power of mind which was essential, and which in another direction they had experienced. They had often heard him preach, with continual references to God's Holy Word, yet with the barest notes. And in the art of bellringing he used that power for the glory of God. Only those who knew the condition of many bellfries some fifty years ago could realise the influence of their Master, among others. In former days the parson's presence in the belfry was often regarded as an intrusion, and the ringers seldom, if ever, attended church, or regarded it as a necessary part of their work. Now the belfry had been consecrated to the worship of God; the ringers were regarded as church workers; the presence of the clergy was always warmly welcomed in the belfry; and proficiency had been raised to a higher level. Their late Master was always ready to encourage young ringers, and exercised an influence which tended to raise religious tone and make the men realise the privilege of their calling as church workers. The number of men present at the funeral was eloquent testimony of the love and esteem with which he was regarded, and of his influence on the lives of others. They in that place, and hundreds outside, had lost from their midst a friend and guide, who would be sadly missed. His memory would long live as a power over the lives of men, and in the great Communion of Saints he, in the nearer presence of God, would continue his work for God.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th and 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kirby-in-Furness to-day, Sat., March 5th. Meeting at 4 p.m. Bells (6) available during the day.

W. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, to-day, Sat., March 5th, at 6.30 p.m., John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends as 6d. each.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Norwich.—On Sunday morning, March 6th, at 11 a.m., the new bell will be dedicated at St. Peter Mancroft, and rung for the first time in peal. The preacher will be the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 16.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudlsey on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 9th.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Linslade, Bucks., on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 2 p.m.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Kent County Association—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Gillingham parish church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions for 1910 are now due.

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His course is finished, the Faith maintained;
And now the crown
Is his, which he so richly gained.

And can we grieve for him
Who from years of labour is free;
And now doth rest
With Jesus, whom he served so faithfully?

Nay, let us rather strive
To tread the saintly way he trod;
And meet at last
With him, and dwell for ever with our God.

And let us bear in mind
Who dear his memory keep;
He did not die
But in Jesus simply fell asleep.

To wake when He comes again,
To bid him take his stand;
With those who ring
The never-ending peal at God's right hand

The peal of ceaseless praise.
To God the Father, Son, and Holy Dove;
On golden bells
Where the "course" is endless joy, the
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W. J. PAICE,

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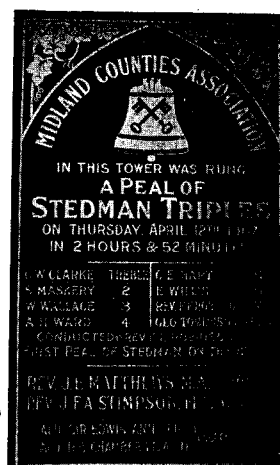
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The Provinces.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET, BRIDSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. PRESTON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 3.
W. H. C. WILLIAMS .. 2.	REBE EVANS 4.
CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor.	

Conducted by CHARLES L. SADLER.

First peal on the bells.

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.

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY COLLEY Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
FRANK COOK 3.	HERBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

ELI HARTFIELD Treble.	EDWIN J. FUNNELL 4.
GEORGE IZZARD 2.	WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD 5.
ALFRED HOBDEN 3.	ALBERT DIPLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD.

First peal on the bells by all the band, and by an Association band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, the usual good wishes being tendered. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

HEIGHINGTON, NEAR DARLINGTON.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

EMMANUEL COX Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTER 4.
G. JAMES LUNGLEY 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
CHAS. TODD 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. D. Jackson, Vicar, for kindly granting the use of the bells.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. ARNOLD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2.	*LEONARD LEWIS 6.
W. BERNARD CLABKE 3.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 7.
WILLIAM EVANS 4.	*EDGAR R. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Triples. These bells have just been put in thorough going order by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford. After the peal the ringers and others of the local band were entertained to supper at The Three Cocks hotel by Captain Glen Kidston, of Gwemyf Park.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. H. FITCHFORD, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODHEAD 5.
GEORGE WOODS 2.	JOHN MORLEY 6.
CHARLES BISHOP 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD, SEN. .. 4.	THOMAS HAELEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD, SEN.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM GOODMAN Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9.
HARRY GOODMAN 5.	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor.

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late William Micklewright.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

WM. BROADLEY* Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
RD. MONCASTER 2.	WM. D. LISTER 6.
WM. PATTON 3.	WM. H. PORTER 7.
R. W. GAY* 4.	†JOSEPH CRAVEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of Wm. Patton, and the marriage of the Rev. B. R. Kerr Moilliot, curate of the parish, with Miss R. Wigram, of South Colingham, Lincolnshire.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent; and two 720s of Oxford and Plain Bob.

ARTHUR CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble.	JOHN W. DERRYSHIRE 5.
HUGH GREGORY 2.	EDWIN BLACKWELL 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	HUGH W. GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Fred. Travis, wife of one of the local band.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

E. JAMIESON* Treble.	*C. BURRAGE 4.
J. DENTON 2.	G. ORFORD 5.
G. STEWARD* 3.	A. CROWE Tenor.

Conducted by G. ORFORD.

*First peal.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	FRED BRACE 4.
HARRY PRICE 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mabel Gilbanks to Mr. W. Robinson. Quickest peal on the bells. This is the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
HUBERT J. CAVELL 2.	FREDERICK J. PORCH .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	FRANCIS J. JEWELL .. 8.
HENRY PRING 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 5.	HENRY PORCH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

First peal with the tenor in on these bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD V. HINTON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. STONE 6.
HARRY BENNETT* 2.	ALBERT BEST 7.
VINCENT STREET 3.	WALTER KERLEY 8.
FREDERICK PHILLIPS* .. 4.	GEORGE PRESTON 9.
CHARLES FORBITT* 5.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by G. PRESTON.

*First peal of Caters.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MATTHEWS* .. Treble.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2.	†HENRY BOSLEY 6.
WILLIAM CORDING 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	*WILLIAM J. TARR Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

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

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, called in ten different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, JUN.* .. Treble.	†LESLIE C. SMITH 4.
HAROLD G. TAYLOR* .. 2.	*JOHN H. TOPLEY 5.
ARTHUR K. HARRISON .. 3.	*PHILIP SUDALE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR K. HARRISON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5.
PERCY P. PAINE 2.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	JACK WILLIS 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	ARCHIBALD KAY Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Balaam, for many years steeplekeeper at this church.

BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE PARROTT .. Treble.	WILLIAM TANNER 5.
GEORGE PLASTER* 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
JOHN ROSE 3.	JOSEPH LARDNER 7.
HARRY WHEELER 4.	JOHN TANNER Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. E. COMPTON .. Treble.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM WELLING 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3.	*EDGAR HANCOX 7.
GEORGE SPENCER 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

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

PONTEFRAC, YOKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

BERNARD MOODY .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM BROOK 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON 7.
HARRY WALTERS 4.	FREDERICK MOODY Tenor.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

At the conclusion of the peal it transpired that it was the birthday of the wives of two of the ringers, and also that a daughter was born to another of the band on the same day, so the writer thinks the above peal is well entitled to be called a birthday peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
GEORGE DENT* 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
BENJAMIN COPPING 4.	†HARRY BOTTRILL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. DENT,
*100th peal. †50th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Friday, January 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHERRETON† Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
REUBEN HALL 2.	JESSE SCHEER 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY 7.
HARRY S. SMITH 4.	*GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal. †First away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Micklewright, of Dudley, hon. secretary of the above Guild.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY COOPER† Treble.	THOMAS SELF 5.
ARTHUR GOWER 2.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6.
DANIEL SNELLING 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT 7.
CHARLES MAYS 4.	*FREDERICK COLDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Bainbridge Bell, wife of the Rev. Bainbridge Bell, Vicar of St. Martin's, Epsom. †First peal away from the tenor. *First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal of New Cambridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES WOODCOCK Treble.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 5.
HARRY SMITH 2.	*THOMAS J. GARRARD 6.
FREDK. PARKER 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4.	WILLIAM DENT Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Five Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
10,080 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE Treble.	CHARLES E. BRETT 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Longest length by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. *150th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	GEORGE SEWARD 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
RICHARD HOLDER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHESTER.—THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY GOUGH* Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
ERNEST SMITH 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
ARTHUR WATKIN† 3.	WILLIAM SCONCE 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Channell and Tomlinson.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	FREDK. G. GODDARD 6.
PERCY H. WILD* 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAELEY Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
JOSEPH DYER* 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	HARRY WAELEY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	Cecil A. BEELS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAELEY.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH* Treble.	† FRANK JACOBS 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL 3.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
BART MITCHELL† 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY 5.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	*HARRY DURLING Tenor.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
ALBERT J. DAY 2.	WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 5.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the quickest peal on the bells.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Oxford and two 720s each of Plain Bob, Double Court and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HILLIAM* .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. CAMPLING .. 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARVEY V. FLETCHER .. 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. HALLIFAX.

*First peal.

REDDISH, NEAR STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
HAROLD JACKSON* 2.	ALBERT HOUGH 6.
ALFRED BARNES.. .. 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 4.	PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5.
FRANK SHEPHERD 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
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January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davies.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry, G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

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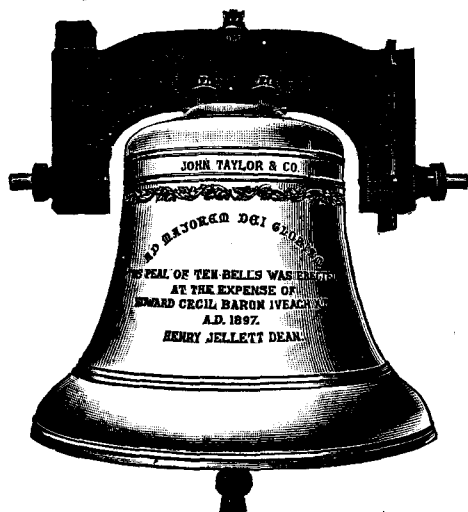
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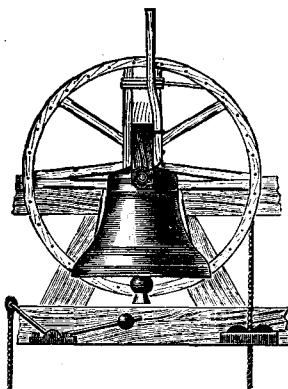
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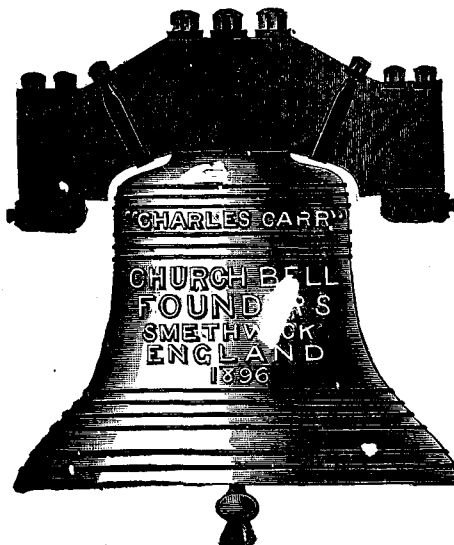
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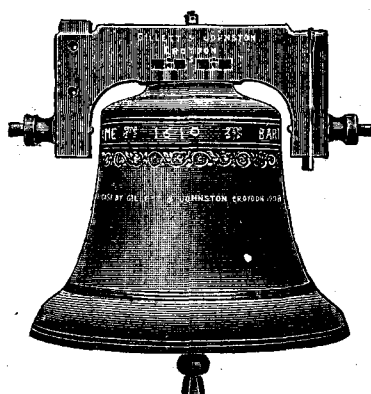
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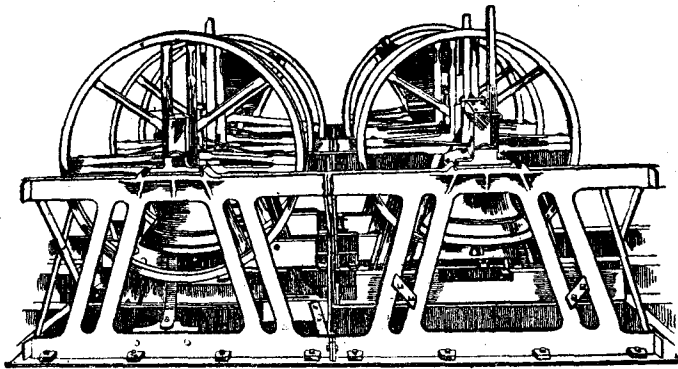
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JOHN BUNYAN.

(Concluded.)

John Calvin was born in France in the year 1509, and as a Protestant Reformer came to exercise a powerful influence in religious matters. Nowadays, probably, the influence of his theological views is very small—certainly so in England—but in Bunyan's time among the more extreme Protestants the truth of his views was accepted. They were based on the assertion that only a few of mankind would ultimately achieve salvation, the bulk of the race being predestined to everlasting torment. Such a religious system is of necessity one of austerity and gloom. There is nothing genial or attractive about it, and anyone under its influence is of necessity reduced to a state of fear and discomfort. His only course is to adopt a severe rule of life, and even then he cannot be sure that he is doing any good for himself.

Now the key to Bunyan's abandoning ringing is the unsettlement of his mind by Calvinistic doctrine. In his autobiography, the "Grace Abounding," we learn that his wife, who must have been of a Puritan family, brought with her two books named "The Plaine Man's Pathway to Heaven" and "The Practice of Piety." Both of these were of a Calvinistic type, and he tells us he read them, and they evidently scared him. In the following extract from the "Grace Abounding" we have his own account.

"Now you must know before this, I had taken much delight in ringing, but my conscience, beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it, yet my mind hankered. Wherefore I should go to the steeple house and look on though I durst not ring. But I thought this did not become religion either, yet I forced myself and would look on still. But quickly after I began to think, how if one of the bells should fall? Then I chose to stand under a main beam that lay overthwart the steeple, from side to side, thinking there I might stand sure. But then I should think again, should the bell fall with a swing it might first hit the wall and then rebounding upon me, might kill me for all this beam. This made me stand in the steeple door; and now, thought I, I am safe enough, for if a bell should then fall I can slip out behind these thick walls, and so be preserved notwithstanding.

"So after this, I would yet go to see them ring, but would not go further than the steeple door, but then it came into my head, how if the steeple itself should fall? And this thought, it may fall for ought I know, when I stood and looked on did continually so

shake my mind that I durst not stand at the steeple door any longer, but was forced to flee for fear the steeple should fall on my head."

The above is clearly a description of a man suffering from religious mania, which produced in him a disturbing and unreasoning fright, and this—and this alone—caused him to cease his connection with the Exercise. Nowhere does Bunyan say a single disparaging word of his ringing companions, and to suggest that their conduct or character brought about his action is as false as it is foolish. He has given us a plain account of the matter, and, even had he not, there is no evidence that his contemporary ringers were other than men of the ordinary standard of their day and generation. One who has studied the "Grace Abounding," the Rev. Dr. Brown, in his life of Bunyan, has the following pertinent comment:—

"When a man comes under the dominion of conscience and is a stranger to love, conscience is apt to become somewhat of a tyrant; a false standard is set up, and things right enough in themselves seem to become wrong to the man. Bunyan had hitherto taken pleasure in the somewhat laborious diversion of ringing the bells in the tower of Elstow church. He began to think this was wrong, one does not quite see why; still, having this misgiving about it, he gave up his bellringing, but not the love of it."

Here speaks the voice of discernment and common sense. Bunyan certainly after he did come under the influence of love did not object to ringing; as is evidenced by his reference to it in "The Pilgrim's Progress," and the fact that shortly before his death, which took place in 1688, he published in a collection of moral poems some verses in which the practice of the Exercise is adduced in illustration. These verses were printed in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 18th, 1899. R. A. DANIELL.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

Thursday, February 10th, being the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharples, W. H. Cooke, esq., on behalf of a few ringing friends, presented them with a solid silver inkstand, etc., suitably inscribed. Mr. Sharples, who was taken by surprise, said that some of the happiest times of his life had been spent in the company of those present, and expressed the hope that they might all be spared to ring many more peals together. All those who subscribed to the present have been at one time or other pupils of Mr. Sharples, and it was thought that the time had arrived when something should be done to shew how his services had been appreciated. On the motion of Mr. J. Gardner a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cooke for his kindness, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by a touch of Stedman on the bells of Christ Church.

FRANCIS EDWARD ROBINSON, PRIEST.

[From *The Church Times*.]

A close intimacy, extending over thirty years, may justify the writer in recording a few of the chief features in the life of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Born at Begbrooke, Oxon, in 1833, and educated at Winchester, and Exeter College, Oxon, where he took an Hon. Fourth Class in Mathematics, he spent some years, first as clerk, then as partner, in the Old Bank, Oxford. In 1868, a call to take Holy Orders came to him, and he was ordained to the curacy of Tubney, Berks., by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce; ten years later Lord Wantage presented him to the vicarage of Drayton, Berks., where 30 years of ceaseless vigorous activity were spent, a period during which the writer of these lines was closely connected with him by ties of ringing friendship. As a ringer, none has done more than he to further the cause of change-ringing; the result is plainly seen in the new generation of ringers, a class infinitely above that of bygone years. Here, there, and everywhere, our friend was to be found pursuing his favorite art, ringing peals in quick succession in over 450 towers in all parts of the country, till the number of peals rung by him amounted to the astounding total of 1250. Though the majority of these peals were of 5040 changes, occupying about 3 hours each in ringing, not a few were of much longer duration, viz.: 10,080 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung in 5 hours 58 minutes at Appleton, Berks.; 11,328 London Surprise—a most intricate method—in 6 hours 6 minutes, at Drayton; 12,096 Double Norwich in 7 hours 10 minutes, at Boyn Hill; 12,041 Stedman Caters in 7 hours 26 minutes; 13,265 Grandsire Caters in 8 hours 5 minutes, and 15,041 Stedman Caters in 9 hours 16 minutes.

The peals of Caters were rung at Appleton, Berks., on the beautiful peal of ten bells, of which the two tenors were his gift. When it is remembered that not only a skilful hand, but a quick eye and alert brain is required in a change-ringer—that a momentary wandering of the mind on the part of any of the band may, and probably will, prevent the due accomplishment of a peal, it will be recognised that the highest faculties are kept for hours at their utmost tension, while in the case of "long lengths," stamina and insensibility to fatigue come into the reckoning as well. That hand and eye, brain and stamina, and a frame that knew no fatigue, were possessed by Mr. Robinson, is plain from the fact that in the long peal extending over 9½ hours, no fault was made by him in the ringing, and that, with the exception of an early breakfast before daylight, and supper near midnight after a long and cold drive, the only refreshment taken during the day was that at the conclusion of the peal, and consisted merely of a slice of brown bread, a glass of water, and an apple.

Drayton church tower has many stone and marble tablets recording notable peals; it was in these peals that Mr. Robinson probably took most pride; among others may be mentioned the first peal rung by members of the Oxford University; the first clerical peal, all the members of the band being in Holy Orders; the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major, conducted by an incumbent on his own bells. Another tablet records a silent peal of Stedman Triples; another bears witness to the completion of the 1000th peal, never before attained by any ringer; a larger one recording the great feat of ringing in a single day no less than three peals, viz.: 5056 Cambridge Surprise, 5088 Superlative Surprise, and 5184 Double Norwich, each occupying 2 hours and forty minutes in ringing.

"Laus Deo" is inscribed on every tablet in the belfry—a reminder to all men that ringing is not a mere amusement, but an act of worship; the reverent prayer before a peal, and the ascription at its end, were always offered by the Master during his twenty-nine years mastership of the Diocesan Guild.

A member of upwards of thirty of our diocesan and county guilds and associations, he rang peals in every part of England, including three in Ireland, and one on Lundy Island, after a tempestuous voyage in a Mission steamer, with kindred spirits determined on success. He took part in the opening of Prestbury bells with seven fellow-priests, and also rang the only peal rung by members of the English Church Union.

Few Guilds and Associations there are which have not demanded his services as preacher at their annual festivals. Ever ready to respond to the call of duty, he has constantly, after a full Sunday's work, caught the mail at Steventon, arriving in London at 3.30 a.m., and left town by the early newspaper trains to preach at guild services; he has even been known, after taking full duty, to leave his own family circle on Christmas Day to fulfil a ringing engagement early on bank holiday.

The hospitable vicarage was always open to visiting ringers; his children were ejected from their rooms to accommodate them, and on certain days—as for example, the occasion of the 1000th peal—meals were going on incessantly from morning to night for fresh relays of ringers, who assembled uninvited, but welcome, from all parts. At the Central Committee Meeting held in 1906, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the president, invited the members to a complimentary dinner at the Westminster Palace hotel, in honour of the 1000th peal rung by the subject of our memoir.

Few country parishes have been more thoroughly worked than Drayton; the vicarage was the one house to which all instinctly turned—to the vicar for advice and guidance, to his devoted wife for sympathy and loving care; communicants were visited with great regularity, and personal and individual notice given of classes—no wonder they were well attended and appreciated; the C.E.T.S. caused the Vicar to become a total abstainer for example's sake; S.P.G. was keenly worked, and many another parish profited by the delightful lectures given with slides to village audiences. Rarely, if ever, provided the evening were free, did he refuse to go and preach or speak for his fellow-clergy; the subject or cause mattered but little, he had always winged words of wisdom appropriate to the matter in hand. Singularly fertile in ideas as a preacher, he always averred he never knew how to preach till he had read "Wilberforce on the Incarnation." For years he held the Diocesan Inspectorship of Schools in his deanery; he regularly sat also on the Abingdon bench and Board of Guardians, but eventually resigned his position as magistrate, finding it incompatible with the duties of a parish priest.

Drayton church, largely restored by him, and the bells augmented to eight at his expense, is enriched with much beautiful carving, the work of his hands, oak choir stalls, organ stalls, organ case, and bench ends, these last mainly executed while teaching his sons Latin and Greek. When these left for school the hours spent in teaching them were now applied to self-instruction; he set himself the task of learning Hebrew when near three-score years, and with such success that he was enabled to read the Old Testament in the original several times from beginning to end. His leisure hours were devoted to gardening: for years

the stoking of the greenhouse fires was done by him; sitting in his study in the cold weather until 1 or 2 a.m., he would stoke and replenish his fires, then go to bed, only to be up at daylight for study and devotion. A large portion of the houses was set aside for plants, grown solely for church decoration at the chief festivals.

A serious illness, hypertrophy of the heart, having prostrated him in the summer of 1908, he resigned the living of Drayton, and made his home at Wokingham. Here a rest worked wonders, and in a few months Mr. Robinson was doing yeoman service in the parish during a period of great stress. Gradually the power to ring returned—the will had never been wanting—and in due course, much to his delight, another peal was rung, followed by several more in the early part of January. On the 22nd he preached at the annual meeting of the Sonning branch of the diocesan guild, and took the chair at the meeting afterwards. The last words the writer addressed to him were, "Well, you do look fit; I hope we shall keep you to a hundred;"—his characteristic answer, "Oh, I hope not, what a lot more I shall have to answer for." He went to Beech Hill the same night, and took four services on Sunday, complained of the cold on his return, had a seizure on the Friday, but recovering somewhat, began arranging for a peal on Easter Monday (he never rang in Lent, on principle, except on the occasion of the Appleton anniversary, an institution of very old standing), a second seizure however, removed him from the care of his devoted wife and family, and deprived the ringing fraternity in general, and the Oxford Guild in particular, of one whose name, abilities, influence, and example, are household words throughout the land.

His funeral was at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, February 19th, at 3 p.m., the Holy Eucharist having been offered at 8 a.m. A great concourse of ringers from all parts followed the bier, which was met by the cross-bearer, choir, and about twenty clergy, some of whom had rung with him in the first University and clerical peals of thirty years ago, and had been associated with him on the Central Council, and in other ways. The opening sentences were read by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the lesson by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who had been closely connected with him on the guild committee, central council, and in the ringing of 150 peals; the committal portion by the Rev. B. Long, Rector of Wokingham, whose energy, powers of organization, and devotion as a parish priest, Mr. Robinson held in the highest regard.

The strenuous life is over, so far as this world is concerned. "We lose a good friend and valuable coadjutor whose work for the Exercise has been invaluable," writes Sir Arthur Heywood; but the lessons and example of that life will bear fruit for many a day, as ringers strive to follow out the ideal set before them in that life, so well summed up before them in the motto that stands at the head of his work, "Among the Bells."

PERSEVERA—PER SEVERA—PER SE VERA.

In the account of the funeral of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the name of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Sec. of the Kent County Association) was accidentally omitted from the list of the clergy attending.

Mr. F. Barlow (Hon. Sec. of the Chipping Norton branch of the Oxford Guild), writes to say that on the day of the funeral or on the Sunday after, the bells at Chipping Norton, Eustone, Hook Norton, Leafeld, and

Shipton were rung muffled by the members as a mark of respect to their dear old Master.

"B. K." writes: "It was only once my privilege to handle a rope in company with the late Master, but it has been my pleasure from year to year to meet him at the meetings of the Central Council. Notwithstanding the many towers in which he had rung, it was surprising to observe the ever increasing number of friends, all of whom sought to have a word with him, and to whom, one and all, he gave the usual hearty grasp of the hand. He seldom took part in any of the discussions advanced by the 'new school of thought,' but when he did, what he said was to the point. At the last meeting of the Council no one was more amused than himself when told that he had yet to ring a peal of Stedman Triples! He was a ringer who had done much to advance the art, and has left his permanent mark upon the Ringing Exercise."

The following touches were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

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

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, February 26th, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques came to grief after ringing for about 1 hr. W. P. Garrett, E. Evans, W. L. Catchpole, E. Pemberton, D. Prentice, J. Sedgley, H. C. Gillingham, C. A. Catchpole, W. Mott, J. Mott, conductor, R. H. Brundle, L. W. Wiffen.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.).—On Thursday, February 24th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Buckland, W. Bailey, T. Buckland, J. Batting, A. Bagley, R. Young, R. Buckland conductor, S. Child.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Saturday, February 19th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 54 mins. R. Chamberlain, W. H. Williams, W. H. Young, A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Clark, T. Lewis, A. E. Hursomb, H. J. Taylor. Tenor 48 cwt. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal through one of the muffles coming off.

COTON (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, the Nuneaton and Coton societies met and rung touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

HOLCOMBE REGIS (Devon).—The bells of All Saints church were rung immediately after morning service on Sunday February 20th.

BEESTON (Notts.).—On Sunday, February 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. P. Price, A. Coppock conductor, F. Price, W. Clifford, jun., J. Dickens, W. Clifford, sen., E. Boot, A. Lowe. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR (Worcestershire).—On Monday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. R. Chapple, E. Randall, W. Large conductor, E. Cook, H. Bird, F. Bird. This is the first quarter-peal ever known to have been rung on the bells by local men, who have been under the instruction of W. Large, of Todenham.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d. Also for same bells, selection containing march Semiramide, songs—"The Young Recruit" and "Old Folks at Home." No. 333, price 2s. 3d. Both pieces for six ringers, from Wm. Gordon, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

COCKINGTON BELLS, DEVON.

For nearly 300 years the church of SS. George and Mary, Cockington, Devon, was the proud possessor of three bells, two of them, according to Mr. Ellacombe's account, "plain," the other bearing an inscription in capital letters, but reading backwards. This latter bell is still retained, but badly cracked, the others were sent to the foundry, and with additional metal made into four, which were hung in March of last year. A 5th bell was added, the gift of William Tanner: "For remembrance before God of Emily Clara, his wife, at rest Feb. 10, 1908." This bell was hung in August, and was the cause of a band of ringers being formed, who affiliated themselves to the Devonshire Guild, determined to master the art of change-ringing. For a time things went on smoothly, practices being regularly attended, until Col. and Mrs. Cary, of Torre Abby, came forward with another bell, making the complete ring of six, "given to the glory of God, and in memory of his ancestors who worshipped and was buried in the church."

The church is very pleasantly situated in the grounds of Cockington Court, belonging to Captain Mallock, whose names appears with his wife's on the 3rd and 5th bells of the peal. The latest arrival, the treble, was dedicated to God's service and glory on March 6th, after the early morning (Holy Communion) service by the Rev. A. W. Wright (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Rev. J. Henning). The local ringers, with a few friends from Exeter—Messrs. Webber, Green, Richards, and Davey—then rung some excellent 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in good style, and found the tone and go of the bells everything one could wish for, reflecting the highest credit on the firm of Mears and Stainbank, who has now recast and rehung the whole peal.

By way of encouraging the local bands, arrangements were made to visit Brixham and Marldon (the bells at the latter place have been recently rehung by Stokes and Son, of Woodbury), where some excellent 6-scores were rung for the first time on the bells.

It must be very gratifying to the Vicar of Cockington to hear the bells ring out on Sunday morning with such music of sweetness, repaying him for all his trouble in getting the bells, and the deep interest his ringers are taking to make themselves equal with other members of the Devon Guild. It is hoped the nucleus thus formed will be the means of creating a lively interest in that part of Devon where there are plenty of good rings, in the art of change-ringing.

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."

PEAL CLAIMS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Lindoff's letter I beg to state that his time is behind. I must state, however, that it is not who composed or circulated a peal first, but as a true reference it is who first published or rung which justifies a first claim. Now will Mr. Lindoff refer back to "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 15, pages 378 and 404, when he will find if it were on his plan I should have to reclaim a good few compositions. JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—Will you kindly withdraw my name as composer of both peals of Stedman Triples recently published under my name. The twelve-part is rightly claimed by Mr. Lindoff, who was, I believe, first in the field with that plan. He has also composed several others on the same plan. As to the ten-part Messrs.

Carter and Lindoff can settle the question between themselves. With regard to "that" 5024 of Double Norwich I know that several composers have attempted to obtain the result required *with the tenors together*. Mr. Parker, to whom all thanks are due, demonstrated the impossibility of obtaining those qualities. The excellent circuit published by Mr. Hopgood does not falsify the proof given by Mr. Parker, as Mr. Hopgood departs from and returns to the beaten track in the first course of each part. In answer to my question as to the science of composing being played out, Mr. Lindoff writes me that it is new ideas that are wanted. I might add that new ideas have in recent years been placed before the Exercise, and I hope the ringing community generally will in future abstain from viewing the ideas in a conservative spirit, but approach them with the idea of true progression. JOHN W. BARKER.

DEATH OF A VETERAN STEEPLEKEEPER.

On Monday, March 7th, at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, the usual whole pull and stand, followed by three courses of Grandsire Caters, was rung as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. William Biddis, who died on February 26th, aged 87 years. His remains were laid to rest in Bow Cemetery on March 3rd. Deceased had been connected with Stepney church and bells for upwards of fifty years, and for the last forty years was steeplekeeper, and as such was always very obliging to all those who took any interest in the art of ringing, and always did his best to make the bells go well. He was a member of the College Youths since January 1865. He used to ring the tenor in his younger days, but never rang any long lengths.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Saturday, February 26th, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was unfortunately lost after ringing over 2 hrs. W. G. Rowe, Rev. E. Bankes James, A. Marks, W. T. Tucker, H. W. Wilkes, C. J. Fray, G. Williams conductor, O. Giles. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and who was also closely connected with the above Guild, he having taken part in almost all the ringing tours in Hampshire that have been organised by the Guild in company with the conductor on this occasion. He was also the preacher at the last annual festival of the Guild at Winchester Cathedral in June last year. His works do follow him.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th and 31st; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
34, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton to-day, Sat., March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, to-day, Sat., March 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley to-day, Sat., March 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Linslade, Bucks., on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 2 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton to-day, Sat., March 12th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Gillingham parish church to-day, Sat., March 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions for 1910 are now due.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUREP, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Leesfield, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Any ringer welcomed.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, High Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m. when the business meeting will be held.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at

Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Nicholas church with address by the Rev. G. F. Williams, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m.; chairman—the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Moore Ede. Tea will be provided free at The Angel hotel, Sidbury (where coats, etc., may be left), at 4.15. Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary before Thursday, March 24th. Bells available—Cathedral (12), 5 to 6; St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas (6); St. Swithin (6); and St. John (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 11.30 till 1, to receive subscriptions, and distribute the reports. The peal book will be on view there.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of members will be held at The Suffolk hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday, March 28th. The committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. Dinner (members 1s), non-members 2s., at two o'clock. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk will preside.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Thomas's church, High Street, will be available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Green Row rooms at 5.45. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by March 23rd.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-eighth annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 10.0 a.m., and St. Mark's, Winhill, from 12.30 p.m., excepting during the time of the tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.15. Tea (1s. 2d. each) at 4 p.m., followed by the general meeting, all in St. Paul's Institute. Through the kindness of Messrs. Worthington and Co., a conducted party will be taken round their brewery, starting from near St. Modwen's church at 11 a.m. prompt. Will those members who intend seeing the brewery and being present at tea, kindly notify Mr L. Bullock, 91, Anglesey Road, not later than the previous Wednesday, as arrangements can only be made for those giving such notice.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Easter Monday. Bells at Kenninghall and Quidenham available. Dinner at 1.30 at The White Horse at Kenninghall. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. A conveyance will meet trains at Eccles Road station if required.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. Tea 1s. each. Will those intending being present give three days' notice to

A. SHURFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Shirland on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The

annual meeting will be held at Buckley on Easter Monday, March 28th, at 2.30 p.m. in the schools near the church. Service at 1.30. Tea in schools at 4 p.m. Bells available at Buckley (8), and Hawarden (6), from 10 a.m., except where services intervene. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. John E. Usher, Holly Cottage, Alltami, near Mold, not later than March 14th.

S. J. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday. Bells available from 9 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. in the Parochial Room at 5 p.m., for those sending in their names not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. Election of officers, etc. to follow.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wolsey Grove, Burley, Leeds.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at the Mission Room, All-hallows Lane, at 1 o'clock. General meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (6), will be available. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 o'clock.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Easter Monday. Bells available—Cathedral (10), from 11 to 12, and 2.55 to 3.55; St. Mary's (8), 10 to 11, 12 to 1, 2 to 3, and after the meeting. St. Michael's (6), open all day. Short service in St. Mary's church at 4.5. Tea at 4.30 in the Wade Street schools, tickets 6d. each to fully subscribed members, to others 1s. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due. Those intending to be present please send word not later than the 22nd inst. to

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Michael's (6), St. Stephen's (6), will be available during the day. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea and business meeting at 5.45 sharp, in the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, adjacent to the Cathedral. The success of the meeting depends entirely upon the attendance of members.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

Notice.—Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, is suspended until further notice.

A. TURNER.

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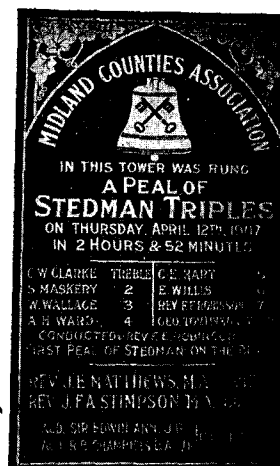
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The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

HAROLD CLARK Treble.	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON 6.
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Rung to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the dedication of the church. *First peal away from the treble. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and 3rd for the way in which they rang. Quickest peal on the bells.

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NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER R. WASHBROOK Treble.	CHARLES PAGE 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	CHARLES MORLEY 6.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ARTHUR LATHAM 4.	SAM TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenors 14½ cwt.

A. W. MOORE* Treble.	JESSE J. MOSS 5.
FRED R. KRITTLERBORO .. 2.	WM. LAMBERT 6.
CHAS. MASON† 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
EDWIN ROBINS 4.	WM. KEEBLE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by F. R. KETTLEBORO.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	JOHN GODBER 5.
ARTHUR LATHAM 2.	WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung in England in which one person rang two tower bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY* .. Treble.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5.
FREDK. W. BAILEY* .. 2.	FREDK. J. SMITH .. 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BERTON, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

*First peal, aged 17 and 15 respectively. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey. The above band consists of seven brothers and a cousin.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. Treble.	GEORGE MURTON 5.
JOHN E. BURTON 2.	GEORGE MAYERS 6.
JOHN FREEMAN 3.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 7.
DOUGRO T. POTTER 4.	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 5.
HARRY EVANS 2.	GEORGE J. NORRIS .. 6.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 3.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN A. BRAGG Treble.	JOHN NEAL 6.
WILLIAM E. MEEKS .. 2.	SAMUEL BRAGG 7.
STANLEY BRAGG 3.	ROLAND BRAGG 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 9.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 5.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

The last course of this peal has neither bob or single of any kind, and is believed to be the only peal ever rung in this way. The course has seven leads.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

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

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Nevard, who entertained the band to a substantial tea after the peal, for which they thank him and wish him many happy returns.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

E. W. MENDAY Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
GEORGE ESSEX 2.	J. HANDS 6.
O. PORTER 3.	R. T. HIBBERT 7.
GEO. CLEAVE 4.	H. SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAS. MAINWARING .. Treble.	J. E. ASHCROFT 5.
M. LOMAS* 2.	†G. WHEELER 6.
JAS. PETERS† 3.	A. KINSEY 7.
S. JENKINS 4.	F. T. SPENCE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. T. SPENCE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	THOMAS PEERS 6.
WILLIAM LOVELL 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	*ROBERT ALDRED .. Tenor.

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

*First peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN BASS	Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES	5.
FRANK WITHERS	2.	SAMUEL GROVE	6.
WILLIAM SHORT	3.	JAMES DOWLER	7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT	Treble.	*FRANK JACOBS	6.
JOHN HOLMAN	2.	WILLIAM H. PRABODY	7.
SAMUEL WESLEY	3.	JAMES GEORGE	8.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	9.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First peal in the method.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

THOMAS ASHENDEN†	Treble.	JAMES LIVEBMORE, JUN.	5.
RAYMOND DUNSTER	2.	ALFRED JOHNSON	6.
WALTER ALCOCK	3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS	7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4.	FREDERICK BURT	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

†First peal away from the tenor.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM E. J. COMPTON	Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE	5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2.	FREDERICK WHITE	6.
ARTHUR W. DIX	3.	HUBERT EDEN	7.
HENRY HODGETTS	4.	FREDERICK W. BBINKLOW	Tenor.

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

First peal in the method in the county, and by all the band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER	Treble.	BERTHAM PREWETT	5.
JOHN J. LAMB	2.	SAMUEL J. BIRD	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	CHARLES WILKINS	7.
CHARLES T. COLES	4.	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor.

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

GLODWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES KNIGHT*	Treble.	JAMES LEES	5.
E. B. SHAW	2.	HARRY HAMPSON	6.
ALBERT CLEGG†	3.	LUKE HAMPSON	7.
JAMES W. TAYLOR	4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by I. SCHOFIELD.

*First peal in the method. †50th peal.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. BELL	Treble.	ARCHIE BREARLEY	5.
CLEMENT GLENN	2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	6.
DAVID BREARLEY	3.	JOHN R. BREARLEY	7.
JOHN DRONFIELD	4.	CHARLES J. NORTH	Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

JOHN E. BURTON	Treble.	*JOHN FREEMAN	5.
FREDERICK DAY	2.	*GEORGE MAYERS	6.
HARRY J. BORRETT	3.	GEORGE P. BURTON	7.
FRANK H. PHILLIPS*	4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung, after meeting short for Caters, on the middle eight.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN, CROSTHWAITE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. HOGARTH	Treble.	TOM WILSON	5.
THOMAS HARTLEY	2.	WILLIAM POSTLETHWAITE	6.
TYSON HOGARTH	3.	FREDK. POSTLETHWAITE	7.
SYDNEY USHER	4.	WM. H. CAMPBELL	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. POSTLETHWAITE

First peal in the method by a local band. First in the method on the bells, and first peal by all except the conductor.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. MANSFIELD	Treble.	F. BROWN	4.
R. RAYNER	2.	P. H. PIGG	5.
H. MANSFIELD	3.	W. EUSDEN	Tenor.

Conducted by W. EUSDEN.

First peal of Minor on the bells since the addition of the new treble last year, and first of Minor by all the band, who are all of the local company.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 3½ cwt.

THOMAS H. HODGKISS* .. Treble.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	FRED BRACE .. 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 3.	WALTER J. BERTHEBTON .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. 4.	†HENRY SIDAWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.),

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

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	SAM THOMAS .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBEET .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

This is the first peal of London rung in Sheffield, and the first Surprise peal on the bells.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. WATERS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 4.
WILLIAM SPICE .. 2.	WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 5.
THOMAS JULL .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD* .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 6.
GEORGE POVEY .. 3.	EDWARD ANDSLEY .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal away from the tenor.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. PASKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE NOICE .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
ROBERT WHITE .. 3.	*TOM COLE .. 7.
WILFRED ANDREWS* .. 4.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. G. FOWLER.

*First peal of Major. Arranged for the conductor, who is shortly leaving the Romsey district for Christchurch, Hants.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM PALMER .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 5.
THOMAS E. D. LOOSEMORE .. 2.	*HENRY T. WILSON .. 6.
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. JUDD .. 7.
GEORGE H. JAYE .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK SUCKLING* .. Treble.	HARRY EMERY .. 4.
JOHN T. BARKER .. 2.	HARRY E. BOWERS .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	EDWARD CLAYDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CLAYDON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells Rung as a birthday compliment to H. E. Bowers.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and College Single Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN .. Treble.	*JOHN BAILEY .. 4.
FRED HARWOOD .. 2.	ROBERT SANDERSON .. 5.
JOHN W. FITCHIE .. 3.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HUBBLE† .. Treble.	ALBERT PRESTIDGE .. 5.
JOSEPH FAULKNER .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. 6.
HARRY HILL .. 3.	ALFRED DAVIES .. 7.
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 4.	*ALBERT HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

HENRY G. THOMPSON .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 5.
LAWRENCE G. THURGOOD .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 6.
JESSE PUPLETT .. 3.	WILLIAM CAVILL .. 7.
GEORGE THURGOOD .. 4.	THOMAS ADAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of S. Knight and Mrs. H. G. Rowe, wife of the conductor. F. Perrin was elected a member previous to starting.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS .. Treble.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. 6.
THOMAS BOND .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. 4.	GEORGE BROOKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect and affection to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The above band, with the exception of No 3, rang with him in his last birthday peal at Southleigh, on January 5th. On the day of the funeral the Witney bells were half-muffled and the whole pull and stand rang 77 times; muffled ringing was also the order of the day for the Sunday services.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE .. Treble.	FRED WEBB .. 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 2.	F. STEDMAN WHITE .. 7.
FRANK WEBB .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
FRANK BARRETT .. 4.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. 9.
CUTHBERT G. WHITE .. 5.	FRED WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALBERT MILLS .. Treble.	STANFORD WOODHALL .. 5.
FREDERICK BENDALL .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. 6.
JAMES CULWICK .. 3.	ELIJAH PAGETT .. 7.
WILLIAM PEART .. 4.	HERBERT PAGETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. JUDGE .. Treble.	G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 5.
— BRESLEY .. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6.
G. W. BRESLEY .. 3.	FRED WEBB .. 7.
H. HOLIFIELD .. 4.	F. WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT ASHTON .. Treble.	REGINALD A. CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
RICHARD DAGNALL .. 2.	GEORGE CLEWES .. 6.
ROBERT LEATHER .. 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 7.
JOHN A. CALLAND .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

For calling see C.C. Collection, section 2, No. 33. First peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 7th. First peal in the method on the bells.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal of Stedman Triples has been sent from Kidlington, Oxon., without any date being mentioned.—A peal of Double Norwich has been sent from Wolstanton, Staffordshire, without any number of changes being mentioned.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal at Isham, Northants., on December 27th, 1909, was 2 hrs. 47 mins.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDEN (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 1st, 720 London Surprise. W. Savage, H. Blackman, R. Blake, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Monk, T. Streeter, J. Goacher, H. Stovell, W. Day conductor, F. Bennett.

SHERE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 4th, at the church of St. James, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Mason, W. Newman, M. Sanders, C. Street, F. Bignold, H. Fellows, M. Bignold conductor, J. Tanner. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Percy. The funeral took place at Lesbury, Northumberland, on the above date.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Matthias, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Niblett, F. Francis, E. E. Barker, R. McCann, F. Hall, R. G. Knowles, H. T. Knowles conductor, A. Richings.

BARTHOMLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Sherratt, S. Boffey, R. Sherratt, J. Bradshaw, J. Matthews, J. Brassington, A. Allman (first as conductor), J. Ankere. First quarter-peal by a local band.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 4th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Ostler, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Smith, H. P. Bonney, W. Flory, W. E. Maulden, J. C. Self, H. Burgess. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, and tenor.

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CONGRESBURY (Somerset).—On Friday, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 58 mins. T. Gill, W. Standen, G. Fisher, T. Francis, E. Fisher conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departing year.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at All Saints church, 1296 Duffield Major in 45 mins. S. Dawson, G. Dawson, F. Hickling, W. Bales, I. Flower, B. Sugden, H. Letts, J. Pagett composer and conductor.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Manning, F. Hand, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, A. E. Paskins, J. Walker, W. Fowler conductor, W. Payne.

TODENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, 1260 changes with the bells muffled. C. Randall, P. Case, E. Randall, W. Comp-ton, W. Large conductor, C. Lock.

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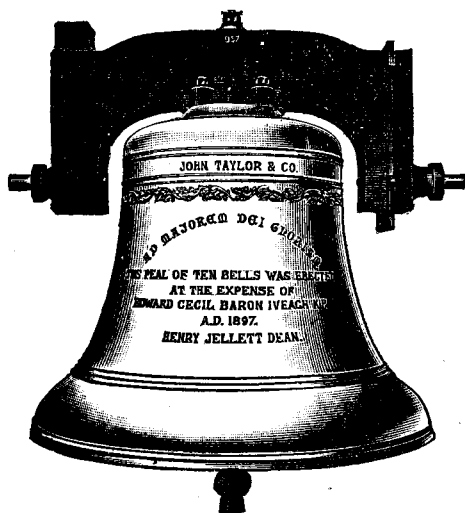
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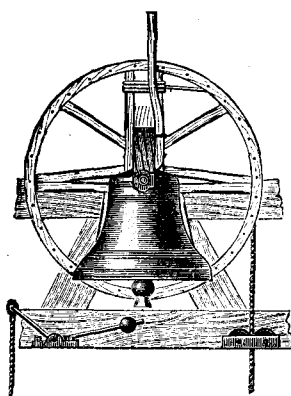
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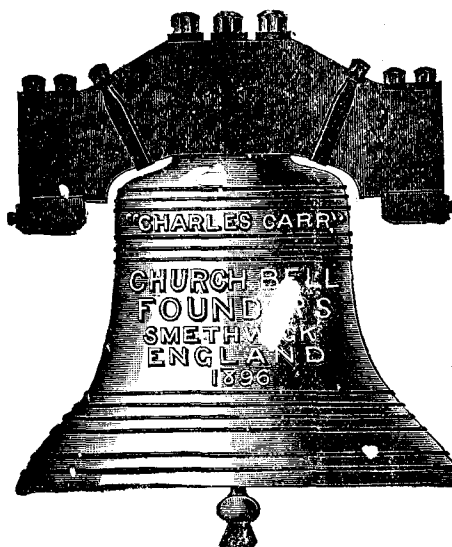
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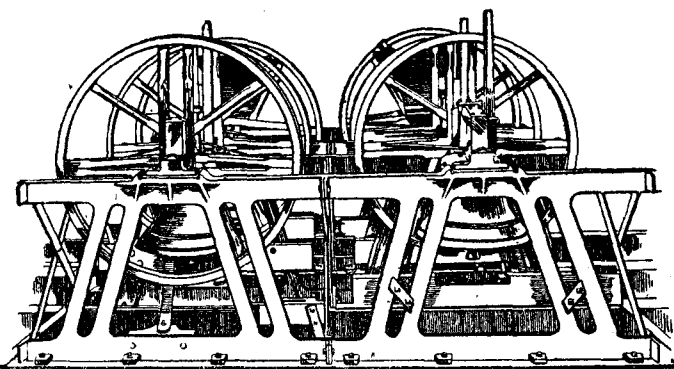
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SIR MATTHEW HALE.

Writing about Bunyan last week reminded me of Hale. The stimulus to this will appear later, but anyhow none of the readers of these columns will be the worse for a few lines about a distinguished and high-minded Englishman, though he is one to whose many excellences the space at my command would be inadequate, even had I the capacity to do them justice.

Matthew Hale was born in Gloucestershire in the year 1609. His parents died in his boyhood, and his guardians sent him to school with a Puritan, whose views never entirely lost their influence over the future judge. But the glory and example of Hale is, among other considerations, manifested in the fact that his early religious prepossessions never carried him to unreasoning extremes, never made him harsh or uncharitable, nor ever during the vicissitudes of his career exposed him to obloquy in the opinion of any candid man. And when we remember the political conditions affecting anyone who lived in his days who was not disposed to go to extremes, the greatness of his personality becomes apparent.

In due course he proceeded to Oxford, and had the reputation of being an expert in athletic exercises. This chimes in with the tradition that he was a ringer. Exactly on what this tradition rests I have not been able to satisfy myself, and if any of the readers of these columns can give any particulars of Hale's connection with the Exercise, the residue will be grateful and interested. When we remember that Hale's youth was contemporary with the genesis of change-ringing, we shall recognise that though we may not be able to fix him into any ringing society of which we are now aware, nothing can be more natural than that in his young days a fellow of athletic tendencies should be a member of the Exercise.

He was called to the Bar in the year 1636, where his learning and acuteness ensured him a large practice. His sympathies were with the Royalists, and he defended several eminent men of the party in state trials, and is said to have advised the King himself. After the execution of Charles I. he accepted a judgeship of the Court of Common Pleas under Cromwell, apparently upon the ground that whatever be the form of Government for the time being, the administration of justice is necessary in a civilized country. After the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660, Hale was appointed Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and in 1671 Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He resigned office in 1676 on account of failing health, and died the same year.

The Restoration brought a change of policy in ecclesiastical affairs. The Church resumed its former position:

and laws were enforced against dissenters. It is always unfortunate when this has to be done, but it is sometimes unavoidable. It was so then, because fanatical preachers incited their hearers to armed sedition. An instance of this was Venner's plot in 1661. Venner was by trade a cooper, but he was also a preacher of the mad stuff known as the Fifth Monarchy, and after an exhortation by him at a meeting-house in London, he and his followers armed themselves and sollied forth to overturn the Government, and substitute one more consonant with their absurd notions of Christian polity. A good many lives were lost in the fray, and ultimately sixteen of these fanatics were executed. Obviously, if meetings for nonconformist worship were to be used to promote civil war and treasonable violence they must be stopped, and made illegal. It was impossible for the law to distinguish between different preachers, but the misfortune was that the ministrations of the peaceable and conscientious fell under the same ban as those of preposterous ranters who were only fit for the gallows.

It was under these circumstances that Bunyan found his way into prison. He was convicted of unlawful preaching, and though a most peaceable and conscientious man he had to suffer the penalty of the law. A great deal of nonsense has been written about the supposed hardships inflicted on him. As a matter of fact he was treated with much indulgence. His friends came to see him in prison, and he appears to have been sometimes allowed to go out on parole. Indeed he might have gone free at any time on promising not to preach, but this he did not feel at liberty to do.

While, then, Bunyan was a prisoner, Sir Matthew Hale came to Bedford as a judge of assize, and Bunyan's wife made an application to him on behalf of her husband. She naturally clutched at any chance of obtaining his liberation from captivity, and Hale was very sympathetic with her. Although of course, the community of interest in ringing did not come into the discussion between Bunyan's wife and Hale, there is to us something very interesting in the connection in this way between two men so very different in their spheres of life, yet so alike in their unselfish high-mindedness and their interest in ringing. But the interview was unproductive; Bunyan's wife told Hale that her husband could give no undertaking not to preach if he was liberated, and hence, in the then state of the law, nothing that Hale could do, not even a royal pardon, could be of any service to a man who, notwithstanding his actuation by the highest motives, refused deliberately to obey the law. Later on, by indulgence and toleration acts, Bunyan obtained the facilities for usefulness for which he craved, and which, whatever we may think of his theology, he never abused.

R. A. DANIELL.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELL.

The readers of this paper have had prominently brought before them during the past few months the scheme for the provision of an extra semitone bell to the ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. For more than twenty years the matter had been in the minds of Norwich ringers, and although no definite steps were ever taken, the question of ways and means of raising the necessary money had often been discussed. In the early part of 1907 the St. Peter Mancroft Guild of ringers was formed to undertake the regular ringing of the bells on Sundays, and it was soon realised that an additional bell would be a great boon.

It takes little experience of ringing to enable anyone to understand that a newly-formed company of ringers, argely composed of learners, could not be expected to do justice to a heavy ring of twelve, but thanks to the enthusiasm and perseverance of the first Ringing Master of the Guild—Mr. George P. Burton—a very fair measure of success has been achieved. Peals of Triples and Major have been rung, and visitors can be accommodated with touches of Caters, Royal, and Cinques. For one or two reasons it was decided that eight bells should be rung for the Sunday services. This plan enabled the more backward members to be "levelled up," and in rotation it relieved members from continuous Sunday duty. The back eight of the twelve, with a 43 cwt. tenor, can hardly be called a "handy" lot, and so a good deal of service ringing has been done on the middle eight, with the 9th of the twelve for a tenor. This of course is an imperfect octave, as the 5th bell is a semitone sharp, and the more musical members of the Guild soon determined to use every effort to get an additional bell, making this middle eight a perfect octave. The authorities were consulted, and with certain restrictions gave their sanction to the scheme, and three secretaries were appointed to devise some means of raising the money. By the early part of this year sufficient money had been gathered to warrant the ordering of the bell, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were instructed to proceed with the casting. The bell has been hung in a steel frame, and the dedication was fixed to take place during mattins on Sunday, March 6th. The Rev. Charles D. P. Davies was asked to preach the sermon, and to the great joy of those responsible for the arrangements, at once promptly accepted the invitation.

A very large congregation assembled for the service, before which a touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies taking part. The special lessons were read by Messrs. D. O. Holme and G. B. Burton (present and past ringing masters of the Guild), and after the third collect, and during the singing of a processional hymn, the clergy, choir, and ringers ascended to the belfry, where the ceremony of dedicating the bell was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Meyrick. The new bell was sounded, the choir sang in the belfry Psalm cxxii., and while the procession formed again to return to the

chancel, the new "Gabriel" ring of eight was rung in rounds for a few minutes. All this part of the service was intently followed by the congregation, as the western end of the nave is open to the belfry by means of a huge tower arch.

An eloquent sermon followed the dedication ceremony, the preacher drawing lessons for the Christian life from the message of the bells.

The bells were rung for the other services during the day, and general admiration was expressed at the way the new bell harmonises with the rest of the ring. It weighs 10 cwt. 7 lbs., and bears the following inscription:—

GABRIEL VOCOR
SODALITAS CAMPANISTARUM HUIUS
ECCLESIAE EX SENTENTIA ET DONIS
MULTORUM FIERI ME FECIT
MDCCCCIX

which records that the bell is called "Gabriel," and that it was through the exertions of the Guild of Ringers, with the goodwill and gifts of many, that it was made in 1909.

In addition to the "Gabriel" ring, the new bell also completes a very fine eight in D minor, with the 11th (28 cwt.) for the tenor. The complete "tale" of St. Peter Mancroft is now—one of twelve, one of ten, two major eights, one minor eight, three of six, and four of five bells.

About £25 is still needed to free the Guild from debt, and any sum towards the liquidating of this amount will be gladly received by the members of the committee whose names are to be found elsewhere in this paper.

The members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild desire to express their grateful thanks to all who have so generously supported their appeal, and to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for his kindness in undertaking a long journey to be present at the dedication.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual Henry Johnson Anniversary Commemoration dinner, held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair, was, as usual, a great success. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from the Rector of Birmingham, the Vicars of Aston, Kings Norton and Boldmere, Mr. J. Kendall (warden of St. Martin's), the wardens of Aston, and Messrs R. A. Daniell and A. Walker.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "King, Church, and State," said it was impossible to say too much of our worthy King. So long as he ruled things would go on satisfactorily at home and abroad. With the Church we were most intimately acquainted. As ringers we were now fully recognised as church workers. This had not always been so, but he was pleased to say that a wonderful change had taken place. He thought that the clergy were sometimes inclined to be rather hard on the ringers in expecting them to attend all the services for which they rang, but as we had now so many clergy who were also ringers this idea had somewhat changed, and it was now recognised that if the ringers attended one of the services on a Sunday they had done quite as much as was expected of them. As regards the latter part of the toast—the State. This was not the time or place to speak on political questions, but he thought he was quite within his

province in stating that we were passing through some very troublous times, and we hardly knew what the result might be. However, he was sure that if we got into a mess, we should get out of it. With this toast he would couple the name of the Rev. W. V. Chilwell.

Replying, the Rev. W. V. Chilwell said that even in his own recollection a great change had taken place in the minds of churchpeople with regard to bellringers. One has heard a great deal of what has taken place in the past, how the belfry was not looked upon as part of the church, but he was pleased to say that churchpeople now looked upon the bellringers as church workers, quite as much as Sunday School Teachers. Good work has been done by the ringing associations throughout the country, and he thought that the clergy ought to become members of these associations, and wherever he went he always did his best to get them to join. He thought the ringers should realise their position as churchworkers and churchmen, and then everything would go on well.

The chairman here called upon Mr. Harry Withers for a course of London Surprise on the dulcimer. The colossal difficulties of this performance can only be fully recognised by ringers who are acquainted with the intricacies of this method. It is really wonderful, and those who have not had the privilege of seeing it done, might almost say incredible, that one man can "ring" the whole eight bells in this, the hardest of all methods. We regret to say that on this occasion he failed to complete the course, the second attempt coming to grief in the very last lead. The failure did not lessen the appreciation of the audience for his skill, and he was received with tremendous applause. It gives us pleasure to record that, though he failed on this occasion, Mr. Withers successfully accomplished the full course on the following Tuesday evening in "another place" (as the politicians have it), in the presence of a numerous gathering of members.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in proposing "The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," said he considered it a very great privilege and a very great honour to be asked to do this. He knew what a pleasure it was to every one present to hear anything in connection with Mr. Johnson. The aim and object of Mr. Johnson's life was to give pleasure to others, and a more truthful man never walked in the ringing world. On one occasion when he was in London, Mr. Haley told him that whenever he saw Mr. Johnson's name in connection with any ringing matters, he always put it down to be absolutely genuine. After delighting his hearers with several incidents in the life of Mr. Johnson, he asked them all to rise and repeat with him "Here's to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and may he rest in peace."

The toast was duly honoured, and immediately afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells by P. O. Laflin, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Russam, 5-6; T. Miller, 7-8; J. Groves, 9-10; A. P. Smith, 11-12.

"Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild" was proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett. He said he was pleased to be amongst them once more, and to see all the old faces around him. He should say nearly all, for there were one or two missing. During the year they had lost Mr. John Perks, an old member of the Guild. He was a pupil of Mr. Henry Johnson, and for many years took a leading part in the belfry of St. Martin's. He died at the ripe age of 81. We had also lost a most enthusiastic ringer in Mr. William Micklewright, of Dudley, and a promising young ringer in the late Mr. Thomas Pigot, of Smeth-

wick. We also shared in the sincere regret which was felt throughout the ringing Exercise at the loss of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was also an honorary member of the Guild. He would like to congratulate Mr. W. R. Small on ringing his 300th peal, a peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson; and also Mr. James George on ringing his 444th peal, a peal of Superlative Surprise also half-muffled. During the past year Mr. W. H. Godden had resigned the office of Secretary to the Guild, but in Mr. A. P. Smith we had a worthy successor. The St. Martin's Guild had prospered, is prospering, and would continue to prosper. He coupled with this toast the name of Mr. G. W. Baldwin, who was now the oldest member of the Guild, not in age, but in years of membership.

Mr. T. Miller and Messrs. C. and E. Starkey here gave a tune on the handbells, which was much appreciated, and Mr. Miller is to be congratulated on the success which has attended his efforts with these two pupils, who but a short time ago were "raw material."

Mr. W. H. Godden in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed "Kindred Ringing Societies." In Birmingham we were so mixed up with neighbouring societies, that we all partook to a great extent in the success of each other. He would like to couple with this toast the name of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of the Yorkshire Association. We had always been on good terms with the Sheffield ringers. We had been to Sheffield and rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on the beautiful peal of bells at the parish church, and the Sheffield ringers had also visited Birmingham.

"Success to the Ringing Paper" was proposed by Mr. S. Reeves.

During the evening a number of excellent songs were ably rendered by Messrs. Tom Davies and D. J. Jones, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Davies and Mr. T. Sydney Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Harry Withers as usual delighted all present with his tunes on the dulcimer.

The health of "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, brought another successful gathering to a close.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT TIPTON.—This was the 300th peal on eight bells and upwards of Mr. W. R. Small, of which the 50th, 100th, 150th, 200th, 250th, and now his 300th were all accomplished in the tower of Tipton parish church, and all being peals of Stedman Triples. The peals are Stedman Cinques 14, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Stedman Caters 15, Kent Treble Bob Royal 10, Double Norwich Major 5, Stedman Triples 68, Kent Treble Bob Major 13, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Grandsire Cinques 5, Plain Bob Royal 5, Forward Royal 2, Grandsire Royal 2, Plain Bob Caters 1, Forward Major 4, Grandsire Caters 35, Plain Bob Major 32, Grandsire Major 6, Plain Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 75, Darlaston Bob Triples 4. Total 300. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. Wm. R. Small was the recipient of his brother ringers' heartiest congratulations. The peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and formerly Vicar of Drayton; also to the late Lady Louisa Jane Cecil Legge, sister of the Bishop of Lichfield, and aunt of the present Earl of Dartmouth.

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

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

SIR,—The two-part peal with 4-6 only in 6ths place at a course-end, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 5th under the name of F. Hopgood belongs to me. It was given in your issue of December 4th last, and was recently rung in London, conducted by James E. Davis. At the time I stated it to be the first produced, and I do not think it possible to get another. Mr. Dains replied saying that he had obtained one prior to mine, viz., June 13, 1908. On looking up Mr. Dains's peal I find that as there are two variations of the method in the one peal it cannot be held to be legitimate, although it compensates somewhat in lieu of parting the tenors, which is absolutely imperative if strictly Double Norwich. Perhaps I had better give the three peals.

W. WILLSON.

5024.	5024.	5024.
23456 I 5 6	23456 I 4 5 6	23456 I 4 5 6
23465*	56324*	56324*
64325 -	23654 -	23654 -
43625 -	36254 -	36254 -
26345 -	62354 -	62354 -
63245 -	53264 -	53264 -
34265 -	32564 -	32564 -
46235 -	65234 -	65234 -
32645 -	52634 -	52634 -
24635 -	26534 -	26534 -
36425 -	63524 -	63524 -
62435 -		
42536 -	34526 -	34526 -
35246 -	25436 -	25436 -
54236 -	54236 -	54236 -
43256 -	42536 -	42536 -
52346 -	35246 -	35246 -
24356 -	52346 -	52346 -
45326 -	23546 -	23546 -
23546 -	45326 -	45326 -
34526 -	53426 -	53426 -
25436 -	24356 -	24356 -
53426 -	42356 -	42356 -
32456 -	32456 -	32456 -

*The first course of each part is "Real Double." Single at 1 with bobs both 1 and 5 when treble is behind.

H. DAINS.
June 13, 1908.

*sr. Bobs at 2, 1, 3. First two-part peal of D.N. in 5024 produced with 4-6 only in sixths.

Tenors are parted for the minimum and brought together again in first course.

W. WILLSON.
December 4, 1909.

*sr. 2, 1, 3. This peal is identical with No. 2, although it may appear different in the last part.

The variation (simple) is obtained by recommencing at the sixth course (after 34526) and finishing at the fifth.

F. W. HOPGOOD (?)
February 26, 1910.

IMPERIAL BOB SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have a letter from the Rev. H. Law James dated 5th of February last, in which he tells me that both he and his brother are of the same opinion as myself that Norfolk Surprise should in future be known, rung, recorded and otherwise treated under the title of Imperial Bob Surprise. This, Sir, is a good action by the Rev. E. Bankes James, as thereby the most ancient of Treble Bob Major titles is restored to its proper position amongst methods, after being buried (be it remembered in obscurity) for over a couple of hundred years. Please let me repeat. It was published in Stedman's Campanalogia in the year 1677, and in subsequent works prior to, but omitted in the

Clavis, 1788, a spurious example Imperial III. being given (we may suppose) in its place. The method is musical, and a fair variety of composition can be had. I give one as follow:—

5024.

23456 I 4 5 6
65324 - -
23564 - -
35264 - -
56234 - -
63254 - -
52364 - -
24365 - - -
46325 - - -
62345 - - -
43265 - - -
32465 - - -
43526 - - -
25346 - - -
54326 - - -
42356 - - -
53246 - - -
34256 - - -
45236 - - -
32546 - - -
24536 - - -
35426 - - -
52436 - - -
23456 - - -

H. DAINS.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Mr. H. R. Brazell (Norwich) ...	0	10	6
Mr. G. F. Collin " ...	0	5	0
Mr. Ellison " ...	0	5	0
Miss M. Woodhouse " ...	0	5	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 31st; at 8 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles to-day, Sat., March 19th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Leesfield, to-day, Sat., March 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Any ringer welcomed.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, High Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Nicholas church with address by the Rev. G. F. Williams, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m.; chairman—the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Moore Ede. Tea will be provided free at The Angel hotel, Sidbury (where coats, etc., may be left), at 4.15. Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary before Thursday, March 24th. Bells available—Cathedral (12), 5 to 6; St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas (6); St. Swithin (6); and St. John (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 11.30 till 1, to receive subscriptions, and distribute the reports. The peal book will be on view there.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of members will be held at The Suffolk hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday, March 28th. The committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. Dinner (members 1s, non-members 2s.) at two o'clock. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk will preside.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Thomas's church, High Street, will be available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Green Row rooms at 5.45. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by March 23rd.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-eighth annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Modwen's and St.

Paul's will be available for ringing from 10.0 a.m., and St. Mark's, Winhill, from 12.30 p.m., excepting during the time of the tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.15. Tea (1s. 2d. each) at 4 p.m., followed by the general meeting, all in St. Paul's Institute. Through the kindness of Messrs. Worthington and Co., a conducted party will be taken round their brewery, starting from near St. Modwen's church at 11 a.m. prompt. Will those members who intend seeing the brewery and being present at tea, kindly notify Mr. L. Bullock, 91, Anglesey Road, not later than the previous Wednesday, as arrangements can only be made for those giving such notice. At this meeting Mr. W. C. Wakley will propose that the Derby district be divided into two, calling that portion around Chesterfield "The Chesterfield District," and that around Derby "The Derby District," and that Rule 6 be altered to meet the case.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Easter Monday. Bells at Kenninghall and Quidenham available. Dinner at 1.30 at The White Horse at Kenninghall. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. A conveyance will meet trains at Eccles Road station if required.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. Tea 1s. each. Will those intending being present give three days' notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Shirland on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Buckley on Easter Monday, March 28th, at 2.30 p.m. in the schools near the church. Service at 1.30. Tea in schools at 4 p.m. Bells available at Buckley (8), and Hawarden (6), from 10 a.m., except where services intervene. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. John E. Usher, Holly Cottage, Alltarni, near Mold, not later than March 14th.

S. J. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday. Bells available from 9 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. in the Parochial Room at 5 p.m., for those sending in their names not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. Election of officers, etc. to follow.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wolsey Grove, Bury, Leeds.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at the Mission Room, All-hallows Lane, at 1 o'clock. General meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (6), will be available. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 o'clock.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Easter Monday. Bells available—Cathedral (10), from 11 to 12, and 2.55 to 3.55; St. Mary's (8), 10 to 11, 12 to 1, 2 to 3,

and after the meeting. St. Michael's (6), open all day. Short service in St. Mary's church at 4.5. Tea at 4.30 in the Wade Street schools, tickets 6d. each to fully subscribed members, to others 1s. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due. Those intending to be present please send word not later than the 22nd inst. to

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Michael's (6), St. Stephen's (6), will be available during the day. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea and business meeting at 5.45 sharp, in the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, adjacent to the Cathedral. The success of the meeting depends entirely upon the attendance of members.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday. The bells (8) will be available from about 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting as usual.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

Peterborough and District Association.—Next meeting at Castor on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after.

W. T. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting and social will take place afterwards at The Mount Pleasant inn. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lawton on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. An address will be given by the Rev. W. G. Keyworth, M.A., Clerical Secretary, who will at this meeting take leave of the society, owing to his leaving the district. Please notify Mr. Wm. Rigby, Furnace Bank, Red Bull, Lawton, how many intend to be present, not later than March 30th.

J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, March 30th. Ringing in the evening at Christ Church.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

Notice.—Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, is suspended until further notice.

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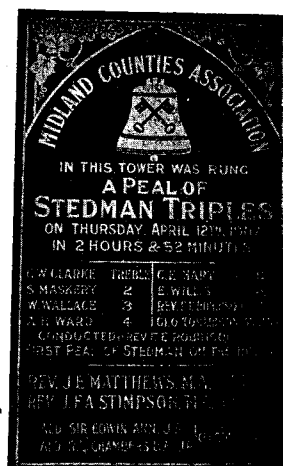
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GOOD FRIDAY occurring next week, all notices and other matters necessary for appearance in the following number, must reach our office not later than Tuesday morning next. As we shall publish early readers will be able to obtain this paper without any delay. In fact there ought to be no delay at any time.

The Provinces.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	A. D. CULLUM 5.
O. GILBEY* 2.	J. HANDS 6.
C. R. LILLEY 3.	G. ESSEX 7.
G. IRVINE 4.	E. W. MENDAY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E

HENRY PRING Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2.	*CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	RICHARD CLARK 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

*First peal of London.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM ROBERTS* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
FRANK CHAVE* 2.	*EDWARD W. THOMAS 6.
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN 3.	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7.
WILLIAM D. ALLEN 4.	JAMES SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER SMITH* Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL 7.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	*GEORGE NAYLOR 8.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	*JOSEPH BROADLEY 9.
JONAS S. AMBLER* 4.	*THOS. HY. GELDER 10.
JOHN W. CUNDALL* 5.	*GEORGE WHITEAKER 11.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* 6.	*FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by D. R. SMITH, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

*First peal of Maximus.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, February 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 owt. 25 lbs.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble.	THOMAS H. REEVES 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Reference elsewhere.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lbs.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble.	JOHN NETLEY 5.
ARTHUR B. CORDEN 2.	SIDNEY W. CORDEN 6.
PERCY H. DOICK 3.	GEORGE H. LEE 7.
ALBERT FEIST 4.	PETER KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY W. CORDEN.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the 20th birthday of L. Stilwell, who conducted his first peal on the 20th birthday of S. W. Corden, the other ringers wishing him the usual compliments. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	CHARLES J. NORTH 6.
ARTHUR WALKER 3.	FREDERICK E. MOODY 7.
HARRY WALTERS 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BENBOW Treble.	FRANCIS H. KAY 5.
JOHN HALL 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM ALLSOP 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
THOMAS STIMPSON 4.	ARTHUR BENTLEY Tenor.

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

Rang with the bells muffled as a mark of deep respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE H. SPICE* Treble.	WILLIAM SPIOR 4.
THOMAS JULL 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5.
WM. G. KITCHINGHAM 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

*First peal of Minor.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERNEST G. WILSON Treble.	FREDK. C. MCCARTHY 5.
THOMAS METCALFE 2.	ARTHUR TEMPLE 6.
ALBERT R. WEBSTER 3.	JOHN LOWERY 7.
GEORGE WINDSOR 4.	ALBERT SIMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

Messrs. Wilson and Lowery were proposed members before starting.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY T. HOWELL Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, in Three Hours Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALEX. HUTCHISON Treble.	G. ARTHUR HASLAM 5.
G. ARTHUR BOWMER 2.	FRANK F. HILL 6.
JOSEPH BOURNE 3.	JAMES PAGETT 7.
FRED W. HILL 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUBERTON'S 12-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS RICHARDS Treble.	*JOHN POULTON 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
WILLIAM H. JONES 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
JAMES HOPKIN 4.	*CHARLES ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

*First peal, and were made members previous to starting. First peal on the bells by a local band for over thirty years. Rung in honour of the freedom of the borough being conferred on the Mayor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

ARTHUR H. WHITE* .. Treble.	FRANK BARRETT 5.
STEDMAN WHITE 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6.
EDGAR HUMPHREY 3.	†GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect and esteem for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of this parish for thirty years.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CLAUDE REMNANT* .. Treble.	HENRY MULLARD 5.
HEBBERT J. ELLIS 2.	THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 6.
WALTER G. BROOKHURST .. 3.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 7.
THOMAS AITWELL 4.	†JESSE W. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN* .. Treble.	ARTHUR LURCOCK 4.
GEORGE EASTMAN 2.	ALBERT EASTMAN 5.
JAMES NYE 3.	WILLIAM NYE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

First Treble Bob peal by the band, and first on the bells. *First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. Treble.	*TITUS BARLOW 6.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	JOHN POTTER 7.
ALBERT E. WREAKS 3.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8.
ROBERT WALLWORK* .. 4.	*HERBERT DRONSFIELD .. 9.
JAMES H. BANKS* 5.	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALBY, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

TARVIN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH)

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
RICHARD JONES 3.	JAMES V. WEIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL .. Treble.	WALTER WADE 5.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 2.	HENRY HOWELL 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM H. WERRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal since being rehung by Messrs. Llewellyns and James.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

AINSLY JOWETT .. Treble.	*THOMAS HUTTON 5.
FRANK T. MAYERS 2.	EDGAR WHITELEY 6.
FRED HUTTON* 3.	JAMES COTTERELL 7.
HARRY GREGSON 4.	GEORGE NAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by WM. MALLINSON, and Conducted by GEORGE NAYLOR.

Mr. Midgley (churchwarden) again invited the ringers to tea, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness and welcome. *First peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 2.	SEDLBY J. COLLINS 6.
JOHN EMERY 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. 4.	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

JAMES HENRY RIDING .. Treble.	*RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	*JOHN DENTITH 6.
ALBERT CRAWLEY* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
GEORGE CRAWLEY* 4.	*WILFRED GILL Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first in the Crewe branch by an entirely local band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	*ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

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

On Tuesday, March 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES,

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAITE 6.
ALBERT WRIGHT 2.	WILLIAM HALE 7.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	AUSTIN GWINNETT 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM BATEMAN 9.
FRANK COLE 5.	SIDNEY COOKE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringers of the 8th, 9th, and tenor, who are leaving for Canada.

GREAT MUNDEN, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE† .. Treble.	NATHAN WALLACE 4.
BARNARD PATMORE 2.	HENRY WALLACE 5.
EDWARD SAGGERS 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WALLACE.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

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BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

WILLIAM ASHDOWN .. Treble.	HENRY J. GRAVETT 5.
THOMAS STRINGER 2.	JAMES PARSONS 6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 7.
JOHN FEIST 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

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

On Thursday, March 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY YOUNG* .. Treble.	CHARLES KENNINGTON .. 5.
JOHN W. SEAMER 2.	A. WILLIAM LONG 6.
RALPH S. LONG 3.	PERCY C. LONG 7.
CHARLES TAYLOR 4.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by JOHN W. SEAMER.

*First in the method. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN STOPFORD .. Treble.	TOM WILDR 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON .. 3.	ALBERT HOUGH 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Rung as a token of respect for the memory, and of appreciation of the work of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ESAU WALMSLEY* .. Treble.	EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 5.
WILLIAM BRIGGS 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
FREDERICK HINDLE .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
HENRY WALKER 4.	*THOMAS EDMONDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WALKER, and Conducted by WM. E. WILSON.

*First peal.

SOWERBY, YORKS.
YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BEADLEY .. Treble.	JESSE RUSHWORTH 5.
EDWARD KERSHAW 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

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NEWINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES :

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

GEORGE J. MABBS Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE 4.
WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. Millard for having everything ready.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

5280 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs 10 lbs. in A flat.

FREDERICK THOMAS Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	RICHARD JONES 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This peal was specially rung on account of its novelty, as the tenors never get below 3rds place, and it is the first time a peal has been rung in such a manner.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5040 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	JESSE J. MOSS 7-8.

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

Umpire—C. Ma'ron. First peal in the method on handbells by the Association.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. A. JOWETT, 59 WILLOUGHBY VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ERNEST HOYLE* 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	*GEORGE A. JOWETT 7-8.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire—Frank R. Cundale. *First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, in Two Hours,

AT 21, STOKES ROAD,

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

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—M. Smither.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT 10, WELLGATE.

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

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	CHARLES J. NORTH 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Grandsire Triples at Kidlington on February 26th, was 3 hrs. 19 mins. —The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Deane, Bolton, was William Lever.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Leiston, reported last week, was rung on Saturday, February 5th, not Thursday, February 10th, as stated.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP (Notts.)—On Saturday, January 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Freeman, H. Warburton, G. Winter, C. Joynes, T. Bartholomew, H. Haigh conductor, T. Wilson, C. Redfern. And 288 Kent Major. H. Haigh conductor, G. Winter, C. Joynes, T. Bartholomew, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, W. Marshall, H. Marshall. 392 Grandsire Triples. H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, C. Joynes, H. Cartwright, T. Bartholomew, G. Winter, T. Wilson, F. Willey. 720 Kitchener's Surprise. F. Willey, H. Turner, H. Stenton conductor, R. Smith, S. Smith, C. Fowler. 360 Mirfield Delight. F. Willey, H. Turner, H. Stenton conductor, R. Smith, S. Smith, C. Fowler.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants.)—On Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, W. G. Buch, H. Tice, W. Horne, F. Hagley conductor, S. Riddell, J. Bunch. For morning service 336 Grandsire Triples. Miss B. Stillwell, W. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Butler, F. Hagley, F. Tice, S. Riddell, A. Hearmon. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, W. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Butler, H. Tice, F. Hagley conductor, S. Riddell, J. Bunch. On Thursday, January 27th, for practice, 560 Bob Minor. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, F. Hagley, S. Riddell, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. First touch of Triples on church bells by Miss B. Stillwell, who is the daughter of the President of the above Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk.)—On Sunday afternoon, February 27th, for Divine Service, 1152 Oxford Major. F. Borrett, F. Keeley, E. Whiting, E. Lubbock, G. Glover, J. Botwright, R. Riches, J. Souter.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Carrod, J. Perry conductor, A. Scrivens, W. Webb, R. Hackley, G. Taylor, J. Collett, G. Rastall.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob on the back six. *F. Freestone, *C. Rochester, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. *First 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Monday, February 21st, for Confirmation Service at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Harrison, M. Hedge, A. Naylor, T. Whitfield, W. H. Pasmore, C. Jackson, H. Jenkins, G. Hedge.

WHITCHURCH (Salop).—On Saturday evening, February 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Gibson, F. Ryder, Rev. —, Ryder, W. Hutchinson, W. Barron, T. Barron, R. T. Holding, sen., conductor, T. Owen. Longest length by the ringer of the 3rd, who is making very good progress in the art of ringing.

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DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, February 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. B. Saunders, E. Potter, L. Roper, H. Saywell, C. Millway conductor, W. Fowler, C. Turner, C. Sheaff. Rung on the occasion of the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Keeler, a member of the local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, January 16th, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. H. Torble, J. Scholes, A. Walker conductor A. Scambler, S. Bird, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, A. Joyce.

READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Davies, C. Baker, N. Cox, A. Burgess, A. Harding, F. Griffin, A. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. And 210 Grandsire Triples. H. Osborne, C. Baker, J. Davies, A. Osborne conductor, N. Cox, H. Neighbour, F. Griffin, A. Durman.

REDHILL.—On Thursday, January 20th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Gear W. Streeter, H. Hoad, A. Bashford, W. Pottle, E. Harman, H. Edwards, E. Dennis

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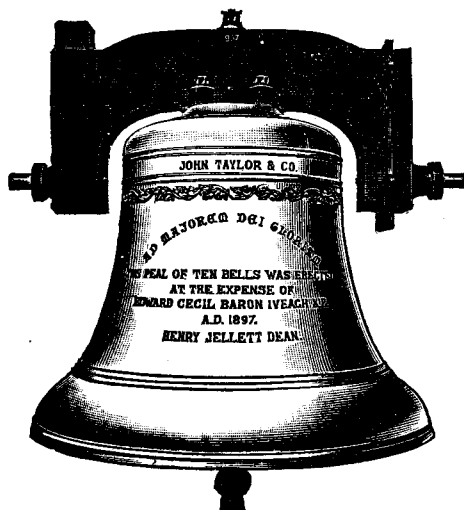
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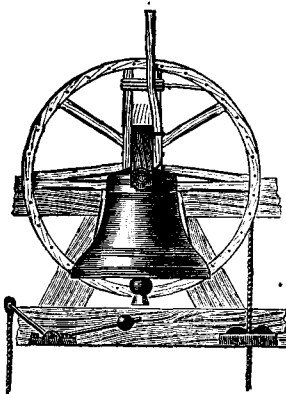
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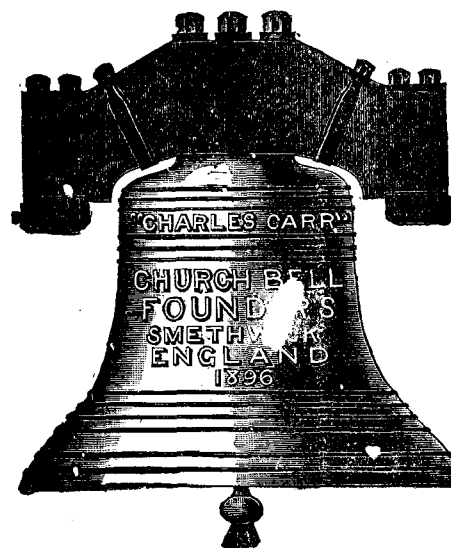
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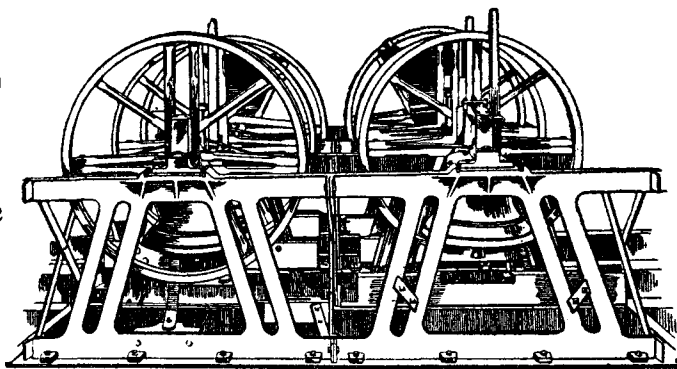
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 12th, when members were present from West Bromwich, Netherton, Oldbury, Sedgley, Rowley, Tipton, Shifnal, Old Hill, Brierley Hill, etc., numbering nearly seventy.

At five o'clock, the Association service was said in St. Thomas's church, by the Vicar of Dudley (president of the guild), and an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Holroyd, Vicar of St. James's. At the close of the service the members repaired to the King Street school room, where a bountiful tea awaited them, the funds for which were provided by subscriptions collected by Mr. S. Spittle from members of St. Thomas's church, who are all staunch supporters of the Guild. At the business meeting which followed the president said that before any other business was transacted he thought it right that he should mention the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. W. Micklewright, who had so ably filled the office of hon. secretary since its formation in 1899. They might have a large roll of members, with all offices well and efficiently filled, but the secretary was the life and mainspring of the society. Their late secretary was always earnest and obliging, and careful in keeping his accounts. As a ringer he was keen and efficient, and always ready to help any learners. He proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow in her great bereavement. This was agreed to, the members showing their approval by rising.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read, and after several questions arising out of them had been satisfactorily answered, were confirmed.

Sixteen new members were added to the roll. The secretary mentioned that nineteen peals had been rung during the year by members of the guild, including a 10,107 of Double Oxford Bob Major, and a peal of London Surprise Major, reflecting great credit on the ringers. It was resolved that six peals be attempted during the ensuing quarter, viz.: Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, seven Treble Bob Minor methods, and Bristol Surprise Major.

It was resolved that Dr. Raven's book on bells be presented to Brierley Hill, the greatest number of peals having been rung during the year in that tower. A proposition by Mr. S. Spittle that in future the prize be given to the band who rings the most peals by its own members, was adjourned for discussion at the next quarterly meeting. The question whether the Guild would provide funds to erect a tablet or peal-board to record the 10,107 of Double Oxford Bob Major, was also referred to the next meeting.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Smith (acting sec.), for his services so willingly rendered until a new secretary was appointed. This being carried, Mr. Smith suitably responded.

It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting should

be held at Old Hill, on the proposition Mr. Harry Mason, who volunteered to provide a free tea.

The officers appointed for the year were the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, president; the Rev. S. J. Marriott, vice-president; Mr. S. Spittle, ringing master; Mr. W. Rock Small, treasurer; Mr. H. Sheppard, of St. Thomas's company, secretary.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar of Dudley for presiding; to the Rev. J. A. Holroyd for his address; the churchwardens (Messrs. Bill and Bridgwater) for their presence; Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Bridgwater and Miss Bill for presiding at the tea; and all the others who had worked so well and so willingly in preparing the tea; Mr. S. Spittle and the donors.

The church bells were merrily kept going during the evening.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The February meeting of this guild was held at the church of All Saints, Woodchurch, on Saturday February 19th, by kind permission of the Rev. A. Welch. The weather was rather unsettled, but nineteen ringers attended from the following towers: Appledore, Ashford, Iden, Rye, Stone, Tenterden, and Woodchurch. Ringing commenced about 6 p.m., and several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, also a 700 of Bob Minor.

The business meeting was held about 8 p.m., the Master, Mr. G. Billennes, of Rye, presiding. The minutes of the January meeting were read by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. J. Youngs (of Rye), and passed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rye, on Saturday, March 19th. This was proposed by Mr. G. Johnson (of Appledore), and seconded by Mr. E. C. Lambert (of Tenterden). The Master proposed, and Mr. E. C. Lambert seconded, that a peal of Grandsire Triples be attempted at Rolvenden on Saturday, 5th March. This was carried.

Mr. F. Clark (of Iden), and Mr. E. Whiteman (of Rye), were elected members of the Guild.

The Master referred to the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and moved that a message of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Robinson in her great loss. This was seconded by Mr. Tribe, and received the support of all the members.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Welch for the use of the bells concluded the business.

Subsequently a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, also a touch of Bob Minor and some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, after which the bells were lowered in peal.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A large church clock has just been erected here, which shows time on one dial and strikes the hours. It has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

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TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 5th, at St. George's church, Tyldesley, the dedication of two additional new trebles to the old ring of six took place. The bells now comprise an excellent ring of eight, the "splice" being perfect, reflecting great credit on the founders, Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. The old six bells have all been rehung.

During the service which took place the local company opened the bells, and rang touches afterwards with many visiting ringers.

VETERAN BELLRINGERS' MEMORIAL.

There has just been placed in Spalding parish church a stained glass window to the memory of the late Mr. James Storey Wright, a well-known Eastern Counties bell-ringer, who during his eighty years of life had been for over sixty years a bellringer at Spalding parish church, being captain of the local band of ringers at the time of his death. The memorial window has at the foot the inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of James Storey Wright, a bell-ringer in this tower from 1841 to 1909."

Deceased at this time of his death was the oldest bell-ringer in England, and was well-known over a wide area as a bell-ringer, and had taken part in peals in nearly every church in the county. For sixty-seven years without a break he had rung the old year out and the new year in. Whilst on his way to the belfry of Spalding church, he met with an accident, which caused his death. The window was publicly subscribed for. The central figure in the window represents Abbot Turkeyl, King Athelstan's chancellor in the 10th century, who restored Croyland Abbey after it had been destroyed by fire, and who was the first person to place a bell in the belfry in England. All the surroundings of the figure point to bells and bellringing.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

The ringers of the parish church assembled in the tower on Wednesday evening, March 16th, with the Rector (Canon Barnard), and Mr. C. H. Preston (churchwarden), the occasion being to make a small presentation to Mr. G. H. Claydon, on his departure for Napier, New Zealand; also to unveil two peal-tablets, which have been erected to commemorate two peals of Stedman Triples rung, one to welcome the Rector on his induction to Sutton Coldfield, the other being Mr. T. Bloore's first peal on the Sutton bells.

The Rector in unveiling the tablets said he did so with the greatest pleasure, and thanked the ringers who stood in his induction peal. Change-ringing was one of the most ancient crafts in connection with the Church, and it was our duty to see that it did not suffer during our generation, but to persevere in order to hand it down to others, if possible in a higher state than we found it. In congratulating Mr. Bloore on his peal, he trusted that he would live to ring a hundred peals, and that he may have the pleasure of unveiling another tablet recording it. If the band would learn London Surprise Major, and ring a peal of it, he (the Rector) would erect a tablet recording it at his own expense. On behalf of the ringers he then handed to Mr.

Claydon a small silver bell, with a record of the peal rung for the Rector's induction, suitably engraved thereon, which Mr. Claydon conducted. On doing so, the Rector expressed his sorrow that he was leaving them, and wished him success and happiness in his new home.

Mr. C. H. Preston spoke a few words in high appreciation of Mr. Claydon's services.

Mr. Claydon, in reply, thanked his fellow-ringers for their present. He said he would value it as a memento of the happy hours he had spent with them in that tower, but although he was going away, he hoped some day to return and help to ring many more peals on the dear old bells of Sutton Coldfield.

On Tuesday evening, March 15th, the local ringers attempted a farewell peal in honour of Mr. Claydon, but unfortunately it came to grief in the 35th course, after ringing 1 hr. 40. mins. G. H. Claydon (conductor), 1; J. Jennings, 2; C. Waitham, 3; G. Roberts, 4; W. Allsop, 5; T. Bloore, 6; B. G. Leedham, W. Parr.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15th, the members of the Chester-le-Street branch held their ninth annual supper at The Bridge End hotel. The Rector (Rev. A. B. de Moleyns), presided, and he was supported by the clergy of the parish, the President of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge), and the churchwardens.

The evening commenced with a meeting of the ringers at the belfry, when short touches of Kent Minor and Major were rung, the latter being conducted by the President. At 7.15 prompt ample justice was being done to the good things provided by Mrs. Oliver, who alone knows how to cater for a bellringer. Among the toasts were "The Bishop and Clergy," proposed by Mr. Jas. Robinson, and replied to by the chairman and the Rev. St. A. Davies; "Our Visitors," proposed by Mr. G. Siddle, and replied to by Mr. C. L. Routledge and Mr. Manser; and "The Subscribers," proposed by Mr. J. Anderson and replied to by the Rev. A. Steggall and Mr. T. Henderson. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, and songs, duets, and recitations were given by the Rev. St. A. Davies, Messrs. Siddle, Brown, Sheraton Meyers, Robinson, Edmondson, Henderson, Anderson, Routledge, Rev. A. Steggall, and the chairman.

Mr. Routledge, in his remarks, said that it always gave him great pleasure to come to Chester-le-Street, for when he looked round the table he saw faces of ringers whom he had known for the last twenty-seven years. He hoped that before long the Chester-le-Street Guild would once more take their place at the top of the list for ringing in the Association. Their ring of eight bells was without a doubt one of the finest in the two northern counties, and valuable assistance had at all times been given by the Rector of the parish and his colleagues.

Mr. John Young, organist of the parish church, very ably presided at the piano, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, at the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, the ringers had the great pleasure of welcoming their esteemed president, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. He delivered one of a series of addresses given by a number of clergymen during the Lenten season. Taking for his text Luke xxi. 19: "In your patience possess ye your souls," he very earnestly dealt at length with the deep necessity of giving to the soul that proportionate consideration which it deserves in our life, while not neglecting the proper care of the body, and needful instruction to the mind. He urged the congregation to use the season of Lent as a means whereby the carnal may be brought in subjection to the spiritual.

Touching reference was made to the loss the Exercise had sustained in the decease of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Before the service six courses of Stedman Cinques were rung by C. Bowers, G. Garnett, S. Wood (conductor), A. Kershaw, J. Wood, Rev. H. J. Elsee, W. Wolstencroft, B. Gill, S. Booth, A. Adams, B. Thorpe, H. Stansfield.

A copy of *The Church Bells of Essex*, by Canon Deedes and Mr. H. B. Walters, has been presented by Canon Papillon, late Vicar of Writtle, for the use of future occupants of the vicarage, with the following inscription:

"TO MY SUCCESSORS—

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

REPLY TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—If I have hurt the feelings of Mr. Dains, he has only himself to blame. I gave him the chance to withdraw. But his reply was to claim two more of my compositions. His twaddle *re* my publishing a peal of his is only partially true. I unfortunately did re-produce one of Mr. Dains' peals. But it was not sent for publication by me. At the same time I withdrew my name from it in an honourable manner. Let me tell Mr. Dains he would gain more respect if he would act in like manner, not only to myself, but also to others. *Re* the ten-part 5040 Stedman Triples. I am quite satisfied to take Mr. Carter's word, and to withdraw my name from the composition.

G. LINDOFF.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of James and William Motts, who attained her 82nd birthday on Saturday, March 5th. After the completion of the peal the ringers adjourned to their meeting-house in Northgate Street, where they were hospitably entertained to a substantial meat tea by the brothers James and William Motts to celebrate the event. Mr. William J. Nevard journeyed from Great Bentley, Essex, and Mr. Henry Turner from Bury St. Edmunds to be present, and take part in the peal. A most enjoyable evening was spent by every member of the above society, which numbers eighteen, with Mr. Nevard as chairman, and the Master for the

ensuing year—Mr. C. A. Catchpole—as vice-chairman. Toasts, songs, and handbell ringing followed, which included a course of Grandsire Triples in which the two veterans—Mr. Henry Bowell and Mr. Edward Reeve—took part; also the brothers James and William Motts. Mrs. Harriet Motts received many congratulations.

THE PEAL AT EALING.—W. Lawrence's 50 Peals. Grandsire Triples 13, conducted 2; Major 1; Caters 3; Stedman Triples 29; Bob Major 3; Kent Major 1. Total—50. Rung for six societies in seven counties and twenty towers, and upon two occasions two peals in one day. Quickest peal—2 hrs. 34 mins., Stedman Triples, rung at Drayton, Berks., on December 13th, 1890, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

LATE NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on April 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 11th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 5th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-Western district will be held at Stansted on Saturday, April 9th. Tea 6d. each at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. Will intending visitors kindly notify by the Wednesday previous.

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"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—G. N. Price has removed to 110, Whippendell Road, Watford.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Carrod, J. Perry conductor, A. Scrivens, W. Webb, R. Hackley, G. Taylor, J. Collett, G. Rastall

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Date Touches.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, March 13th, a date touch comprising 1190 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Neal, J. T. Woolley, J. W. Lake, A. E. Larkinson, A. S. Allen, F. Blood. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Lincoln, who was a patron of the above Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, March 16th, in 1 hr. 3 mins., a date touch of 1910 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Violet and 120 Oxford Treble Bob. T. J. Morris, T. Jennings, R. Hurst, E. Caunce, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Allen. Rung in honour of the preferment of the Rev. Canon Kempthorne, Rector of Liverpool, to the Suffragan-Bishopric of Hull.

Miscellaneous.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 19th, with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, an attempt for a peal failed after ringing five 720s of Minor in 2 hrs. T. Rickwood, G. M. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday, March 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. M. Kilby conductor, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, R. Kilby, H. Kilby.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, March 11th, at the Abbey Church, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Single Court were rung in 2 hrs. J. W. Lake, F. Blood, T. L. Bainbridge, A. J. Holmes, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 19th, at Christ Church, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Fairclough, J. Taylor, J. Gardner, T. Ellard, W. Rimmer, J. W. Hall, W. Bentham conductor, W. Gibbons.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins. W. Luckman, A. Roberts, A. W. Flowers, E. H. Johnson, J. Heron, W. Maund, J. F. Smallwood conductor, F. Pervin. Composed by James George.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RUMNEY (Mon.).—On Monday, March 14th, for practice, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. H. Giles, A. H. Cossam, W. J. Stanaway, D. Morgan, J. Tarbet, H. Paey. These are the first 120s on the bells by a local band. The bells which had remained idle for many years, were last autumn thoroughly overhauled by the Loughborough firm, and at the time of opening there were no local ringers. Since then the band has been taught by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, with the above result.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Saturday, March 5th, at St. Mary's church, to welcome home the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Law, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, and 110 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Jutson, Rev. C. J. Sturton, G. Jutson, J. T. Hollis, J. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUNSLET.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. Chisem, H. Smith, F. Atkinson, G. Smith, W. Powell, B. Shaw conductor, J. Shaw, G. Smith.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On Monday, March 14th, 672 Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. Houchen, Solicitor, who was buried that day. W. Radley, A. Macro, L. Dickerson, H. Hawes, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn conductor, W. Everett, C. Carter.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—Recently, in the belfry of the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 35 mins. J. R. Barton, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, J. Dixey conductor. First quarter-peal by all the band, and the first ever rung in Scarborough.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, January 26th, at the church of St. Mary Maffelon, Whitechapel, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. T. Faulkner, E. Wallage, A. Hardy, A. Walker conductor, J. E. Davies, T. Groombridge, J. W. Golding, A. B. Peck. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to Miss Smith, daughter of Mr. W. D. Smith, which took place at St. John at Hackney on the above date.

BIRMINGHAM.—On November 14th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry, G. A. Taylor, J. Collett. On Saturday, December 18th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, G. A. Taylor, W. Webb, J. T. Perry, W. H. Carrod, J. Collett, A. Hodson. On December 19th, for evening service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. T. Perry, W. Webb, R. Hackley, G. A. Taylor, J. Collett, A. Hodson.

CUDDESDON (Oxon).—The following touches (whole pull and stand) were rung at All Saints church, with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of the late Bishop of Lincoln, who was formerly Vicar of the parish for ten years: On Friday, March 11th, 120 Grandsire Doubles and 60 Stedman Doubles. W. Burgess, C. Goodfellow, F. Turner, G. King, H. Pearman, H. G. Mortimore. Also 48 changes of Grandsire by members of the band, assisted by students of the Theological College, with which Dr. King was connected (as chaplain and principal) for fifteen years. Rev. R. W. Sutcliffe, T. J. Simcox, F. Turner, G. King, C. H. Clarke, C. T. F. Field. On Sunday, March 13th, after Evensong, 120 Grandsire. H. G. Mortimore, C. Goodfellow, G. Wilkinson, G. King, W. Burgess, G. Shirley.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday evening, March 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. E. R. Mackrill, G. C. Iles, Rev. C. Carew Cox conductor, W. J. Nevard, J. W. Kelley, W. J. Hazel, F. Skevington, W. A. Brooks.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On March 17th, at Pembroke Road, on handbells (lapped), a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. Mrs. R. K. Knight, R. Maynard, Mrs. R. Maynard, R. K. Knight. Composed by W. T. Elson and conducted by R. Maynard.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, February 1st, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. E. W. Marsh, R. Dobson, W. James, H. Bennett, G. Stroud, F. Hockaday, W. Marsh, J. Hobbs. And 305 Grandsire Caters. H. Lane, W. James, W. H. Marsh, H. Bennett, F. Hockaday, R. Dobson, E. W. Marsh, W. Hiscott, G. Stroud, P. Purse.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Osborne, A. E. Heady, H. C. Cook, W. Steed, W. J. Wolfe, Keith Hart, A. Laurence conductor, S. Cooke.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, February 13th, for afternoon service at the church of St. George the Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowllett, S. F. Gowllett, G. F. Woodage, E. Finch, J. Chapman, H. W. Hibbert conductor, F. Hardy.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 31st; at 8 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, High Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Nicholas church with address by the Rev. G. F. Williams, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m.; chairman—the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Moore Ede. Tea will be provided free at The Angel hotel, Sidbury (where coats, etc., may be left), at 4.15. Bells available—Cathedral (12), 5 to 6; St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas (6); St. Swithin (6); and St. John (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 11.30 till 1, to receive subscriptions, and distribute the reports. The peal book will be on view there. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of members will be held at The Suffolk hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday, March 28th. The committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. Dinner (members 1s), non-members 2s., at two o'clock. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk will preside. R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Thomas's church, High Street, will be available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Green Row rooms at 5.45. Meeting after.
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-eighth annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 10.0 a.m., and St. Mark's, Winhill, from 12.30 p.m., excepting during the time of the tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.15. Tea (1s. 2d. each) at 4 p.m., followed by the general meeting, all in St. Paul's Institute. Through the kindness of Messrs. Worthington and Co., a conducted party will be taken round their brewery, starting from near St. Modwen's church at 11 a.m. prompt. At this meeting Mr. W. C. Wakley will propose that the Derby district be divided into two, calling that portion around Chesterfield "The Chesterfield District," and that around Derby "The Derby District," and that Rule 6 be altered to meet the case.
Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A

quarterly meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Easter Monday. Bells at Kenninghall and Quidenham available. Dinner at 1.30 at The White Horse at Kenninghall. A conveyance will meet trains at Eccles Road station if required. C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. Tea 1s. each. A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Shirland on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Buckley on Easter Monday, March 28th, at 2.30 p.m. in the schools near the church. Service at 1.30. Tea in schools at 4 p.m. Bells available at Buckley (8), and Hawarden (6), from 10 a.m., except where services intervene. S. J. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday. Bells available from 9 a.m. Election of officers, etc. to follow. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wolsey Grove, Burley, Leeds.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at the Mission Room, All-hallows Lane, at 1 o'clock. General meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (6), will be available. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 o'clock.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Easter Monday. Bells available—Cathedral (10), from 11 to 12, and 2.55 to 3.55; St. Mary's (8), 10 to 11, 12 to 1, 2 to 3, and after the meeting. St. Michael's (6), open all day. Short service in St. Mary's church at 4.5. Tea at 4.30 in the Wade Street schools, tickets 6d. each to fully subscribed members, to others 1s. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Michael's (6), St. Stephen's (6), will be available during the day. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea and business meeting at 5.45 sharp, in the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, adjacent to the Cathedral. The success of the meeting depends entirely upon the attendance of members.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday. The bells (8) will be available from about 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting as usual. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

Peterborough and District Association.—Next meeting at Castor on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. W. T. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available

from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting and social will take place afterwards at The Mount Pleasant inn. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Easter Monday, March 28th, when the bells at Carlton (8), Stokesley (6), Whorlton (6) will be available all day. Dinner will be provided at The Blackwell Axe at 1 p.m.; members at 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. 3d. Tea will be provided free at The Fox and Hounds inn to all ringers. T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lawton on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. An address will be given by the Rev. W. G. Keyworth, M.A., Clerical Secretary, who will at this meeting take leave of the society, owing to his leaving the district. Please notify Mr. Wm. Rigby, Furnace Bank, Red Bull, Lawton, how many intend to be present, not later than March 30th. J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, March 30th. Ringing in the evening at Christ Church. GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Condover church on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at the school at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, March 31st. H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Houghton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs) at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free to these members who notify me their intention of being present three clear days before the meeting. Members and friends are cordially invited. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Bear hotel at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members desiring to be present at tea (for which 3d. each will be charged), must send names to me not later than Wednesday, April 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid to me either before or at the meeting.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

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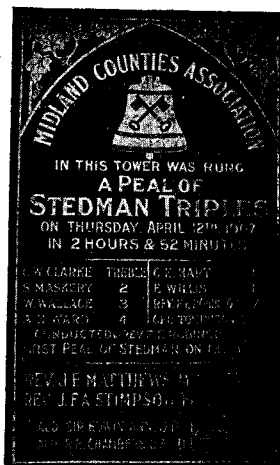
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1910.

LATELY there has been a reappearance of double-handed tower bell ringing. Our old friend WASHBROOK has scored another performance of this kind, and his repetitions may, if persisted in, go some distance to impair what novelty such achievements possess. That such peals show great cleverness and rare skill, we are among the first to acknowledge. We find among this week's records a performance of a similar character, but in seven Minor methods, at a place called "Little Munden," a village a few miles from the town of Ware, in Hertfordshire. A most enthusiastic member of the Exercise—Mr. W. H. LAWRENCE—dwells here, and he has just rung the two trebles in this performance, conducting at the same time. We apprehend this must be a difficult task: to ring 1-2 and conduct the whole of the seven methods, at the same time looking after the tenor as the observation, demands great skill indeed. We are told that this particular "peal" of Minor was struck remarkably well—no rubs, as the late BILLY CHATTELL would say—and nothing occurred to show to those who were listening outside that one man was ringing two bells, the ringing was so clear. We congratulate Mr. LAWRENCE on the feat, which has caused much sensation and wonder in the locality.

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The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	HARRY WARETT 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

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

Rung after meeting short for London.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	*WILLIAM BERRY 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. Rung on the eve of the induction of the Rev. F. R. Wilton, late senior curate at the above church, to the living of St. Stephen's, Southwark.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S VARIATION.**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIE AMBROSE* .. Treble.	FRANK J. HAIRS 5.
FRANK A. SMITH 2.	†WILLIAM SABAN 6.
GEORGE WATKIN 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
HAROLD BURTON† 4.	WILLIAM ESSERY .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Complimentary birthday peal to F. A. Smith and H. Burton.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, March 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.**

BERTRAM PERWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9-10.	

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—R. E. Stavert, W. Lawrence, and A. T. King.

The Provinces.**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

HARRY MILES Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
RAYMOND JUDGE 2.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 3.	*CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
VICTOR BENNETT† 4.	WILLIAM JUDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.*On Sunday, January 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH .. Treble.	*WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 2.	JOHN GODBER 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	*THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
ARTHUR LATHAM 4.	*ARTHUR ALLMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.*On Thursday, February 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES MORREY .. Treble.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	WILLIAM CARTER 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH 3.	THOS. CARTWRIGHT 7.
WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 4.	*ARTHUR JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY WOODFINE* .. Treble.	RICHARD JONES 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	EDWARD ALLEN 7.
GEORGE PIERCE 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.*On Wednesday, February 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. B. COPE Treble.	D. COPE 5.
G. W. BALL 2.	C. SMITH 6.
H. WILLISFORD 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
J. RICHARDSON 4.	E. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal by the first five ringers.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal of Minor on record in which a ringer has rung two bells and conducted the peal, and is the second peal of Minor ever rung with one ringer ringing two bells, that also being rung at Little Munden by the same ringer. The tenor was the observation bell throughout.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

ROBT. B. ROBINSON* ..Treble.	*J. HY. LENTON 5.
JAMES BAXTER 2.	WM. H. PORTER 6.
WM. D. LISTER 3.	*WM. BROADLEY 7.
THOS. CLARK 4.	*EDWIN J. TITT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. PORTER.

*First peal in the method and on the bells E. J. Titt's 25th peal.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK HUNT 5.
HERBERT BAKER 2.	EDWARD TRENDLELL 6.
ALBERT BIGGS 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDLELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Briggs.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WALTER PERKINS .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK CAUSEY 5.
ALFRED EVERITT 2.	†ARTHUR CHAPMAN 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 4.	LEWIS CHAPMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, this being the tower where he rang the first peal of Stedman to be recorded for the Association. This is W. V. Newman's 100th peal in the Association

WHITBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS STEEL .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM KNAGGS 5.
WILLIAM BRECKON* 2.	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 6.
FRANK HODGSON 3.	WILLIAM HARLAND 7.
JOHN WATERS 4.	GEORGE HILL .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

*First peal. Arranged and rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the deceased gentleman having been a member of the above Association.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. ..Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
REV F. J. O. HELMORE 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	FRANK WILSON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Brett, and as a farewell peal to H. Barton, who is leaving the county.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE* ..Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
JAMES MERRICK 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	ARTHUR HADGING 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT ..Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells since 1798.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, February 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES SIBBONS .. ..Treble.	THOMAS MACK 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
RICHARD HAYES 3.	HENRY MULLARD 7.
MICHAEL BROWN 4.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT C. SPRINGATE ..Treble.	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK .. 5.
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS* .. 2.	FRANK BELSEY 6.
FREDK. C. HICKS* 3.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN, R.M. .. 7.
GEORGE W. RIORDAN 4.	CHARLES MUNGEAM .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. First peal ever rung at Chatham by all members of the local band. *Elected members of the Association previous to starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. ..Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	FRED R. KETTLERBORO 6.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	HARRY MOSS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKEE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN BODDY .. ..Treble.	SIDNEY BARRON 5.
DICK THORNTON 2.	EDWIN WHEATER 6.
HARRY WALTERS 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
WILLIE BOOOCK 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD.. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	HENRY TURNER.. .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
WILLIAM H. PRABODY 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
FREDK. R. PARSONS 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7.
BENJYMIN A. KNIGHTS 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. H. Norman Biggin, for thirty-five years organist at the above church.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

MICHAEL F. HARRISON* .. Treble.	THOMAS DITCHEBURN.. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DENTETH* 2.	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON 6.
JOHN W. CUMMINGS† 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 7.
JOHN G. GREEN 4.	†JAMES ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES ROBINSON.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal as conductor. This is the first quarterly peal of the Association, and was organised by the vice-president, Mr. Jos. W. Parker.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

GLODWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES KNIGHT Treble.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND.. .. 5.
JAMES W. TAYLOR 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
FRANK CHAPMAN 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
JAMES LEES 4.	HARRY HAMPSON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

First peal as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	REV. C. CAREW COX.. .. 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT 2.	JOHN F. BARLOW 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	†HARRY MILES 7.
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN.. .. 4.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

†First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIKE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE.. .. Treble.	ALBERT COTTRELL 6.
JOHN HALL 2.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
BART MITCHELL 3.	HENRY LETTS 8.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	FRED WATKINSON 9.
CHARLES HART 5.	THOMAS STIMPSON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Miles, a prominent church-worker at Duffield.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt in G.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON.. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells and by the ringer of the and,

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	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	15	8	6
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Rev. J. H. Sweet-Escott	0	2	6
W. H. Hewitt	0	2	0
Miss E. Lambourne	0	2	0

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums.

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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.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, March 14th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryders church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. A. Scrivens, J. Corrigan, J. Porter, R. Ducker, J. Perry conductor, J. B. Collett, E. Mullins, G. Taylor.

BURSTOW (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, March 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. Day, T. Bond, F. Sadler, J. Sherlock, F. Butler, A. Hermon conductor. For evening service 480 Stedman Doubles. F. Butler conductor, conductor, F. Bond, A. Harman, F. Sadler, J. Sherlock, F. Carman.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 8th, for practice, 720 Duke of York. T. Adams, J. Howell, R. Howell, A. Cripps, S. Woolgar, W. Denman. On Friday, March 13th, on the occasion of the Bishop of Chichester holding a Confirmation, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung before the service, and 720 Woodbine and 720 Oxford Treble Bob after service.

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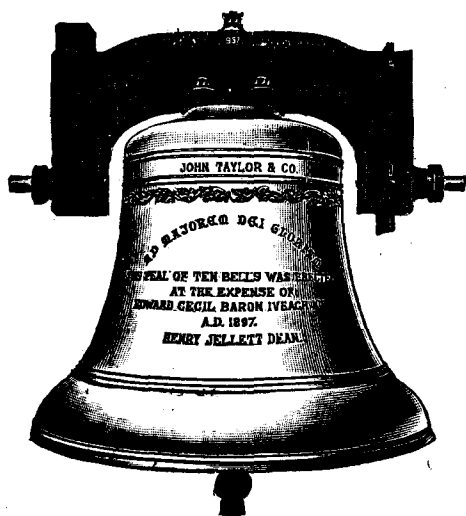
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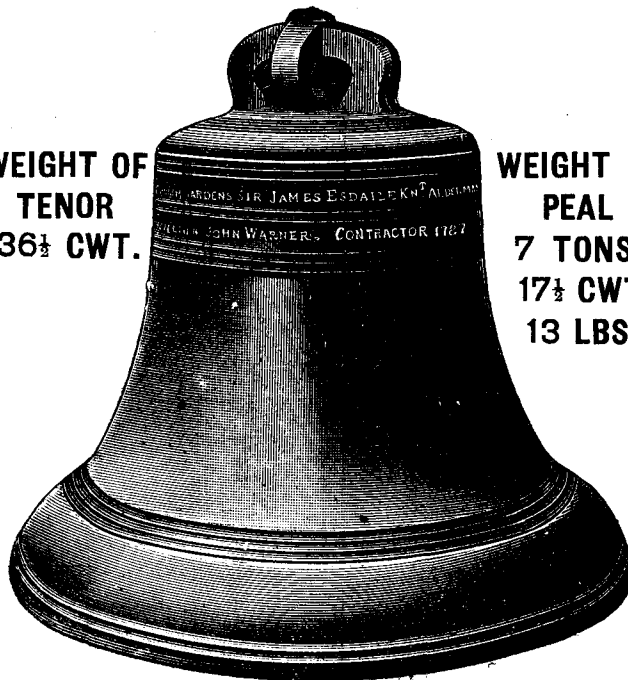
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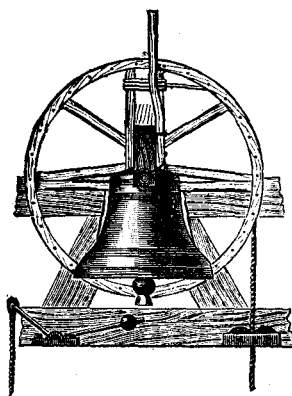
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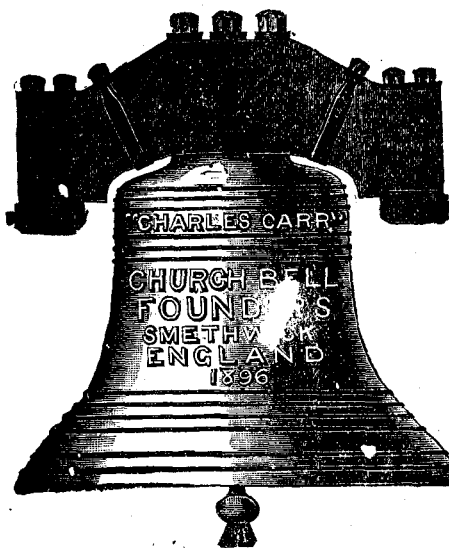
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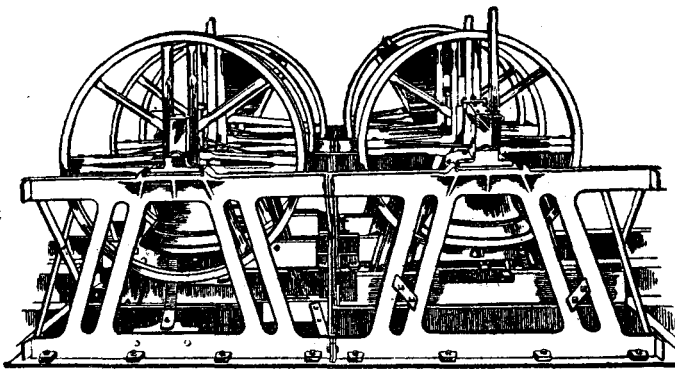
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THE PROPER USES OF CHURCH BELLS.

[From *The Guardian*.]

It is reported of a certain City church possessing a fine ring of bells that the said bells remain silent the whole year through, except for a peal rung on Easter Day, and even that is sometimes omitted. A question put to one of the churchwardens as to the reason for this neglect of instruments consecrated to God's service elicited the reply that the vibration caused by ringing shook the crockery on the table in a licensed house near by. The writer of this article remembers having once fallen into conversation with a Cornishman who mentioned that he had been a bellringer in his parish. On being asked whether much ringing was done there, he answered—"Not very much. Sometimes, when a farmer killed a pig, we used to go and ring for the henge" (a local word for portions of swine flesh often given away). These are two extreme cases, but they only serve to illustrate the general state of irregularity prevalent in the Anglican church with respect to the use of bells. That this should be the case in the one country in which bells are rung scientifically is indeed a strange thing, but it is a plain and deplorable fact that the usage of our Church with regard to bells is in a condition of absolute chaos. It would be hard to find any two churches following exactly the same use; to find two in complete accord with correct Catholic usage would most likely be impossible. At one church the bells are rung every Sunday, at another no ringing takes place on any Sunday; at one church the bells are rung on the King's birthday, at another they are not. At this church they are rung on the four great festivals; at that on all but Ascension Day; at yet a third on Christmas Day only. Even the same church will differ in its use from year to year. No system exists; no principle is followed. At one church in Oxford the bells are, or were, duly rung in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday, but never a peal on Christmas Day. Such anomalies might be quoted indefinitely, but these few will suffice to show the urgent need for a drastic reform. It will be the object of this article to set forth the main principles to be observed in determining on what occasions and for what purposes Church bells are to be rung.

The first step necessary in approaching the subject is to prepare the way for a right conception of the proper uses of bells by removing the popular fallacy that their main object is to announce the hour of Divine Service—in other words, to act as a sort of elaborate clock. This erroneous notion lies at the root of much of the confusion existing to-day, and is bound to prove fatal to any effort of reform on sound lines. Such was no doubt the original purpose of single bells in Christian churches, but the immemorial

traditions of the whole Catholic Church testify that peals of bells are intended to serve far less prosaic purposes. Like the silver trumpets of Numbers x., they are the Church's peculiar instruments of sacred music to be sounded "for a memorial before God," though incidentally, like the same trumpets, they may be of service "for the calling of the congregation." Having thus cleared the ground, we may examine the principal uses to which by ancient usage church bells are put. These will be found to be three in number—to do honour to the Holy days of the Church and their Eves; to celebrate occasions of public rejoicing; to provide solemn music at the hours of Divine Worship. Bearing in mind this threefold use of bells, we are enabled to draw up a systematic list of the various times at which they are to be rung throughout the year. These will be best tabulated in three corresponding divisions.

The first division consists of Holy Days and their Eves. These fall naturally into four groups—first the four great Festivals; second the Epiphany and Patronal Festival of the Church, Trinity Sunday, the Circumcision, the Annunciation; third, Saints' days; fourth, Sundays. On every day occurring in each of these four groups the bells should be rung, the ringing for Sundays always beginning with a peal on Saturday evening, and that for other Holy Days and Festivals beginning on the Eve in each case. It is a curious fact that in England alone the ancient Catholic custom of ringing on Vigils has fallen into almost complete neglect (the only general exception being Christmas Eve), whereas, even in the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, where the Reformers' misdirected zeal cast well-nigh every semblance of Catholicism, the church-towers still peal forth their deep-voiced harmonies on Sunday evenings and the Eves of the great feasts. And the time-honoured practice is fraught with a beautiful significance, the hallowed music of God's own temple proclaiming the festival of the morrow, or sounding the *Sursum Corda* of the approaching Christian Sabbath.

It would be beyond the scope of this article to go into detail with respect to the hours at which ringing should take place, but it may be well to refer to one or two guiding principles. First, with regard to ringing on Saturdays and Vigils. This may be done at any time after mid-day, but the evening, at or after sunset, is generally the most suitable time. On the greater Festivals a peal should always be rung in the early morning to herald the festival day, besides ringing at the sacred offices. Throughout the Roman Communion it is usual also to ring at noon on these days. The actual hours for ringing and the amount done will naturally vary with the character of the festival, and will differ according to local circumstances. A har-

vest thanksgiving or other local celebration will be treated as one of the greater feasts, but will not necessarily have a Vigil; likewise, in England, the anniversary of his Majesty's Accession. (See note following the Table of Feasts and Fasts in the Prayer-book.)

We pass now to days of public rejoicing other than Church Festivals. These will include the Birthday, Accession, and Coronation Day of the reigning Sovereign (to which may be added other Royal anniversaries), any great national or local commemoration properly associated with feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, or such occasions as the news of a victory or the birth of a Prince. The customary midnight peal proclaiming the birth of a New Year will also fall under this head. And here another fallacy has to be disposed of. Some good folk in the much-abused name of Catholicism, would discountenance the ringing of joyous peals on such occasions as being "secular." This is a false distinction, and a thoroughly un-Catholic principle. It is the regular practice, both in the most strictly Catholic countries and in those being allegiance to the Eastern Orthodox Church, to celebrate in this manner the Sovereign's birthday and other national events. Besides, this use of bells is not correctly called secular at all. The joyous peals rung at such times are a tribute of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts: "Also in the day of your gladness . . . they shall be to you for a memorial before your God." Ringing on days of this character may be done at any convenient hour. The early morning and mid-day are generally the best times.

The remaining point to be dealt with is the use of bells in conjunction with the sacred Offices. It is obvious that this may often be combined with the two other principal uses, but it is most important that in theory it should be kept distinct from them. The liturgical use of bells is threefold—they are rung before, sometimes after, and occasionally during Divine Service. In the English Church at the present day this last use is almost confined to the dedication or reopening of a ring of bells, but in other countries the ancient custom is still maintained of ringing at the *Gloria in Excelsis*. It is now the usual English practice to ring before the principal Sunday services. This is quite sound, though one point calls for criticism. It is not ideally logical to toll a single bell for the Eucharist and ring the full peal for Matins and Litany. For Saints' Days the Sunday use will suffice, but on the greater Feasts a peal should always be rung after as well as before the principle service or services. A peal at the close of Evensong is particularly effective as bringing the day's celebrations to a jubilant *finale*, and sending the congregation to their homes with the music of the sanctuary still ringing in their ears. The same should be done in the case of any special services of praise and thanksgiving. This use is suitable to any Holy Day, but should be regarded as essential to all great Festivals. It is also eminently fitting that a choral celebration should always end as well as begin with a peal on the bells.

Much more might be said on matters of detail, but careful and consistent attention to the main principles here laid down would effect a vast reform on sound lines.

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Time is fast passing. Easter has come and gone, and of forty Associations affiliated to the Council, there are no less than eighteen who have not yet paid their Affiliation Fee. I trust that all these may be paid without fail within the next few days.

I would also remind all whom it may concern, that April 16th is fast approaching, and that all Notices of Motion and Reports of Committees, the publication of which in "THE BELL NEWS" is desirable, should reach me by that day at the latest.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

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THE MOTTRAM BELLS.

Readers in the North will be interested to hear that Mottram church bells are about to undergo somewhat of a transformation. Since December 5th last ringing has been stopped, the frames and fittings having been condemned. The bells are to be replaced by a wholly re-cast and heavier peal (the tenor being raised from 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15 cwt.), the gift of Miss Ruth and Mr. John Gartside, of Staleybridge, in memory of their brother, Mr. Henry Gartside. As soon as a faculty has been obtained, the order will be given for the re-casting, and a metal frame, with everything of the most up-to-date description.

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The annual meeting of the above society was held in the ringing-chamber at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 14th, 1909, at 8 p.m. The chair was occupied by the President (Rev. H. B. Jones), and the following members were present: Rev. Canon Knowles, Messrs. Biddle, Clark, Page, Saunders, Woods, Whiting, and Wraight. The minutes of the half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed, and the Hon. Secretary's report and balance-sheet read and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: Master—Mr. T. W. Biddle; Deputy-Master—Mr. W. Wraight; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. L. Clark; Auditor—Mr. R. Broadbelt; Committee—Messrs. Page, Saunders, Woods, and Whiting.

Mr. Biddle thanked the members for re-electing him as Master, and had much pleasure in welcoming Mr. W. Wraight as his deputy. He congratulated the ringers on their progress during the year, and hoped that the coming year would be a more successful one. He also added that the majority of young men in Christchurch liked their freedom too well, and do not care to be bound down in any way to attend practices, and that is the reason why the membership of the Society is so small. He then proposed on behalf of the Society, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Knowles and other honorary members for their generous contributions, which he explained were not distributed amongst the members, but were placed to the credit of the society's funds for the purchase of books, peal-boards, etc. Carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Canon Knowles, in responding, stated that he would like to talk the matter over with the President in regard to getting a few more honorary members to enrol, as he felt sure that by the feeling of some of the

parishioners, he would be able to persuade them to subscribe towards the funds of the society. He also said that when the bells rang out on Sunday mornings, Tuesday nights, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, it reminded him of the Old Country, and expressed a hope that the ringing would always continue, and the ringers make good progress in the various methods which they undertake.

The President made a few remarks regarding the ringers, and stated that they were envied by many people in Christchurch, and had heard numerous visitors speak loudly of how pleased they were with the ringing of the bells. Mr. Jones thanked the ringers on behalf of the Chapter for the good work done during the year, and he also hoped that he would be able to take an active part in the ringing in the coming year. Mr. Woods proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. F. Page for making the frame for the photo of the late Mr. John Andrews. The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

It is with feelings of regret deeply felt by all ringers in North East Derbyshire and Yorkshire, that we have to announce the death of Mr. Arthur Worthington of Staveley, which took place at his home on Monday morning, March 7th, after a short and severe attack of pneumonia. He was 40 years of age and leaves a widow and five boys all under twelve years of age. The interment took place at Staveley Cemetery on Thursday, March 10th. The initial portion of the service was conducted in the parish church, the officiating clergy being the Rector, Canon Molineaux, and the Rev. A. B. Manghan. The hymns, "Brief Life is here our portion," and "On the Resurrection Morning," were sung, and at the close of the service "The Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ by the organist, Mr. J. W. Wriglesworth. He was borne to his resting place by his fellow ringing pupils.

Ringers also followed from the following places—Chesterfield, Bolsover, Sheffield and Eckington. A band ringing three leads of Treble Bob Major at the graveside were as follows—Sam Thomas, A. Kettleboro, Arthur Craven, Wm. Lambert.

Mr. Worthington commenced his ringing career at Staveley in 1886, and rung his first peal at Chesterfield on May 16th, 1891, he ringing in all forty peals in various Major and Royal methods. He was an excellent ringer and a most kind and genial companion, beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He left his home along with his younger brother for Canada, but returned after two years to find that through death of old members and other causes, ringing had ceased altogether. It rested with him to give ringing a new birth, and it is here no doubt where he fulfilled his best work, he teaching almost to a man a new and young band, who it is the wish of the writer of these lines will take as a pattern the energy, perseverance, and unselfishness shown by him. After the funeral a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the parish church bells, a report of which will appear in the peal columns next week. A.C.

A fortnight ago, when referring to Good Friday, it was stated in an allusion to the late appearance of this paper sometimes, "that there ought to be no delay at any time." Such delay is caused by those correspondents whose dilatoriness prevent them sending in their reports at the proper time. Another frequent cause is that after a report, or letter for publication has been received and put into type, the writers sometimes at the last moment wish an alteration made, or ask us to insert another communication instead of the one about to be printed. We must decline to concede this privilege any longer. Wednesday morning is the latest period anything can be received for the current number. Our excellent publishers do all they can in the interests of the paper, and we must do our very best to make their work as pleasant as possible.

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But oh! what fun to usher evening in
What din;
And in
A church, too!

Yet, tell me, now (accepting from a scamp
Who swings a pagan brassie, due apology),
What moved you first, disdainful of the damp,
To ramp
At Camp—
anology?

Was it that your too solid flesh might melt
And you become as nimble as a pup with it?
Still, you must often (though it made your belt
So svelte)
Have felt
Fed up with it.

Or lurked some magic in the Treble Bob
Some anti-tocsin, good against satiety?
Or did you dream that at the belfry's sob
The mob
Might throb
With piety?

Ah, that result were fine, if it were real;
No doubt, it's added virtue that you wish us.
And yet, oh dear! each time I hear your peal
I feel
A deal
More vicious!

Punch.

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Miscellaneous.

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BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)—At St. Peter's on Monday, December 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. Miss F. Phillips, C. Forfitt, F. Phillips, T. Green, E. Waters, A. R. Macdonald, C. Goodenough (conductor), C. Merryfield. At St. John's, Bournemouth, on Tuesday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. Miss F. Phillips, H. Bennett, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, A. R. Macdonald, C. Goodenough (conductor) F. Forsyth. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Bennett.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, February 6th, at the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul, a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. R. Fenwick, J. Allen, G. R. Ambrose, F. M. Mitchell, A. Martin, F. Hayes (conductor). First 720 in the method by the present band, and first by ringers on 1, 3 and 4.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. S. Bacon, V. Pavier, B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson (conductor), J. Law, A. G. Bennington, G. Rawlings, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin. On Friday, October 8th, in the evening previous to Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. S. Bacon, V. Pavier, J. Law, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, A. G. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, October 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson, A. G. Bennington, H. E. White, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), J. Law, A. E. Goddard, C. H. Macklin.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.)—At the church of All Saints on Sunday, February 27th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples by J. W. Jones, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, C. Greedy, B. Millard, A. Morgan, S. Baiss, and for evening service, 336 Bob Major by C. Bowen, F. Charles, J. Buller, C. Greedy, B. Millard, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffs.)—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E.

Wheeldon, J. T. Taylor (first 720 in the method), B. Pegg (conductor), W. P. Deane. On Sunday, October 17th, for Mattins, 720 Bob Minor. W. C. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), J. W. Pounton, B. Pegg, W. P. Deane. On Sunday, November 7th, for Mattins, 720 Woodbine. J. E. Wheeldon, E. Tigwell, W. C. Taylor, J. F. Ryles, W. P. Deane, F. T. Dawson (conductor). For evensong, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. W. P. Deane, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg (conductor), F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, November 21st, for Mattins, 720 Woodbine. W. Wibberley (first 720), W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, J. F. Ryles, B. Pegg (conductor), W. P. Deane. For evensong, 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg (conductor), W. P. Deane. On Sunday, November 28th, for Mattins, 720 changes, being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent. G. E. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), W. C. Lawrence, J. F. Ryles, B. Pegg. For evensong, 720 Worcester Surprise. G. E. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg (conductor), W. P. Deane.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, February 11th, for practice at the church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. Byolin (conductor), G. J. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, H. Jones, W. R. Stockdale, A. Fullick, G. Burrows, A. Teckoe. Also 448 Bob Major. A. Teckoe, E. Jones, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, H. Jones, A. Fullick, G. Burrows (conductor). On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, 630 Stedman Triples. G. Byolin (conductor), H. Jones, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, F. W. Taylor, A. Fullick, G. Burrows, W. R. Stockdale.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On December 18th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal, 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples as follows. J. Edworthy, Dr. De Z. Marshall, J. A. Martin, E. J. Ridler, F. J. Milford, H. Corry, F. J. Davey (conductor), R. B. Ford. First quarter by all accept the conductor. Rang to commemorate the Rev. F. L. Bazley's return to duty after a severe illness. On January 25th, 504 of Grandsire Triples as follows. J. Edworthy, Dr. De Z. Marshall, J. A. Martin, F. J. Davey, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler (conductor), H. Corry, R. B. Ford.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Riley, H. Alford, P. Hislop, W. J. Kemp, R. Grimwood, R. Elliott, R. F. Deal (conductor), J. Bullock. On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Hotten, A. D. Barker, P. Hislop, W. J. Kemp, J. Bullock, H. F. Hull, R. F. Deal (conductor), A. Riley. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hotten, A. D. Barker, P. Hislop, W. J. Kemp, H. F. Hull (conductor), J. Bullock, R. F. Deal, A. Riley. On Good Friday, at St. Mary's church, Islington, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Riley, G. Gains, J. Barry, H. Franks, A. D. Franks, A. Turner, R. F. Deal (composer and conductor), E. J. Woolley. On Thursday, March 10th, for practice, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. J. Kemp, J. C. Adams, R. G. Rice, P. Hislop, F. Rumens, C. T. Coles, R. F. Deal (conductor), S. H. Cooper. On Saturday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire. A. Riley, C. T. Coles, F. Rumens, P. Hislop, H. J. King, R. F. Deal, A. Turner (conductor), S. H. Cooper.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.)—On Easter Monday, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Riley, W. J. Kemp, P. Hislop, A. D. Barker, A. Turner, R. F. Deal (conductor).

WOBURN (Beds.)—On December 13th, at St. Mary's old tower, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Gilby, M. Matthews, S. Avis, Cyril Herbert (conductor), D. Harris, E. Herbert. On December 20th, 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Gilby, Cyril Herbert (conductor), E. Herbert, D. Harris, S. Avis, M. Matthews, M. Lane, W. Chibnall. On December 21st, on the occasion of the coming of age of the Marquis of Tavistock, 1008 Bob Major. P. Alley, D. Harris, F. Gilby, M. Matthews, S. Avis, C. Herbert (conductor), E. Herbert, M. Lane.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on April 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, on the 11th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 5th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 19th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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

The London County Association (Late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lawton to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. An address will be given by the Rev. W. G. Keyworth, M.A., Clerical Secretary, who will at this meeting take leave of the society, owing to his leaving the district. J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Eastbourne, to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A. Ringing in the evening at Christ Church.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Conover church to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goring, to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at the school at 5.30. Service at 6.30. H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Hoghton, to-day, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs) at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free to those members who notify me their intention of being present three clear days before the meeting. Members and friends are cordially invited. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston.

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the North-Western district will be held at Stansted on Saturday, April 9th. Tea 6d. each at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. Will intending visitors kindly notify by the Wednesday previous. JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Bear hotel at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members desiring to be present at tea (for which 3d. each will be charged), must send names to me not later than Wednesday, April 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid to me either before or at the meeting.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, April 9th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES.
29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Farnworth (6 bells) at 6.30. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, April 9th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting as usual.

GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Green Dragon at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. per head to those who notify me by April 14th. The next practice at St. Martins-in-the-Fields will be on Wednesday, 13th inst.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Matthew's church Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson. Bells available from 4 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. Other arrangements later.

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

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The St. Andrew's company, Limpsfield Chart during 1909 rang 124 complete 720s in fourteen methods. viz.—Plain Methods six, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, Double Oxford and Grandsire. Treble Bob seven, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise and Duke of York, Surprise one, Superlative Surprise.

The following took part in the ringing—A. Jarrett 115, E. Hoad 113, S. Heath 112, W. Collins 108, L. Tidy 111, P. Tidy 104, E. Tidy 51, J. Harris 3, A. Wood 3, D. Wright 2, S. Wright 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Newman 1, C. F. Johnston 4, L. F. Taylor 1, A. D. Barker 2, C. Barton 1, R. Stone 2, A. J. Lewis 3, G. Steer 2, G. Cook 1, H. Tidy 1. Conductors—A. Jarrett 80, E. Hoad 40, C. F. Johnston 2, D. Wright 1, S. Wright 1.

A LETTER FROM NORTH AMERICA.

The following letter from Mr. George W. F. Evans of Quebec, North America, will interest our readers—

"Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you would kindly send me out a copy of 'THE BELL NEWS' to the address given below. I think that we may find it useful here. We have a very nice little peal of eight at the English Cathedral, and share with St. Matthews church also in this city the distinction of being the only two peals on this continent that ring in the English fashion. There are a good many peals here in Canada and the States, but chiming is the only way in which the bells are used, which is a very great pity to my mind. We have a great difficulty in trying to keep our band together, and I often wish that I could get some good English ringers out here, but that is I fear impossible. Our peal was cast by Mears in 1830, tenor 16½ cwt. They are very sweet toned bells, and in the days of the English garrisons here, the ringing was, I believe, very good. It has been revived spasmodically, but never with any great success, and the men don't seem to be able to stick at it as they do at home. I shall be glad if you would kindly let me know the cost of your publication per year, postage included."

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—William Horne has removed from Barclay House, Yateley, Hants, to The Rockery Cottages, Frensham, Surrey. —Albert Walker has removed from 137, Amity Road, West Ham, E., to 102, Osborn Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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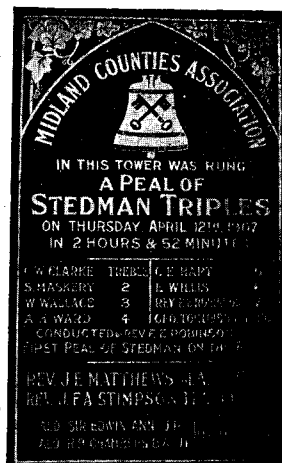
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ELSEWHERE will be read a long paper extracted from *The Guardian* on "The Proper Uses of Church Bells." Such a title would naturally attract the notice of the Exercise, but the article would have imparted much greater interest had the name of the writer been appended. With most of the opinions expressed the majority of ringers will fully agree. But the occasions which the writer asserts as being meet and proper when bells should be rung are not, all of them, such as would commend themselves to public or ringers' opinion. An arrangement which would establish bellringing on all Vigils (or eves), for instance, would be held sometimes to be very objectionable in certain quarters. We have to temporise in ringing concerns very often, else we should soon be in hot water through many a neighbourhood. Ringing does not enjoy that popularity which it deserves, the enthusiasm and sentimental feelings with respect to Church Bells which once existed, is waning. It should therefore be our great object to prevent the growth of dislike to bellringing, and this cannot be effected better than by practising some self-denial in the frequency of our ringing performances. The Vigils of some of our Church Festivals are periods when commercial and business arrangements are in full swing, and we know what opprobrium we experience when amid a market place, for instance, the noise of bells is considered an immense drawback, if not a positive nuisance. In our opinion, the Vigil of Easter ("Black Saturday" as it has been called), is hardly a right time for ringing or any kind of enjoyment.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDK. A. HOLDEN Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 3.	*GEORGE SPENCER 8.
ERNEST PYE 4.	REUBEN SANDERS 9.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

The Provinces.**WORLE, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WHITE Treble.	J. BURROWS 4.
ALF. WHITE 2.	J. BALL 5.
A. B. BADCOCK 3.	FRANK WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WHITE.

First peal on the bells.

(The report of this peal came to hand on the 21st of March of this year. It is accompanied by the following explanation from the correspondent who sent it: "I am sorry same has not been sent to you earlier, but having been laid up I was unable to do so at the time.")

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

*On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS WRIG T Treble.	FRANK COLE 6.
JOHN WIGMORE 2.	ALBERT WRIGHT 7.
WILLIAM HALE 3.	WILLIAM BATEMAN 8.
AUSTIN GWINNETT 4.	GARY MILES 9.
HUBERT SCRIVENS 5.	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. Treble.	ARTHUR LATHAM 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	WM THOMPSON 6.
FRED SMITH 3.	*WM. FITCHFORD 7.
J. GODBER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First on the bells.

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ALDERMASTON, BERKS.-THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)*On Saturday, February 26, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

HOBACE OSBORNE* .. Treble.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 5.
NELSON COX† 2.	WILLIAM CLARK 6.
ROBERT FRANKUM 3.	†ARTHUR J. HABBING .. 7.
RICHARD N. RUNHAM* .. 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble is only twelve years of age.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of Bob Minor, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Grandsire. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 4.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 5.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. W. Sedgwick, of Cardiff, and Miss Cooil, of Bangor, which took place at the above church on this day.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, March 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A MUFFLED PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

In affectionate remembrance of Edward, by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

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

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

ORMESBY, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

J. SAMPLE Treble.	†H. WOOD 5.
G. ATEINSON† 2.	T. METCALFE 6.
J. G. HALL* 3.	†W. JACKSON 7.
G. WINDSOR 4.	G. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. G. HALL.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. First peal by an entirely local band, who have been under the instruction of T. Metcalfe.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

*On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD BELL* Treble.	*GEORGE BALDWIN 3.
GEORGE SIMPSON* 2.	*J. TAYLOR 4.

A. J. FARR (conductor) Tenor.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells,

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

On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LEIGH Treble.	THOMAS SCRIMSHAW 5.
PERCY YOUNG 2.	CHARLES KENNINGTON 6.
SIDNEY ALLINGTON 3.	CHARLES TAYLOR 7.
JOHN E. KENNINGTON 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. TAYLOR.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Lincoln.

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

On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY C. LONG Treble.	WILLIAM HEVHOR 5.
W. ERNEST MEFFIN 2.	A. WILLIAM LONG 6.
JOHN W. SEAMER 3.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD .. 7.
RALPH S. LONG 4.	M. J. RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. E. BAMES, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

The ringer of the tenor is 74 years of age, and it is his second peal, the previous one being rung four years ago. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Lincoln.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 5.
WILLIAM DENT 2.	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. 6.
FREDK. PARKER 3.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 7.
WILLIAM FAYEES 4.	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Parker, which occurred two days previous.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX PART (No. 2).

THOMAS SWITH Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
DR. E. HARWOOD 2.	ALFRED ANDREWS 6.
REUSEN FLAXMAN 3.	FREDK. RICHARDSON .. 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 4.	HENRY BRANT Tenor.

Conducted by DR. E. HARWOOD.

First peal by the tenor-man, who was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

WEST HOUGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM MORT Treble.	HENRY SMITH 5.
GEORGE PINGOTT 2.	FRED BANKS 6.
J. E. MARKLAND 3.	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH .. 7.
ROBERT HOLDEN 4.	JAMES ARROWSMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED BANKS.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE SPICE Treble.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2.	WILLIAM TASSELL 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
FREDK. J. STAINES 4.	*FREDK. FRIDAY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD S. STAINES.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 7.
ROBERT WALLWORK 2.	BENJAMIN GILL 8.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9.
ALBERT E. WRANKS 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL BOOTH 11.
HENRY PAGE 6.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 6.
JOHN JENNINGS 2.	*PETER LAFLIN 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
JOHN NEAL 5.	FRANK BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal is No. 13 from Mr. Carter's broadsheet, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

TONBRIDGE, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	ALFRED LAURENCE 5.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 2.	WILLIAM STEED 6.
GEORGE EDWARDS 3.	KEITH HART 7.
WILLIAM LATTER 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	C. STONE 5.
A. D. CULLUM 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
C. R. LILLEY 3.	R. T. HIBBERT 7.
J. HANDS 4.	E. W. MENDAY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A MUFFLED PEAL OF TREBLE BOE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

In affectionate Remembrance of Edward, by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Lincoln, and Patron of the Guild.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	FREDK. W. STOKES .. 6.
JOHN T. HOLMES .. 2.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	JOHN W. WOOD .. 8.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 4.	JOHN CRAGG .. 9.
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 5.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. D. CROFTS, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt

NORMAN R. BAILEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM DREW .. 5.
FREDK. J. SMITH .. 2.	GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. Tenor.

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

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

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD .. Treble.	A. WILLIAM LONG .. 4.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. 2.	PRECY C. LONG .. 5.
CHARLES KENNINGTON .. 3.	JOHN W. SEAMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. SEAMER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Lincoln. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. Horn for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

CHESTER.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 5.
ROBERT JONES .. 2.	*WALTER THOMAS .. 6.
CHARLES PRICE .. 3.	RICHARD JONES .. 7.
GEORGE JONES .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JOHN LARTER .. 4.
ARTHUR H. TOOK .. 2.	ALBERT LEE .. 5.
JOHN O'NEILL .. 3.	FREDK. W. WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK DICKENS .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 8.
JOHN NEAL .. 3.	†ERNEST MANGLD .. 9.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 11.
PRECY O. LAFLIN .. 6.	*PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal is No. 13 from Mr. Carter's circuit of Stedman Cinques. †First peal of any kind with a bob bell. *First peal on twelve bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	FREDERICK WHITE .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. 3.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 4.	*CHARLES F. PLAYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. F. H. Burchell-Herne. *First peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	BERTAM PREWETT .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. H. F. H. Burchell-Herne, M.A., J.P., who was buried that afternoon.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

RAYMOND H. JUDGE .. Treble.	FREDK. WEBS .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEZLEY .. 2.	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HEDGES .. 3.	WILLIAM JUDGE .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. Tenor.

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

Rung on the anniversary of the rooth peal of the conductor, who is unable to ring at present owing to illness, in which he has the sympathy of the ringers. Rung also in honour of the marriage of Mr. Valentine Millnon and Miss Mary Jones, both of Kidlington, which took place that day at Tierra del Fuego, South America.

CHERRINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Thursday, March 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

F. BIRD .. Treble.	E. RANDALL .. 3.
R. C. CHAPPLE .. 2.	T. MALE .. 4.
W. LARGE .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Hilda's, (Middlesbrough), ringers, took place on Easter Monday last, Malton, Yorks., being the rendezvous. Malton is an old market town in the North Riding of Yorkshire, on the north bank of the river Derwent. The town is about a mile in length, and stands on an eminence overlooking the river, which runs through a beautiful valley.

Leaving Middlesbrough at 8.36 a.m.—twelve strong—we arrived at Malton about noon, and after a look round we made for the tower of St. Leonard's, which by the way is a beautiful edifice in the Norman style, recently restored. We found everything in readiness for a pull, and were soon going in good style for a touch of Double Norwich, which was successfully brought round. Dinner being the next item, we adjourned accordingly, as nothing so much conduces to a good appetite,

from a ringers' point of view, as a railway journey, followed immediately by an hour or so's pull, and needless to say, full justice was done to a most excellent dinner, admirably served at The Green Man, our headquarters for the day. We can highly recommend other ringers who visit this town, to this splendid hotel.

After dinner another visit to the tower found us again successfully bringing round 1056 Superlative Surprise Major, and also 420 Stedman Triples, after which we separated in various directions to explore the surroundings, meeting again for tea about 5.30, after which short touches of Kent and Plain Bob brought the ringing to a close about 7 p.m. The remainder of our available time being spent in go-as-please style, the younger members, being still full of life, went "rinking," Malton having evidently taken the craze, whilst of the remainder, some being tired, "rested," and the other one or two took a stroll

through the magnificent woods, the evening being perfect, all rejoining the train thoroughly agreed that it had been one of the most successful and pleasant outings from all points that we have had. An analysis of the ringing done shows 2324 changes during the afternoon, which is a good result, considering the tempting counter-attractions of a brilliant summer-day. Our thanks are extended to the clergy for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness. W. R.

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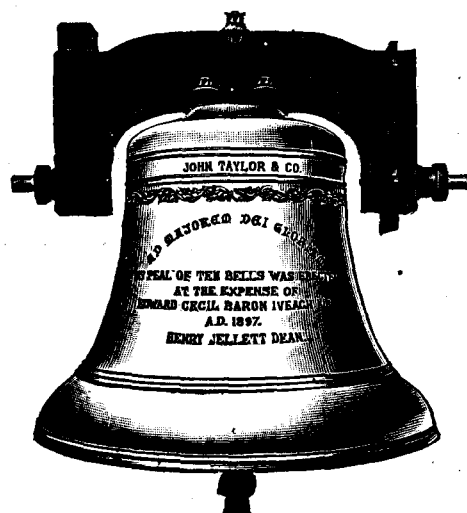
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Summary of the Report presented at the Sixty-first Annual Meeting, held on 3rd March, 1910.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 76,087, assuring the sum of £7,044,603, and producing a new annual premium income of £415,015. The premiums received during the year were £4,710,107, being an increase of £93,770 over the year 1908. The claims of the year amounted to £3,018,981. The number of deaths was 8,375, and 17,629 endowment assurances matured.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 882,804.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The premiums received during the year were £7,171,770, being an increase of £246,015. The claims of the year amounted to £2,877,978, including £176,401 bonus additions. The number of claims and surrenders, including 4,545 endowment assurances matured, was 382,233. The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing and upwards, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 151,865, the number in force being 1,506,408. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 41,386.

The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 18,375,229; their average duration exceeds eleven and a half years.

The assets of the company, in both branches, as shewn in the

balance-sheet, after deducting the amount written off securities, are £74,201,701, being an increase of £2,242,842 over those of 1908.

The Directors are pleased to announce an increase in the rate of bonus of both Branches of the Company as follows:—

In the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 14s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all Classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876. This is an increase of two shillings per cent. over the rate declared for the past three years.

In the Industrial Branch all policies of over five years' duration which become claims either by death or maturity of endowment from the 4th of March, 1910, to the 2nd of March, 1911, both dates inclusive, will participate. This bonus will be paid by way of addition to the sums assured of:—

£5 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least five but less than ten years' premiums have been paid.

£10 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least ten but less than fifteen years' premiums have been paid, and

£15 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least fifteen years' premiums have been paid.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1900.

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FREDK. SCHOOLING, } *Joint Managers.*
A. C. THOMPSON, }

D. W. STABLE, } *Joint Secretaries.*
J. SMART, }

H. A. HARBEN, *Chairman.*
THOS. C. DEWEY, } *Directors.*
W. E. HORNE, }

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1909, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1909.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS and Co., *Chartered Accountants.*

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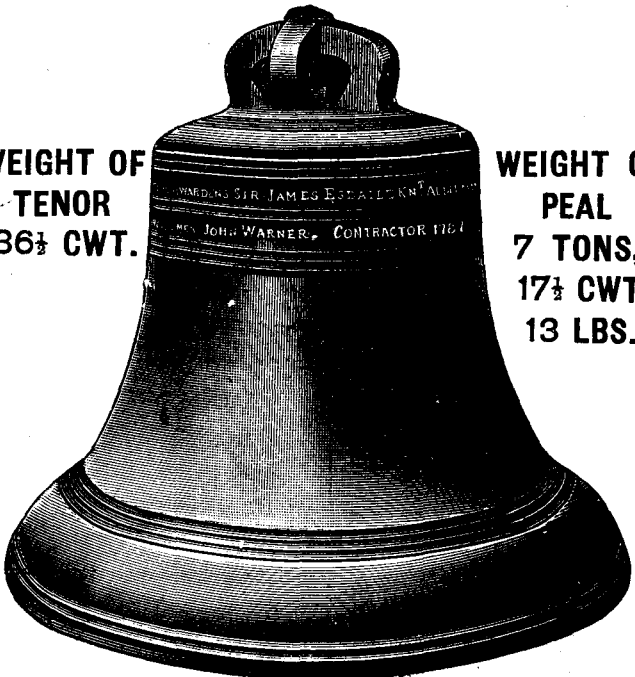
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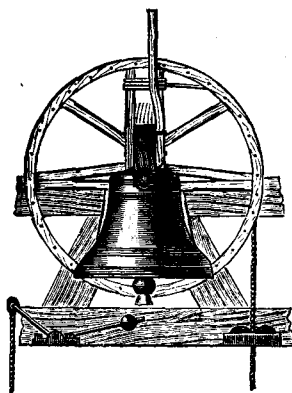
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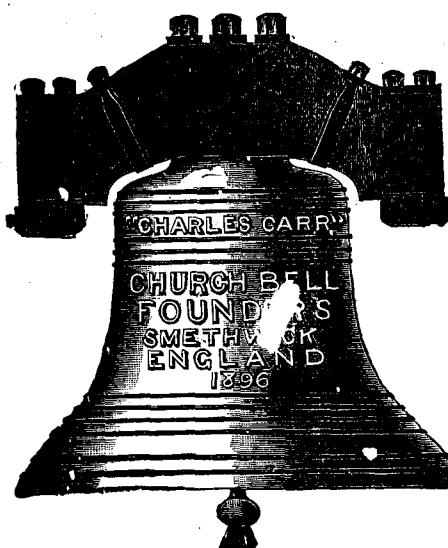
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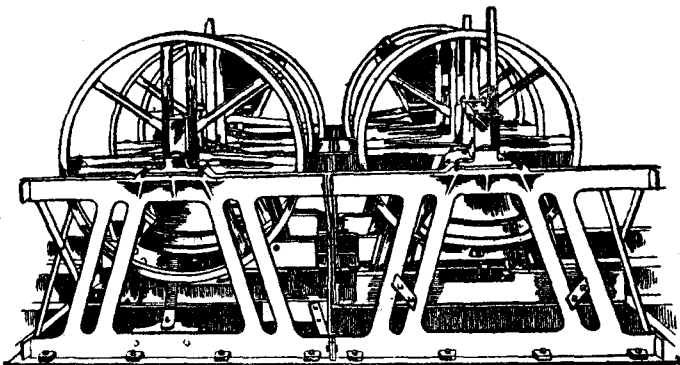
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

ST. CHAD'S, FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, JAN. 29th, 1910.

[By our special Correspondent.]

"Watchman, what of the night," said I to myself, as, in the early hours of this eventful day, I tried to forecast the probabilities of being frozen to death were I to venture to the meeting. Looking through the frosted window pane I beheld a ghastly moon, whose beams glaring steadily downward to the earth, seemed to make the very snow take a pale green tinge. It was a blood-curdling outlook, and I was glad to turn into bed again to think over the situation.

After all, I argued, did not the units of Napoleon's grand army plodge pluckily through the snow after their big meeting at Moscow?—another change-ringing meeting, as all historians agree—and why should a Yorkshireman be second to any earthborn mortal. (We mention "earth-born," because whenever we have reason to think any of our travelling companions have been hatched in the nether regions, we are a little diffident about entering into competition). Somewhat in this way did some 200 to 300 Yorkshiremen determine that they must and would go at all costs to the "Annual."

Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not;
Whatever the weather you must weather the weather,
Whether you like it or not.

We should like to think this clever jingle was put together by a Yorkshire tyke, but anyhow it has some excellent sense in it, and carries the true ring with it that has caused many a good fellow to face storm and rain rather than disappoint the select few who had his promise to stand in for *that* peal.

So we went, and we were amply repaid. Leaving out the auditors, who had their own special work to get through, the first official duty for an ordinary mortal was to get his Report; and what a size it is, the largest on record. But of this anon. Band after band, in the order of their application, were handling the ropes, and this went on until 3.30 p.m., when the stewards made a selection for the service touch. Entering the church we found quite a large congregation assembling, and had time to look round us. The edifice, which was designed by the first Lord Grimthorpe, who also gave the three heavy bells of the ring of eight, tenor about 20 cwt., is undergoing enlargement, and the east-end is entirely cut off for the present. In this connection we understand that the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall), who is also a member of the Yorkshire Committee—the first clergyman, by the way, to be elected to the executive, which demands of course a skilled qualification—was somewhat sorry that circumstances had not held back the meeting until all had been finished, glad as he was nevertheless to welcome the members at any time.

The hands of the clock—one with Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement of course—have just reached four, and

the choir and clergy enter, and, as there is no organ—for its chamber or rather its aisle is also cut off for enlargement for a new instrument in memory of the late Vicar, Mr. Stables—we were half anticipating the usual droning buzz of an harmonium, but no, the clear ring of the strings of a piano are—under able manipulation—to supply an accompaniment at once bright and admirable. After a thoroughly musical service under these conditions, Mr. Marshall proceeds to the pulpit, and an absolute silence settles upon the congregation—for we all like being addressed by a change-ringer in holy orders—as he gives out his text from St. Matthew xxii., 35, 36, and 37. The Vicar, putting all mere bell fancies and like figurative expressions on one side, speaks with great dignity and earnestness on the obligation of all good and well-meaning men, his own ringing brethren included, of attending to the greatest commandment of all, the love and worship of God. After reviewing (i) the absence of many from the services in church, due as much to indifference as to anything else; (ii) the open want of respect shown by some for the Lord's Day; and (iii) the determination of certain parties in the State to endeavour to thrust religion out from the schools, the preacher contended that all could be traced to the fact that the great commandment of the law was not kept, that God was put into the second place; if not, by some, put into the background altogether. In conclusion Mr. Marshall appealed to his fellow-members of the Association to realise that the great law of their life was God, to have new ideas, and new resolves, to make themselves not only good ringers but good men, and to see if they could not each Sunday join with the congregation in the prayers of the faithful.

As we were leaving the church our mind happened to revert to the important addition to the Association's patrons in the name of the new Archbishop of York, Dr. Lang, and we felt that we should not have been ashamed had he heard a remark of one of the wardens to the effect that he had no idea that there would have been such a good muster at the service.

A walk through the snow in the soft twilight brought us to the schools, which seemed a perfect blaze of light and warmth, and comfort. No such set of contrasts could have been had even at the North Pole, for there they would have found no bells, no church, no schools, no warm tea, and no hundreds of the brethren to sit down with, although for a matter of snow and cold the Pole might have had it by a trifle. Not having been there we are inclined to yield somewhat on this head, but not very much, as newspaper reports are so often misleading.

Among the ladies at the tea tables were Mrs. Marshall (the wife of the Vicar), Mrs. Arthur Middleton, and Mrs. H. L. Williamson and Mrs. G. E. Iles, the husbands of these two latter being the churchwardens, who had not only supervised the service in church, but were then looking after the creature comforts of the visitors. There is something about a Yorkshire tea, even under ordinary circumstances, that is almost indescribable, and therefore not to be attempted, but the bright contrast from the bitter

weather outside made everything stand out in a glow of an enhanced enthusiasm which was quite catching. The singing of Grace was started by the Vicar, and immediately some 200 to 300 voices proclaimed their thankfulness for health, strength, and brain-power (for so it must be), in appreciating the situation. No sooner had the Amen died reverentially away, than was heard that comfortable clink of cups and saucers, that general buzz of conversation that we all know so well, that danger of being run over by a friend with a scalding-hot tea-urn; and those thousand and one odd things that go to the making of a "big tea" as Yorkshire knows it. Preparations had been made for some 300 cold and hungry mortals, and as some 250 were present it cannot be said to have been a poor muster. From the county's "furthest north"—Cleveland—quite a nice little number turned up, and in the other direction the church with the crooked spire, but straight ringers, sent just that sample of representatives whose talent is always appreciated in Yorkshire. Perhaps one of the nicest things to note was that the Vicar was himself enjoying it as much as anyone. Mr. Marshall is not one of the melancholy ones who seem to live in a little world of their own—perhaps it comes of his taking off his coat and having a pull with his ringers, for there is much virtue in being human after all.

The annual business meeting was held in the same school building, with the President in the chair, supported by the ubiquitous Vicar, vice-president Hattersley, Mr. Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Glenn, Hon. Secretary, etc., etc. The minutes of the previous meeting (Bridlington) having been disposed of, the chairman reported that the money collected to that date for the Selby Abbey bells, amounting to £26 7s. 2d., as shown in the annual report, had been handed over to the Vicar of that magnificently restored Abbey, the Rev. Maurice Parkin, whose receipt lay on the table for inspection. A report having been put into circulation that the whole of the bell fund had been contributed, the President naturally sought for its confirmation or otherwise. "The rumour is quite wrong," wrote Mr. Parkin. "Please contradict it and we shall be grateful." Mr. Cryer, of the Selby company, being called upon, gave a very interesting summary of what had been done. By taking advantage of the metal-market when it was thought to be at its lowest, money had been saved, and by various subscriptions from all quarters, including the Association's recently handed in, the £300 which had to be secured had been reduced to the comparatively small sum of £38. The President then stated that the Association's fund would not be closed until the Selby company were through the whole of their difficulties.

Mr. Pratt Cordingley, Hon. Auditor, moved the passing of the Treasurer's balance sheet, and the acceptance of the Committee's Report, and in so doing spoke appreciatively of the systematic way in which the books are kept and of the business-like ability with which all had been put before them. In the absence of Mr. Halksworth, of Doncaster, the other auditor, who had to leave early, Mr. Pearson, of Pontefract, acted as seconder by his special request, and all was carried unanimously.

There being no contested election the following were declared re-elected: Mr. C. H. Hattersley, vice-President; Mr. J. Broadley, Steward; Mr. Jas. Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer; with the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Messrs. Fearley (York), Abbishaw (Rothwell), and Pearson (Pontefract) members of Committee.

The President went into a few details regarding the

deficit on the year's work—as also did the Hon. Treasurer—but as we intend to review the position ourselves we need not enter into the matter here.

The roll-call of officers showed only three absentees out of a total of nineteen, Messrs. Bolland and McKell sending letters of regret.

Mr. Wm. Whitaker, the Association's first Hon. Sec., and now senior trustee, moved a vote of thanks to the auditors, and in so doing contributed interesting reminiscences of old times, coupled with some good advice as to keeping the Society's head well up and out of financial danger. Mr. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously. The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the committee.

Votes of thanks were then passed—on a motion from the chair, seconded by vice-President Hattersley—to the Rev. C. C. Marshall, for his kindness in arranging the Annual Service, for his sermon, and for the use of his bells and schools; coupled with another to Mr. H. Percy Richardson, F.R.C.O., and the members of the choir. These having been gracefully acknowledged by the Vicar, a further vote was passed to the Rev. Canon Wood, of St. Michael's, Headingley, who had kindly lent his bells—this latter on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Hon. Treasurer.

A hearty vote of appreciation and thanks was then passed to the St. Chad's branch for their generous arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for presiding thereat, on the motion of Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, seconded by Mr. Broadley, of Shipley. To this Mr. W. Child, on behalf of the St. Chad's company, suitably replied.

No other business being brought forward, the Vicar moved a vote of thanks to the President for his services in the chair, and this was seconded by Mr. Abbishaw, who expressed a hope that Mr. Snowdon might long be spared to act for the Association. This led the President to say that he felt himself bound by what he had previously said, viz., that he felt it would be to the Association's best interests for him to make way for a younger man at the end of his three-years' term, of which he had then completed one. Should the Association afterwards honour him with a seat on the Committee, he would be proud to be of service in a less arduous position, supposing a kindly providence spared him; and thus ended one of the pleasantest (leaving out the snow) meetings ever held by the Association.

Mr. Wm. Child acted as the local Hon. Sec., and carried all through with very great success, and that in face of enormous odds, everyone expressing admiration for all that had been done for the general comfort.

Reverting, lastly, to the huge Annual Report and the deficit of £8 which it has brought to the financial department, we feel that it may be of interest to many of the provincial Associations if we carefully review the circumstances under which our Yorkshire friends find themselves. To this end we have scheduled some interesting data, without which no true grasp of the facts can be obtained. Although the deficit is only £8 it would have been nearly double this sum but for the income rising out of the Society's accumulated funds, and as the deficit will quite probably now be an annual one—varying perhaps in its amount—the subject becomes an important one.

From the following table it will be seen that in the first 10 years the savings had so accumulated that Life Membership was started thus: "When the total subscriptions of a member amounts to not less than 11s. 6d., no further annual payments shall be required so long as the income

from the reserve funds is sufficient to meet the yearly expenses of such life members." At this time only fifty-nine such members were then installed (see column 7), so no test had been given to the new rule.

At the end of the twentieth year 364 such members had qualified, but the total savings had reached £200 in spite of the pages in the report having risen from 70 to 120, and in that year itself £4 2s. 7d. (which had been borrowed for printing a stock of certificates of membership) was repaid to capital, so the society's income was still elastic.

When the thirtieth year had run its course, although £250 had been saved, the crisis for the continued freedom of the life members was at hand, for we read in that year's report: "Last year we lost some £3 3s., and this year (the thirtieth) we lose some £6 more." This was followed by a 1s. levy on all life members who wished to remain entitled to full benefits—non-payers to forfeit the Report. In the thirty-second Report we get the result of this levy, which not only replenished the exchequer, but allowed another £10 to be put to the reserve fund. The lessened number of Reports printed was of course part of the gain from those who did not pay their contribution. The position of affairs this year—the thirty-fourth—stands thus, with a loss of £8 already noticed. The number of members entitled to free reports is nearly nine times what it was when life membership was instituted; the size of the Report as to its pages, is three times as large; and very nearly twice as many reports were wanted.

Who can stand against an expansion of this sort? No one; and that is the only reply. Exactly what the Committee will decide to do—for they must collect the money—it is difficult to say, but as their annual receipt books are printed for a 1s. subscription, we take it that next year

the life members (who have only paid a 1s. levy in twenty four years) will be asked for another 1s., and if the same success follows the Association's work, in all probability every four years (a sort of leap-year for the treasurer, who will look for the leap of cash into his coffers), another shilling levy will have to be made.

If this state of affairs led to the various conductors seeing to it that better, if fewer, peals were rung, then in all probability quite as much good would accrue to the Association as at present, and that at a less cost to the printing bill.

Did the Association make a mistake in starting life-membership? Our answer is certainly not, because instead of now having to face a large deficit the annual loss is a comparatively small one, and can well, and will cheerfully, be borne by members who have had a good respite. Twenty-three years with one levy of 1s. only is not a bad record, and the members who will trouble to look into it, will be the first to admit it.

It is only fair to the management of the Association to say that the whole of these analytical details have been gleaned from the printed reports in the hands of the members, a set of which reposes in front of us; hence nothing but well-known facts have been drawn upon, so accurately are the Association's affairs kept before its supporters.

Nothing succeeds like success, but you cannot get everything for nothing! Paraphrasing the "Yorkshireman's toast," we will end with the following:—

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I would also remind all whom it may concern, that April 16th is fast approaching, and that all Notices of Motion and Reports of Committees, the publication of which in "THE BELL NEWS" is desirable, should reach me by that day at the latest.

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

THE PROPER USE OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—With regard to the letter of "Campanarias," reprinted in "THE BELL NEWS" from *The Guardian*, allow me to say that I fully answered his queries as to the irregularity of ringing on festivals, etc., in the following issue of *The Guardian*. I need not here enter into details of what I said, as your readers can see it in the above paper for themselves, if they wish. Suffice it to say that I stated that the reason why bells were not rung on certain great festivals, when they ought to be rung, was simply from want of funds to pay for the same, and in a subsequent letter I shewed that money payment would not necessarily promote the science of change-ringing; but that at the same time it was necessary to secure regularity in getting bells rung on such days as they should be heard, since ringers often had to lose time from their work to ring on those occasions.

J. R. JERRAM.

Obituary.

JOHN PRESTON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. J. Preston, of Edenbridge, Kent, who passed away on Thursday, March 24th, at the age of 53. Deceased was well known in the home countiet, being a member of the Kent, Sussex, and Surrey Associations, and the College Youths. As a keen ringer, good striker and conductor he took part in some fifty peals during the last fifteen years. His remains were carried to their last resting place by six brother-ringers on Tuesday, the 29th ult.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, for a Confirmation Service in the afternoon, which was held by the Bishop of Colchester, before the service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. After the service 720 Kent, and 720 Cambridge Surprise. Also before evening service 720 London Surprise Minor. P. Almond, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, W. J. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews. After service a touch of Grandsire Triples in which Messrs. Jennings and Humm took part.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, January 24th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. O. Reay, Vicar of Prittlewell, which came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 20

mins. W. Dudley, W. T. Wilson, C. Collins, G. E. Wilson, J. Perry, J. Smith, A. B. Wiffen, W. H. Judd conductor.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. T. Lincoln, F. W. Edwards, F. G. Radley, G. R. V. Crush, H. Head, A. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, F. Edwards. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. V. Crush.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE.—On Thursday, February 27th, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. 37 mins. O. J. Hunt, A. J. Gregory conductor, A. Gregory, C. Lay, H. Gregory, W. Gregory, F. Bunce, A. Kent.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On Tuesday, March 29th, 524 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran conductor, W. Radley, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn, L. Dickerson, W. Everett, C. Carter, R. Skipper. 560 Bob Major. W. Doran, A. Macro, W. Radley, L. Dickerson, W. Seeley, T. Fitzjohn conductor W. Everett, C. Carter.

BRANDON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Radley conductor, C. Carter, W. Doran, G. Flatt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn. 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, R. Skipper, W. Radley, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn conductor. G. Flatt. 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, H. Docking, R. Skipper, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn conductor, G. Flatt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Sunday, January 16th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bayles, H. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Marwood, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, G. Clow, G. Halksworth conductor. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. R. Bayles, H. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Marwood, C. Scott, A. Ashe, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WIDNES.—On Saturday, January 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Dagnal, J. A. Calland, G. Sant, R. A. Cartwright, H. Ashton, G. Clews, F. J. Hancock conductor, R. Luther.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, February 5th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Cox, R. W. Gray, R. Moncaster, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, G. J. Lungley conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Park, sister of the Captain of the Holy Trinity company, to Mr. A. W. Brownless, of Darlington.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Green, A. Andrews, C. Ward, H. Nash, E. Houlden, J. Clark, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2100 changes. T. Tidy, W. Streeter, G. Farnfield, A. Charman, T. Worsfold, J. Knight, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor. Longest touch in the method on the bells and by all the ringers.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, T. Large, G. Taylor, W. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, G. Rastall.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on April 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, on the 11th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 14th and 28th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 19th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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

The London County Association (Late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Green Dragon at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. per head to those who notify me by April 14th. The next practice at St. Martins-in-the-Fields will be on Wednesday, 13th inst.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs) at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.

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

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the North-Western district will be held at Stansted to-day, Sat., April 9th. Tea 6d. each at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Bear hotel at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid to me either before or at the meeting.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon to-day, Sat., April 9th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES, }
29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes

to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Farnworth (6 bells) at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Sat., April 9th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting as usual.

GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Matthew's church Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson. The bells will be raised at 3 p.m., and ringing will be continued up till 6 p.m., when a service will be held in the church, followed by a tea in the Hall in Warwick Road, for which a small charge will be made. Ringing will be subsequently resumed until 9 p.m. It is requested that those intending to be present will notify their intention, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. Members and friends are cordially invited.

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

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Dickens) at this meeting.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 23rd. Further particulars by circular.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Hoarcross (6), 3.30 p.m.; Yoxall (6), 5 p.m.; King's Bromley (6), 6.30 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m. Tea is free to members, 1/6 per head to visitors. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the South-Eastern district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, April 23rd. Tea 6d. each at 5.30 in the Iron Room near the church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Members and friends requiring tea, kindly send notice not later than Wednesday, April 20th, to

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The

next quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 26th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Taylor, High Street, to provide tea to members at 8d. each. Secretaries of bands who have not yet paid their bands subscriptions, are requested to forward same together with any alterations for the new report as soon as possible.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

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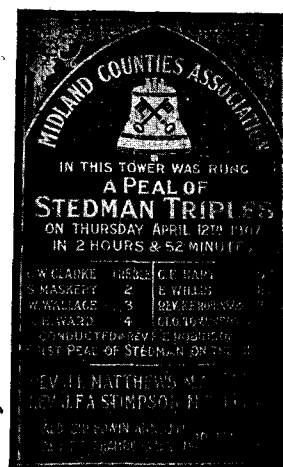
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt

JOSEPH WAGHOBY Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
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IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS GORE Treble.	WALTER ROBINSON 5.
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THEURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble.	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

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THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

ARTHUR CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON Treble.	CHARLES L. JENKINSON .. 5.
GEORGE MAYES 2.	GEORGE H. CROSS 6.
CHARLES E. BOBRETT .. 3.	FREDK. W. CURTIS 7.
WILLIAM MAYES 4.	FREDK. J. CROSS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and Conducted by F. J. CROSS.

Rung on the third anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal as conductor.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble.	JOHN E. BURTON 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	CLEMENT J. MORE 6.
FREDK. R. BOBRETT .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
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Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, March 17, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT HOUGHTON* .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 5.
HARRY HILL 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 3.	ALFRED DAVIES 7.
HARRY HUBBLE* 4.	†ALBERT PRESTIDGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT PRESTIDGE.

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

THIRSK, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

H. BROWN Treble.	R. BROWN 5.
G. WINDSOR 2.	JAS. W. NEESAM 6.
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Conducted by JAS. W. NEESAM.

*First peal. †First peal on the tenor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAUGHTON Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 2.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. 6.
A. M. DAVENPORT 3.	ALBERT HOUGH 7.
HARRY NORGROVE 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by T. WILDE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and on the 57th anniversary of the opening of the bells. First peal as conductor.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	ROBERT SPERRING 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	WALTER THOMAS 6.
JOHN SCONCE 3.	HENRY DEW 7.
WILLIAM MAYERS 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.
First peal of Major as conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 24½ cwt.

RICHARD B. MARSHALL .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ANDREW MARSHALL* .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
JIM BRACH 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. 7.
FRED J. LAMBERT 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, NEAR WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE NEW CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s. each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN T. ALDRED* Treble.	*HARRY ALDRED 4.
HERBERT ALDRED* 2.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	ROBERT ALDRED Tenor.

Conducted by R. ALDRED.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th were elected members before starting. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. J. Orme, organist, and local ringers, for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMPERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	FRED J. LAMBERT 6.
ANDREW MARSHALL .. 3.	JIM BRACH 7.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	HARRY MEERDITH 5.
ALFRED DAVIES 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	*WILLIAM HINGLEY 7.
HARRY A. WOODALL .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal. Expected to be R. Matthews' last peal as a bachelor.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS PHILO Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Wickham, who was interred in the churchyard; also on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE SEWARD 5.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	DAVID BEARLEY 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 6.
FRED KETTLEBORO .. 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.
This is the conductor's 50th peal in the method.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. LAVERICK Treble.	J. H. PINKNEY 5.
W. RUDD 2.	†W. C. HARDY 6.
L. A. HARDY 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
J. W. PASSMAN 4.	T. LANCASTER Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

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

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN HARPER Treble.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
JOHN BOOTH* 2.	JAMES WILDBLOOD .. 6.
JOSEPH A. COOR* .. 3.	WILLIAM RIGBY 7.
DONALD BOOTH 4.	*STEPHEN WILCOX Tenor.

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

*First peal. This was the first quarterly peal by the above branch.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PERSCOTT .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN 5.
CHARLES W. BELL 2.	*CHARLES DENSLEY 6.
ALBERT C. SEERS 3.	THOMAS T. KING 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	*THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Seers.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAS. MAINWARING .. Treble.	A. KINSEY 5.
J. PETERS* 2.	F. T. SPENCE 6.
M. LOMAS* 3.	J. E. ASHCROFT 7.
G. H. WHEELER* 4.	W. LEIGH Tenor.

Conducted by F. T. SPENCE.

*First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. WADE .. Treble.	HENRY R. DAWSON 5.
WILLIAM J. RICE 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
HARRY BUSH 3.	HENRY F. COOPER 7.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS .. 4.	JOHN WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. N. Dew for the use of the bells, and for his hearty welcome at the church.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CALSB DANIEL* .. Treble.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT† .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT† .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH 4.	JOHN HOWES Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. A. LAMBERT.

First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal in the above tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

JOSEPH WEST† .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2.	HARRY GOODMAN 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
HERRERT SHEPPARD 4.	CHARLES FAULKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Joseph Timmins, a former member of the above band.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GORDON CHECKETTS .. Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD 2.	JOHN NORMAN 5.
ARTHUR HADLEY 3.	J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 2.	FRED G. MAY 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL 7.
NORRIS WAY 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Saturday, March 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	ALBERT ROUGHT 5.
PERCY C. ARTIS 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
EDWARD FRANCIS 3.	FREDERICK HOWCHIN .. 7.
FRANK H. DAVEY 4.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED ANDREWS 5.
DR. E. HARWOOD 2.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. Tenor.

Conducted by DR. E. HARWOOD.

The ringer of the 3rd was elected a life member of the Guild.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDK. BOKRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST LINCOLN 5.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. 2.	ALFRED SMITH 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	HENRY GANNHAM 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	FREDK. ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BOKRETT.

Rung as a farewell to Edward Matthews, who is going to the United States.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Buckley, Flintshire, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Members had assembled from Bangor, Buckley, Dolgelly, Gresford, Llangollen, Llandudno, Hawarden, Portmadoc, Rhyl, and Wrexham, while friends from Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and Pulford brought the number up to about 60. After a few touches, tracks were made for the schoolroom, and the Buckley ringers good ladies brought in a lot of new courses, which were comfortably tapped off. At 1.30 a service was held in the church, which was taken by the Rev. D. R. Pelly. Addressing the ringers, he took his text from the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. He said there were those things in the life of Christ which were very applicable to ringers. They were character, unity, and love of discipline. To be good ringers we

needed character, and that was the only true foundation of our work in the belfry. Then again we must be one in unity; there is but one God and one Lord. He said we in Wales could easily see the continual harm done to God's work by the spirit shown against the Church. The sound of the bells he said was an invitation to the people to come to worship, in fact they were a means of protesting against the harm, and the attempt to wreck the Church. Ringers to do their work thoroughly must have discipline. Altogether the address was a very pleasant one, and was listened with rapt attention. The singing throughout was of a hearty nature, and Mr. Williams, of Buckley, presided at the organ. The business meeting was held in the schoolhouse. Several new members were admitted, and the Association is on a sound basis. Two important items were passed, viz.,—"That all peals to be entered and paid for by the

Association"; "That all money should be paid through the Secretary." The Association also decided on a badge of membership, and tower secretaries are asked to send to the Hon. Secretary without delay, the number they require. The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Abergele and the annual at Beaumaris.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones for his good work, and to the Rev. D. Pelly for his presence, and to Mr. Wilmer Rogers for his past services as Treasurer. The ladies who specially attended on them were thanked for their services by Mr. Evans, of Portmadoc, who advised every ringer in search of a wife to go to Buckley. The meeting was one of the best held by the Association, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers at any time they choose to come to Buckley.

Death.

On the 2nd inst. at "Ingleside," Ashby Road, Loughborough, ELIZA, widow of the late JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, Bellfounder, in her 84th year.

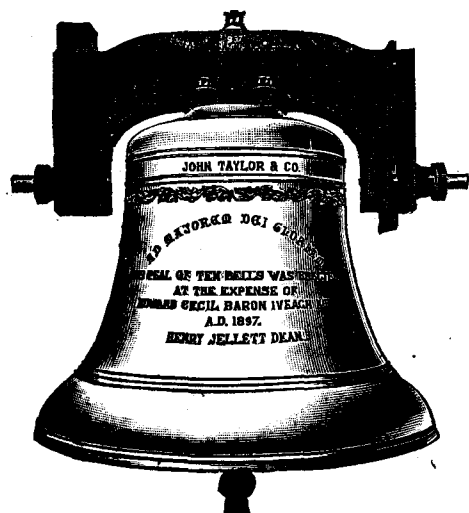
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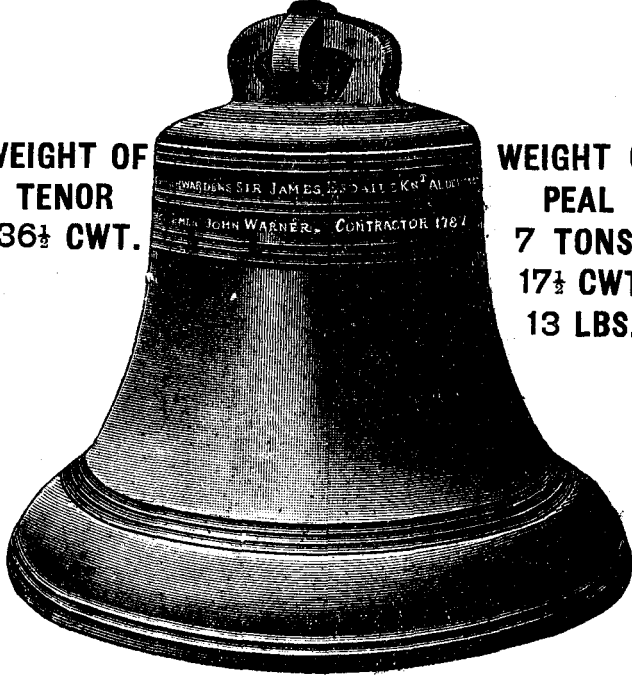
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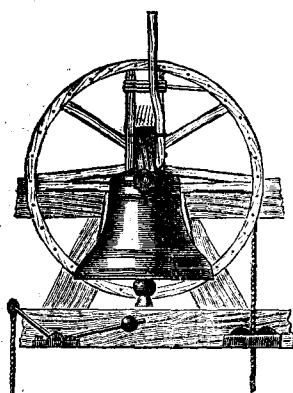
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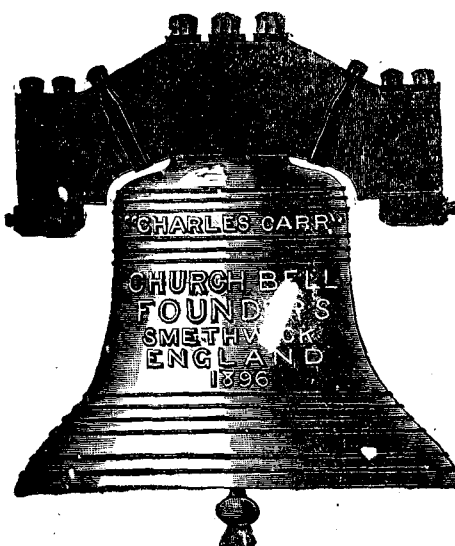
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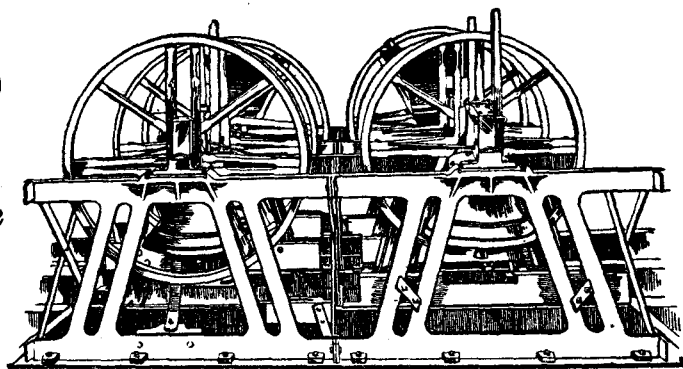
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Burton-on-Trent on Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Modwen's, St. Paul's, and St. Mark's (Winshall) were available for ringing from 10 a.m., and were kept going in various methods throughout the day. Members were present from Ashby, Barwell, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Etwell, Ilkeston, London, Loughborough, Mansfield, Newhall, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Ripley, Stanton-by-Dale, Southwell, Whitwick, Wirksworth, Wolverhampton, and Burton. By the kindness of Messrs. Worthington, the celebrated brewers, arrangements had been made for the whole party to make a tour of their extensive and elaborate brewery premises, and about one hundred members and friends were provided with refreshments at 11.0. Parties were afterwards shown over the malthouses, hop rooms, stores, cooperages, etc., the visitors being greatly interested in all they saw.

Committee meeting was held in St. Paul's Institute at 3.15, and tea, followed by the general meeting, at 4 o'clock. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. (president), was in the chair, supported by the Vicar (Rev. J. J. G. Stockley), Canon Worthington (Rector of Netherseal), Rev. T. A. Lewis (Vicar of Horningdon), Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-President), Mr. W. E. White (hon. sec.), Mr. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), Mr. E. D. Taylor, and others, eighty-four members sitting down. Apologies for absence were read by the Vicar from several clergy and gentlemen, including the two auditors (Revs. J. P. Hales and M. H. Pimm).

After the minutes of the last meeting at Eastwood had been read and passed, the President reviewed the peals rung during the last quarter, which amounted to eighteen, while the annual report (just published) for 1909 showed a grand total of 154 peals, creating a record for the Association both in number and in quality. Sir Arthur hoped that the advance made in the higher methods would tend to greater care being taken in the ringing, and ensure good striking.

Seventeen members were unanimously elected. The balance-sheet was read and adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. Fox, the President remarking that he hoped, by the new arrangements made, the Association would be financially sound once more in a couple of years.

The general officers were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Maskrey. Mr. Taylor, Mr. White, and Mr. Wakley briefly replied.

Sir Arthur Heywood announced that the committee recommended that an honorarium of £5 be offered to the Secretary for his services, as the duties of the secretaryship had greatly increased during the past few years. He knew that Mr. White had almost more than he could do to carry out the work, and he could not be allowed to sustain a dead loss. He moved that the committee's recommendation be passed. This was seconded by Mr. Griffin, and carried with applause.

The quarterly meetings for the ensuing year were fixed to take place at Alfreton, Loughborough, and Melton

Mowbray, in the order named, the next annual meeting being at Derby by rotation. A proposition by Mr. W. C. Wakley to divide the extensive Derby district into two, with Chesterfield as the centre of the new district, was approved, and referred to a select committee to arrange the details. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Institute was proposed by Mr. W. W. Worthington, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor. The Vicar, in reply, said that he was always very pleased to do his best for his friends the ringers, and to welcome the Association to Burton.

Mr. Argyle proposed a vote of thanks to the Messrs. Worthington for their entertainment in the morning, which was highly appreciated. This was seconded by Mr. Draper, and carried with applause. Mr. Worthington replied in a few words. A hearty vote of thanks to Sir Arthur Heywood for presiding closed the meeting.

During the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, and Superlative were rung, and in the evening the Derby band rang tunes, and courses of Grandsire Caters and Cinques, with a touch of Stedman Triples, on the handbells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the north-eastern district of the above was held at Colchester on Easter Monday last, the Master of the Association presiding. The elections of members included the Rev. A. F. Curtis, the new Vicar of Feering, as an honorary member, and nine ringing members.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester, for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Page and the local ringers for making the arrangements for tea, etc. During the day touches were rung of Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative. A peal of the latter was rung earlier in the day, in which several of the local ringers scored their first in that method.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting for combined practice and business was held at the church of St. Thomas a'Becket, Portsmouth, on Easter Monday last. Ringers were present from the following towers: Portsmouth, Postsea, Fareham, Havant, Petersfield, Titchfield, and Swanmore; also visitors from North Stonham and Guildford. The bells were raised at 3.30, and touches were attempted, but not much ringing was done before tea. At five o'clock a short service was held in the church, at which all the ringers attended. The lessons were read by the Master of the Association (Rev. C. E. Matthews, of Titchfield), the prayers being read by the Rev. R. A. Medlicott, Vicar of St. Thomas's, who gave a very helpful address to the ringers, taking for his text an inscription on a bell in the Midlands—"Jesus speaks." He likened all Churchworkers, including the bellringers, as speaking to the congregation, and urged the necessity of all who took part in God's work to lead upright lives,

so that they might be an example worthy for others to follow.

After service the company repaired to the Institute for tea, twenty-two sitting down. The business meeting was held in the adjoining room, the Rev. C. E. Matthews in the chair, supported by Mr. Whiting (district secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (district representative), and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Altogether twenty-eight full and probationary members were admitted into the Guild. It was decided to send an instructor to Liss to teach change-ringing to the ringing company there.

Business over, the Master said a few appropriate words concerning the loss to the Exercise by the decease of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. A. Mellicott for the use of the bells and meeting-room, also the Master for presiding. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where they were successful in ringing touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield on Monday, March 28th. Members attended from Birmingham, Bloxwich, Coseley, Handsworth, Haughton, Lichfield, Market Drayton, Rugeley, Tamworth, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and Wombourn.

The use of the cathedral bells was somewhat minimised by the authorities that be, but were turned to the best account by those present.

The committee meeting was held in the cathedral belfry at 12.45, Mr. J. E. Groves (ringing master) presiding. Then followed a short service in St. Mary's church, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

The tea had been arranged to be partaken of in the Wade-street schools, but owing to scarlet fever having made its appearance therein, provision was made by the caterer (Mr. Wigham) at his stores in Tamworth-street, where a splendid tea was done full justice to.

The general meeting followed in the Pool-walk schools, where the desks were so small that some of the more corpulent found it difficult to settle themselves comfortably. Mr. R. Cartwright was unanimously voted to the chair, and he filled the position admirably. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, the Rev. E. V. Cox read the report for the past year (nine months), and presented the balance-sheet, the latter showing a substantial balance in hand. The officers were re-elected, except that Mr. T. J. Elton (of Walsall) succeeds Mr. J. E. Groves (retired) as ringing-master. The next three quarterly meetings were settled for Tamworth (June), Bloxwich (September), and Brierley Hill (January). In order to reach outlying towers, those who are the happy possessors of bicycles are invited to attend special ringing meetings from time to time, notice of which will appear in this paper. It is thought much good may be done in this way, as some of the towers in the archdeaconry are otherwise difficult to get at.

A new and improved design for certificate of membership is in course of preparation.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Groves for his past services, and to Mr. Cartwright for conducting the business of the meeting, terminated the proceedings.

This is the first attempt at having a full day for the annual meeting, which taking all things into consideration, proved a success.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Shirland, on Monday, March 28th. The unusual sight to the visitors of fifty ringers parading the streets, and besieging the ancient parish church, caused a considerable stir and surprise in this usually quiet village.

Members were present from Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Clay Cross, Crich, Horsley, Morton, South Normanton, Shirland, Swanwick, Tevershall, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield; with several ringers' wives.

The annual service was held at 4.30 p.m., and was well attended. The Rev. B. Hallows, Rector, preached a very impressive sermon.

Tea was provided in the school at 5.30 p.m., to which fifty sat down. Adjourning to the next room the annual meeting was held, the Rector occupying the chair. The balance-sheet was read and confirmed, showing a balance in hand of £13 18s. 7d., which was considered satisfactory.

The Rev. B. Hallows was elected president for ensuing year; Mr. J. Smith (Clay Cross) was re-elected treasurer; and Mr. T. Allibone (North Wingfield) was re-elected secretary.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Heath, Crich, and Clay Cross, with special meetings for Horsley and Wingerworth. The voting for the place for the next annual meeting resulted in Blackwell being selected. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Rector for preaching, presiding, and granting the use of the bells for the day, also the retiring officers for their past services.

The bells were kept merrily going until 9 p.m., a very enjoyable day being spent by all, the weather being all that could be desired.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Kenninghall on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the clergy, the ring of eight at the parish church, and also the eight at Quidenham were available throughout the day, and were largely used by members representing the towers at Norwich, Aylsham, Diss, Eye, Garboldisham, Brandon, Thetford, Shropham, Watton, Saxlingham, Mulbarton, Thornham, Bunwell, etc.

Dinner was admirably served by Mr. J. Cunningham (a member of the local band), at The White Horse inn, presided over by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, who was supported by the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. A. E. Fuller, Mr. W. J. Nudds (London), Mr. C. E. Eorrett (Secretary), and about fifty members.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, and the Secretary in dealing with matters connected with the Association, said the Report was not yet ready for publication, but he hoped to have it ready for distribution in a fortnight. The delay was partly occasioned by the General Election, as the printer was flooded with orders for election literature, and also by the fact that the full record of peals rung during 1909 were not published in "THE BELL NEWS" until many weeks after the close of the year, and therefore the detail work connected with the preparation of the Report could not be begun. The Association was in a thoroughly sound position, as the members would see when the balance-sheet was seen in the Report.

The election of forty-eight members then took place, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. E. Fuller, to the chairman for presiding,

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Since my last letter some five or six Affiliation Fees have come to hand, but they are not coming in nearly so plentiful as they ought to do. On Saturday week (23rd), I shall publish the list of those Associations whose fees have not reached me by the 19th. I only trust that there may be none to be so named. Hon. Secretaries have little idea of the trouble caused by my having to spend time on the accounts, when the Agenda and other matters call for undivided attention.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stouehouse, Gloucestershire, April 12th, 1910.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, ringers from several churches were invited to ring on the new bells at Selby Abbey, but owing to so many Easter engagements there was not a good response to the invitation. Ringers from York Minster, Tadcaster, and Darfield rang touches of Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major, and a very enjoyable time was had. On Sunday, April 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the six inside back bells by Albert Cryer, J. Jackson, Arthur Hall, F. Cryer, H. Fairbairn (conductor), Arthur Cryer, T. Strudwick. Also 360 of Bob Minor.

Obituary.

JAMES GRAY.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Friday, April 8th. at Merthyr Tydfil, at the age of 47. Deceased had been a member of the local band since the erection of the bells in 1906. Although not a peal ringer he was always at practice and Sunday ringing, and his death will be keenly felt by the local company. On Tuesday, April 12th, the day of the funeral, the band met and attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute, but it unfortunately came to grief two calls from home.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2100 changes. T. Tidy, W. Streeter, G. Farnfield, A. Charman, T. Worsfold, J. Knight, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor. Longest touch in the method on the bells and by all the ringers.

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SIXTY FEET FALL DOWN CLIFFS.

A cliff tragedy, resulting in a young man's death and terrible injuries to his lady companion, came to light at Llantwit Major, South Wales, in the early hours of Monday morning last. Miss Cranogwen Lewis, aged eighteen, of 52, Brook Street, Aberman, Aberdare, was on a visit to Llantwit Major, and on Sunday evening attended service at the parish church. Later she accompanied Mr. George Kibblewhite, aged nineteen, son of Mr. G. E. Kibblewhite, schoolmaster, of Wick for a walk. The young couple walked to the neighbourhood known as Dim-hole, between St. Donat's Castle and Dimlands. It appears that they there got on the wrong footpath, and walking blindly on, stepped over the cliffs. Falling to the rock beach below, Mr. Kibblewhite received injuries from which he shortly afterwards expired, and Miss Lewis sustained a fractured thigh and bruises all down her right side.

It was in this plight they were found by Mr. Mervyn Morgan and Mr. Ernest John, uncle of Kibblewhite, two of a search party who had gone out to hunt for the couple when it was found they had not returned to their homes. An alarm was raised at midnight, and as Mr. Kibblewhite and Miss Lewis had been seen going towards the beach, the search party at once made in that direction. It was three o'clock in the morning when they came across the young man and woman, and with all speed had them removed from the beach, Miss Lewis being taken to West Farm, in the occupation of Mr. T. Jenkins, her uncle, where she had been staying.

Mr. A. W. Wright, the leader of the Llantwit ringers, who sends these particulars, adds: "I am sending you the particulars of a sad death which befell one of my ringers here. He was one of two young men that started to ring nine months ago, and had made great strides in the Art, and had he lived no doubt he would have made a name in the ringing world. He had only been a member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association for three months. He was beloved by all who knew him, and was carried to his last resting place by his brother-ringers, who sent as a tribute a large floral bell. On Sunday, April 10th, the bells were rung half muffled as a mark of respect. I am sending you a photo. of the grave, which is as near to the church tower as is possible, and am also enclosing the report from *The Glamorgan Gazette*. No doubt you have heard of the sad affair. The young lady is still alive, but there is not much hope of her getting better."

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BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, T. Large, G. Taylor, W. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, G. Rastall.

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(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)*On Sunday, February 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.*

AT 7, HAYDON PLACE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE SEN. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 7-8
HENRY L. GARFATH 9-10.	

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—S. Radford. First peal of Caters on handbells by all. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes*

AT 11, FRANCIS ROAD,

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

HUBERT EDEN 1-2.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW.. 5-6
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 3-4.	*ROBERT A. KIRBY .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—William Ward. *First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORRS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Wednesday, March 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.*

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*WILLIAM BURGAR.. .. 7-8.
R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 9-10.	

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

*First handbell peal of Caters.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.*

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6
GEORGE LEWIS 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8.
*R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First handbell peal of Caters.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)*On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. KEEBLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

GEORGE HOLLIS* 1-2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ORMSKIRK.—On Monday, March 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1910 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. P. H. Harvey, J. Sholicar, J. H. Sholicar, J. Pilkington, J. W. Pilkington, J. R. Park, A. Halton, T. Martland. Composed and conducted by J. Sholicar. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Lathom, whose funeral took place the same day.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

ANSTEY.—On March 15th, at St. Mary's church, 560 Double Norwich. A. Cuffin, A. Mason, A. Bramley, D. Richards, E. Jackson, J. Harris, E. A. Ridgway (first touch in the method), W. Willson conductor. And 588 Stedman Triples. W. Willson conductor, 1; A. Cuffin, 8; the rest as before.

LEICESTER.—On Easter Day, March 27th, at St. John the Divine, 350 Grandsire Triples. P. Daukley, W. Willson, jun., Miss Lilian A. Willson (conductress), W. H. Inglesant, J. Harris, J. W. Beckwith, F. Herbert, J. A. Tomlinson. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductress. And 420 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Willson, jun.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

CROSTHWAITE.—On Wednesday, February 19th, for practice at St. Kentigern's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Miss L. Hogarth, T. Hartley, T. Hogarth, S. Usher, F. Hogarth, T. Wilson conductor.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On March 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Brewer, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, A. D. Mills, A. Mitchell, J. Rice conductor, P. Tyler, A. Thornton.

FROME (Somerset).—On Tuesday, February 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Offer, E. Fricker, T. Bendy, S. G. Dickenson, W. Flower, H. Nutley, W. Bishop conductor, G. Coleman.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service, 1241 Grandsire Caters, in 54 mins. A. G. Janes, F. G. Biggs, F. K. Biggs, T. J. Goodchild, G. White, B. Page, W. Phipps, F. Hayes conductor, J. W. Wilkins, W. Boxall.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Fred Webb, Frank Webb, R. Judge, W. Thorpe, Rev. H. C. Bell, J. Franklin, W. Judge conductor, J. Matthews. On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service, 720 Stedman Triples. Fred Webb, Frank Webb, R. Judge, W. Thorpe, W. Judge, J. Franklin, J. H. R. Freeborn conductor, G. Fathers.

NORWICH.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. Peter Mancroft, on the Gabriel eight, 480 Bob Major. Percy Elwin, Ernest Beckett (Garvestone), H. J. Borrett, Geo. Harvey, F. H. Phillips, Geo. Mayers conductor, W. G. Cutbush, Alex. Potter. Tenor 19 cwt.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, 1344 changes, in 50 mins. G. Bester, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On February 3rd, 1120 in the same method standing as before.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 27th, for the afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. H. Pask, P. J. Garwood, G. Smith, B. W. Maxim, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke conductor. After service a touch of Woodbine was rung.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, L. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Bull, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. H. R. Freeborn conductor, A. N. Other.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on April 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 28th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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

The London County Association (Late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., April 16th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey to-day, Sat., April 16th. Tower open at 3.30. The next practice at St. Martins-in-the-Fields will be on Wednesday, 13th inst.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Matthew's church Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson. The bells will be raised at 3 p.m., and ringing will be continued up till 6 p.m., when a service will be held in the church, followed by a tea in the Hall in Warwick Road, for which a small charge will be made. Ringing will be subsequently resumed until 9 p.m. It is requested that those intending to be present will notify their intention, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. Members and friends are cordially invited. The bells of St. Paul's church, Homerton, will be available from 4 to 5.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, after tea.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury to-day, Sat., April 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

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

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton to-day, Sat., April 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Dickens) at this meeting.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 23rd. Further particulars by circular.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Hoarcross (6), 3.30 p.m.; Yoxall (6), 5 p.m.; King's Bromley (6), 6.30 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m. Tea is free to members, 1/6 per head to visitors. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the South-Eastern district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, April 23rd. Tea 6d. each at 5.30 in the Iron Room near the church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Members and friends requiring tea, kindly send notice not later than Wednesday, April 20th, to

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, April 23rd. 3 o.—Bells (6) available. 5 o.—Service, with address by the Vicar. 5.45.—Tea in the schoolroom. Tea tickets 6d. each; visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 26th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Taylor, High Street, to provide tea to members at 8d. each. Secretaries of bands who have not yet paid their bands' subscriptions, are requested to forward same together with any alterations for the new report as soon as possible.

W. LATTEP, *Hon. Ds. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. The local band have kindly promised to provide a tea for those who send me their names not later than the 26th inst. This will be followed by the business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible, so that a proper report can be presented at the annual general meeting on Whit-Monday.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Leeds and District Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall, Gnisley, on Saturday, April 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, April 30th. Cathedral tower open for ringing from 12 till 1, and from 5 till 9.

Bosham tower open in the afternoon. 1.30.—Luncheon at The Amber hotel; members' ticket 1s. 6d. Chairman—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. 2.30.—Annual Meeting. 3.30.—Special service at Sub-deanery church. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. Members attending meeting will receive half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. Notices of intention of being present at luncheon should be sent to me by Tuesday, April 26th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association. Tea in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.15 p.m. For further particulars see Association circular.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

CHAS. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—E. G. Buesden has removed to 2, Beaconsfield Terrace, St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury.—John Armstrong has removed to 122, Palmers Road, New Southgate.

BOB MAJOR.

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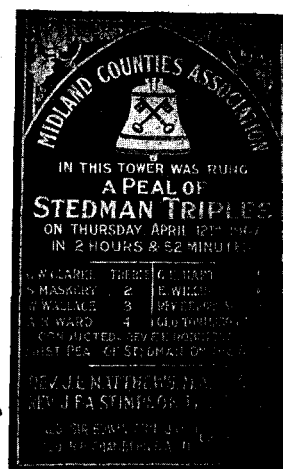
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	*GEORGE E. RAWLINGS .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	*WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

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

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 8.
JOHN H. CHESMAN 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	GEORGE BASDEN 5.
FREDERICK REID* 2.	*JAMES ELDERFIELD 6.
HAROLD T. BATTEN* 3.	*WILLIAM HENLEY 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	JOHN BOVINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK HODGKIN* .. Treble.	*FRANK SHARP 5.
DAVID HODGKIN* 2.	CHARLES H. SONE 6.
EDWIN LAMBERT 3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 7.
JIM BEACH 4.	GEORGE HADAWAY Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

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

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

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

Composed by F. P. HOWCROFT, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

*First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. COTTERILL* Treble.	CHAS. SEDDON 5.
JAS. W. HINDLEY† 2.	*DANIEL HOWARD 6.
GEORGE MORRIS† 3.	†THOMAS HOWARD 7.
THOMAS LINGARD 4.	JOHN EDGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the church after decoration. J. Edge was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. A. HOLDEN Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	*EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 8.
ERNEST PYE 3.	*CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN FLINT 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 11.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS* .. 6.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CHASTLETON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Sunday, March 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

F. SKELCHER* Treble.	J. SKELCHER 4.
W. COLEMAN 2.	S. LUCKET 5.
W. LARGE 3.	W. SKELCHER Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. Treble.	JOHN B. HESSEY 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
GEORGE EDSEE 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	*FRANK BENNETT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JOHN FLINT 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 10.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
JAMES GEORGE 6.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Four Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6591 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
GEORGE LEWIS 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 7.
BENJAMIN THORPE 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 8.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES 9.
JOHN THORPE 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung on the 89th anniversary of the opening of the bells. This peal contains the sixty course-ends with the 6th in 2nds place and the back bells in the titums throughout. The figures were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 16th, 1907, page 411.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5381 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. Treble.	*WALTER ROBINSON 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	BART MITCHELL 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.	SAMUEL WESLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal on ten bells.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN T. MOORE* Treble.	T. OMAS SMITH 5.
JAMES CLARKE† 2.	FREDK. TATE 6.
CHARLES W. KING 3.	HERBERT LUDKIN 7.
FRANK HODGSON* 4.	*JOE A. SHEEBURN Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

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

HUNSLET, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble.	BENJAMIN SHAW 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3.	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7.
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4.	JAMES T. SHAW Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was rung on the twenty-first anniversary of the Leeds and district Society.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT E. FOURT† Treble.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT 4.
FRANK ANDREW 2.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 5.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

†First peal containing Treble Bob.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.
GEORGE ELLIS* 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 6.
ALBERT HARMAN 3.	HENEY C. CASTLE 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major, and was elected a member previous to starting. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Bacon to Miss Ethel Sayers.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CROSS Treble.	HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4.
GEORGE R. TRUSS 4.	

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

This is the first peal on the bells which have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 5.
HENRY STALHAM 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
GEORGE SEARLE 4.	WILLIAM BUTT Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. BIRD Treble.	†E. COOK 4.
E. RANDLE 2.	†H. BIRD 5.
W. LARGE 3.	†H. LINE Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

†First peal.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. IRONS Treble.	†F. E. REED 4.
T. H. IRONS† 2.	S. J. PECK 5.
C. W. SADDINGTON† 3.	H. FIELDS Tenor.

Conducted by H. FIELDS.

†First peal. First peal as conector.

BERRY POMEROY.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in D. sharp.

JAMES MOSS Treble.	THOMAS LAVER 5.
FRANK J. DAVEY 2.	EDMUND SARGENT 6.
CHARLES CARTER 3.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	FRANK GARDNER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PIPER Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5.
HARRY BUSH 2.	GEORGE W. PIPER 6.
HENRY F. DAWSON 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
HENRY F. COOPER 4.	JOHN WOOD Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

This is the first peal rang on these bells, as far as is known, with the tenor rang single-handed.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

ARTHUR G. JANKS* Treble.	BENJAMIN PAGE.. .. 6.
FRED G. BIGGS* 2.	*WILLIAM PHIPPS 7.
PERCY W. WITHAM* 3.	*FRED HAYES 8.
RALPH COLES* 4.	JOHN EVANS 9.
GEORGE WHITE† 5.	JAMES W. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal on ten and first in the method.
‡First on ten away from the tenor. First peal by ten residents of Bucks, and first on the bells since their restoration and augmentation to twelve by Mears and Stainbank, the whole of the band being delighted with the excellent "go" of the same. It is also the first peal on ten in Bucks conducted by a local man.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble.	HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 5.
GEORGE BUGGS* 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 6.
SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE.. .. 3.	*WALTER PERKINS 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. Rang on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, and the 500th anniversary of the foundation of the church. The ringer of the 2nd is only 17 years of age, and is the youngest person to accomplish a peal in this method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 5.
GEORGE BUGGS 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
GEORGE JAYE 5.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HIGHER SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MAGGLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN C. L. SLACK* Treble.	JAMES MANIFOLD 4.
WILFRED MATTHEWS 2.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT 3.	*HERBERT DAVENPORT .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt in E.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD* .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH 7.
FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD* .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

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

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ARTHUR KENWORTHY* .. Treble.	GEORGE PIPES 5.
JOHN HALL 2.	JOHN M. BROOK.. .. 6.
THOMAS STIMPSON 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
SAMUEL PORTER 4.	ARTHUR ELLIOTT Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

*First peal. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of A. Bentley, a member of the local band.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HULBERT* Treble.	CHARLES RAISON 4.
SIDNEY ALDOM* 2.	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 5.
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3.	SIDNEY FRANCIS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being ten 6-scores each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day, and six 6-scores each of Old Doubles and Morning Star. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH MOWER* Treble.	*ERNEST COOK 3.
WALTER KERRISON 2.	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT.. 4.
	*GEORGE NUDD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 6-scores each of Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, three of April Day, fifteen of St. Dunstan, and twelve of Grandsire, each 6-score called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT CORDER† Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY 4.
EUSTACE WEBB 2.	JESSE WEBB 5.
PERCY WEBB 3.	FREDK. CRICK Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB.

†First peal. Rang on the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley.

GLOSSOP CHANGE-RINGERS ASSOCIATION.

Previous to the business, at a meeting of the above Association held at Whitfield on Saturday, April 2nd, the chairman (Mr. William Marsden), said it was his painful duty to move a vote of sympathy from that meeting to the wife and relatives of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. John Booth, an old and esteemed ringer of Dinting, passed away in Canada after having been there the short period of four and a half years; also Samnel Bradley, of Hyde, who was much respected by the ringers in the Glossop district. The chairman spoke in feeling terms of the lives of the deceased ringers, and the loss the Exercise would feel, especially with regard to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and though the ringers in this district did not know him personally, yet his name was like an household word

amongst them, seeing it as it were week after week in the columns of "THE BELL News." The motion was put and carried, the members, numbering about thirty, standing.

A CELEBRATED TRIO.

Mr. Challis F. Winney writes:—
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LONDON.—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Clark, F. Pike, T. H. Hawkins, E. E. Richards conductor, F. Thornton, G. Rawlings, J. Milner, D. Hodgson. On Sunday evening, December 19th, a quarter-peal in the same method.

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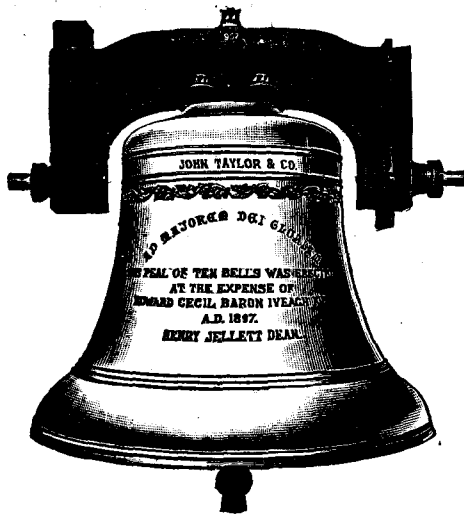
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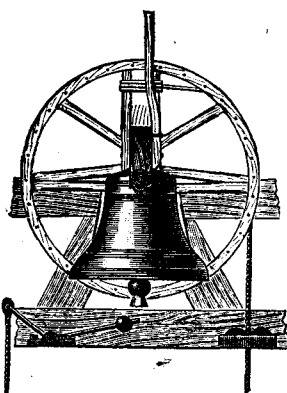
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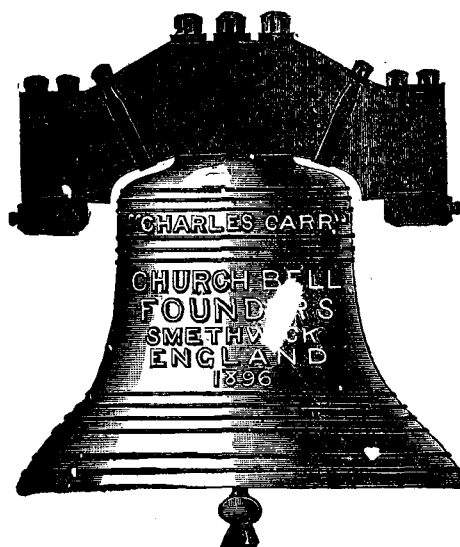
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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of this Association, held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, was particularly well attended, and a splendid spirit of enthusiasm characterised the proceedings throughout the day.

At five o'clock, a service was held in the Abbey, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Papillon, who, as is well known, is well qualified to address a gathering of ringers. He based an appropriate discourse on Ephesians iv. 1-3. After a tribute to the usefulness of organisations like the Hertford County Association, he said it was the duty of ringers to bring their art up to the highest possible degree of efficiency, to regard their ringing as an act of worship, to work together in the belfry in a fraternal and charitable spirit, and to endeavour to co-operate in every possible way with the Church authorities.

Following the service a tea was held in the Abbey Institute. Upon the conclusion of the spread the business of the annual meeting commenced. Mr. Henry Lewis, president, occupied the chair, and among those supporting him were the Dean of St. Albans, Canon Papillon, and Mr. G. Cartmel, the hon. secretary. There was a numerous attendance of members from all parts.

In his opening address, the chairman recalled the fact that it was twenty-five years last October since the Dean called a gathering at the rectory to found that Association, and that during the whole of that time the Dean had been a vice-president. He was exceedingly pleased that the Association had reached its twenty-fifth anniversary: he hoped that the ringers present would celebrate its jubilee, and that in due course the centenary would be reached.

The financial statement showed that the year began with a balance of £4 19s. 3d., and ended with one of £7 2s. 11d. Apart from these figures a special reserve fund of £10 5s. 9d. was shown.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), in the course of his annual report, said that during the year forty peals had been rung in different towers, and upon handbells, in a variety of methods of great merit. It is noticeable that only five Grandsire peals have been rung, which bespeaks progress. At the same time I feel sure that our more accomplished members are quite willing to render their assistance to our younger members when anxious to score a peal. Ten members have rung their first peal, and three their first peal on eight bells. The honour of ringing the first peal of Bristol in the Association has been achieved by the Oxhey band, on February 12th, followed a fortnight later by a similar peal at Bushey, in which three of the local company took part. Last year the Oxhey quartette treated us to a touch of Superlative on the handbells, and we heartily congratulate them in having since that time rung two peals on handbells, double-handed, in the same method, a meritorious performance, being the first by the Association. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has also added fresh laurels to his ringing career, in having rung the treble and 2nd through a six-bell peal in seven methods, and conducted the same from the tenor. But the greatest achievement has undoubtedly been the ringing of the long peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough. Three of that band

belong to our Association, one of whom, Mr. Bertram Prewett, is with us to-day. We congratulate the band most heartily, and Mr. Prewett personally, upon their magnificent performance. The district secretaries have again carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner, and in your name I tender to them our appreciation of the services they render from time to time. Mr. W. H. Lawrence appears to be satisfied with his eastern portion of the county, and has notified me that although one band has dropped out another is in process of formation. Mr. H. S. Reeves, the northern secretary, has been very energetic, and gives good promise of making an excellent secretary. The visit to the six-bell towers is an excellent arrangement, and worthy of imitation in other parts of the county. Mr. Eden, for the western district, has held three successful quarterly meetings, all of which have been well attended. He regrets that Hemel Hempstead have not at present renewed their subscription, but trusts that it is only temporary. Mr. Eden still enters the peals in the peal-book, and we thank him for his self-denying efforts.

Several new members were elected, among them being Master Rupert Gascoyne Cecil, of Hatfield. When the item, "Election of Officers" was reached, Mr. Cartmel stated that at a meeting of the committee, held a few weeks since, it was unanimously decided to recommend the name of Mr. E. E. Huntley, a gentleman who had been identified with ringing in West Herts. almost from the time of the formation of the Association, as president. He had accomplished splendid work in West Herts., and would certainly make an excellent president.

Mr. Huntley was then duly appointed, on the proposition of Mr. G. N. Price, seconded by Mr. Whitehead. The election of Mr. E. P. Debenham was next agreed to. Mr. Cartmel's continuance in office was taken so much for granted that when the chairman announced "Now the secretary," cries of "You need not put it" went up from several quarters, and this appointment was ratified without even the usual formal resolution! The district secretaries, auditor, and Central Council representative were re-elected.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Canon Papillon for his address at the afternoon service, and in the course of his reply the rev. gentleman said that having been for many years familiar with ringing matters in another county, it had been a great pleasure to give an address that day. Unfortunate his ringing days were over; he had not even ventured to climb up into the abbey belfry; but he still took a very great interest in ringing. He was extremely glad to hear from the report that the Association was in such a flourishing condition, and he congratulated the Association on the progress it was making.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's, was proposed by Mr. White, of Oxhey, and responded to by the Dean, which completed the proceedings.

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TOUR IN EAST ANGLIA.

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260 MILES AND ONE POLICEMAN.

At the bidding of Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., of Netherseale, and Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, who arrived with their motor-cars, there foregathered at The Maid's Head hotel, Norwich, on Monday, April 10th, the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, W. P. Wright, A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. Charles H. Hattersley, Mr. W. Fox, and Mr. W. Pye. The names would show at once that ringing was on the tapis, but unlike the majority of ringing tours, there was no intention of peal-ringing, but rather the spending of a few pleasant days in touring the country round Norwich, and ringing touches at as many churches as possible en route. Mr. Fred Borrett had kindly drawn up a formidable list of towers within a radius of thirty miles, from which a selection of twenty-six was made, though this number could have been nearly doubled had an early start and late return been made each day; as it was, a start was never made till past 10 a.m. each day, the return for late dinner being timed for 7.30 p.m.

Proceedings began in the evening at the church of St. John de Sepulchre, where the local band gave up their practice for the sake of the visitors, though some helped in a touch of Double Norwich; the only touch outside the four standard methods which was attempted during the week.

On Tuesday, a late start was made, a big spike being found embedded in a tyre, and much time was spent by the chauffeurs, with much advice—good and otherwise—tendered by Mr. Hattersley, ere the damage was made good. Marsham was the first church visited. Here the Vicar turned up and expressed his great surprise at seeing some of his brethren of the cloth taking a rope. This church, like many others visited, contains an ancient font, on the panels of which are carved representations of the seven sacraments of the church. Sixteen of these fonts are found in Norfolk, eleven in Suffolk, and only two elsewhere. The vivid colouring of the fourteenth century screen had been well brought out by a coat of very thin varnish.

At Aylsham, the next step, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung; at Heydon, a ring of six, Doubles and Minor; at Tunstead a sad state of affairs was revealed, a broken rope on the treble, and another unringable, proclaimed that no interest whatever was shown by those in authority. Very marked was the contrast at St. Peter Mancroft, the world-famed ring of twelve—or must we now say, thirteen? The local men—many promising young ones—turned up in force, and helped in ringing Cinques, Caters, and Triples.

On Wednesday, four towers only were visited, viz.: Bungay, Halesworth, Beccles, and Great Yarmouth. The ropes hang in strange order at Halesworth, viz.: 17264538, but the order having been explained by Mr. F. C. Lambert, good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung. Mr. Hopson had everything in readiness in the noble tower at Beccles, and took part in the Caters rung on the noble ring lately rehung by Mr. Taylor. The ringers' jug, dated 1827, and holding 6½ gallons, was duly noted in the belfry. At St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, with the help of local men, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters were rung. A deluge of rain on the homeward journey gave a good idea of the pleasures of motoring to outside passengers.

On Thursday nine towers were on the list, and all were duly visited. At Shotesham, a ring of five, lately rehung by Mr. Taylor, the Rev. A. Fellows pointed out the

beauties of his perfect little church, the belfry of which is gained by an iron spiral staircase outside the tower. The Sanctus bell in the gable was captured in the convent at Sebastopol, and is surmounted by a vulture in stone—a unique specimen. In the church are carefully preserved in a niche near the pulpit the old clappers, straps, bolts, etc., formerly in use, but now resplendent in a coat of black varnish. At Saxlingham Nethersett the Vicar showed the foundations of the ancient Saxon round tower, upon which the 14th-century tower had been rebuilt. At Alburgh, the base of the beautiful old screen had been removed to the east end, and a very inferior top added to it. A very light ring was found, in marked contrast to the noble peal at Redenhall, the next on the list. At Fressingfield the beautiful old oak roof and benches, hoary with age, were duly admired, and after the usual short touches Stradbroke was visited—a grand ring, similar to Redenhall. At Horham an attempt to ring was made, but the bells being in a deplorable condition, and the floor unsafe to stand upon, a hasty retreat was made to Pulham St. Mary, where church and bells were in perfect order. Leave had been given, but no sooner had a short touch been rung than the Vicar sent the clerk to stop the bells. A peremptory but quite unnecessary order, as the parishioner who was supposed to be ill was known to be up and dressed. The curtailment of ringing here, however, gave more time to spend at the last tower of the day, Pulham Market, where Mr. F. Borrett, who had done so much in mapping out the week, and arranging for this day's ringing in particular, took his leave.

On Friday, five towers were on the list: all were visited and capital ringing done at each. First came Quidenham, with its round tower and beautifully-kept church and churchyard, the resting place of many members of the Albemarle family. An ideal place for a long peal, but on this occasion time only permitted of short touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A short run to Kenninghall, where the bells have recently been rehung, and then on to Diss, where Mr. J. Souter joined in a couple of touches. The light ring of Palgrave, where a youngster, T. Ford, took a rope, was visited on the way to Eye, where Mr. F. Day had everything in readiness. This grand tower was the last on the list, to the regret of all. In harmony with their feelings, the skies discharged moisture most of the run home—the first motor doing the twenty-five miles home in precisely one hour—the other, owing to a leaky petrol tank, arriving later, thus keeping up its reputation at the very end, though its behaviour all through the week was admirable.

Only one policeman was seen in the country during the week, the Chief Constable having better and more honourable work for his stalwart six-footers than lying behind hedges to trap the unwary. As already stated, there was no intention of scoring peals—scenery, and variety among towers and bells were the points aimed at; 260 miles covered in the four days gave plenty of variety in the one case, the twenty-four towers plenty in the other. The number of changes rung were—Grandsire 3016; Stedman 4450; Bob Major 1208; Treble Bob 3330; Double Norwich 448; making a total of 12,452.

In the smoking-rooms in the evenings, many touches were rung on the handbells, Messrs. Borrett, Burton, Chichester, and Thompson being welcomed by the visitors. Needless to add Mr. Hattersley was well to the fore in anecdote; whether the fresh air or the smoky atmosphere—the good company, or the welcome change in diet from hot leg of mutton, cold leg of mutton (two days), hash, pie, or hotpot, or all combined, were the

cause of this, will never be known; the only thing certainly known is that those gathered together had spent a most delightful week, and were full of gratitude to the organizers, the Church authorities, steeplekeepers, brother-ringers, for the parts they took in making the outing so enjoyable to all.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Western Division was held at Goring on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, and touches of Doubles and Minor were rung till 5.30. A move was then made to the school, where an excellent tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Leefe, hon. member of the Association, who was also present, and presided, being supported by Mr. Tompkins (Master of the Association), Dr. Molsom (Goring Hall), and the Divisional Secretary. Members were present from Angmering, Arundel, Brighton, Heene, Pulborough, Steyning, Shoreham, West Tarring, and the local band, numbering about thirty. Tea over, the usual business followed, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The new Shoreham band, including ten members, were elected to the Association. Mr. Tompkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea, and presiding, to which the rev. gentleman replied, and mentioned that he was always pleased to welcome the ringers to Goring. Dr. Molsom also gave an interesting essay on the largest bells in the world. Votes of thanks were also given to the ladies in waiting, including Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. Sheppard, and Miss Greenyer.

A special service was held at the church, and a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar, at which all the ringers attended, the organist and choir being also present: after which the ringers returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

A farewell quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins., to Messrs. Murray and Sear, was rung by the following members of the society, viz.: A. L. Coleman, S. C. Small, F. Sear, W. Malins, H. O. White, G. W. Murray, J. W. Chandler, J. B. Fenton. Composed and conducted by W. Malins. On Thursday, April 14th, following the quarter-peal, the ringing members entertained Messrs. Murray and Sear, when Mr. Coleman, on behalf of the ringers, presented silver badges in the correct form of a church bell, suitably inscribed, remarking the great regret the band felt in losing two of their fellow-ringers, who had done so much in promoting change-ringing in the neighbourhood. He congratulated (on behalf of the band) Mr. Murray on going off to the great northern city of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Mr. Sear on his promotion as station-master at Claydon, with all the best wishes for prosperity in their new spheres of work. Messrs. Murray and Sear very suitably replied with their kind thanks to all their fellow-workers.

Messrs. Small and Wheeler kindly added much to the enjoyment of the evening by their songs; and Messrs. Hessian, White, and Sear by their tunes on the handbells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the handbells by members of the society.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Of the eighteen Associations mentioned in my notice a fortnight ago, as not having paid their fees, nine have since sent them. The nine fees still unpaid are due from the following Guilds or Associations, viz., Bedford, Cleveland, Leeds, Northants., Salisbury, Salop, Sussex, Truro, and Winchester. I much regret to have to name them.

In case of any communication needing an immediate reply, I shall be staying from Monday till Friday next week with the Rev. W. Saltren Willett, Gilston Rectory, Harlow, Essex. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Thanks no doubt to the splendid weather that prevailed on Easter Monday and also to some important business, the attendance at the Annual Meeting of this Association at Worcester was exceedingly good, nearly all the towers affiliated being well represented; visitors from Newport, Hereford and Tewkesbury, being also present.

Ringling was commenced as early as 10 a.m. on the bells at St. Helen's Church, which were kept going until the time of the service, which was held in the Church of St. Nicholas.

The Warden of the Cathedral Guild, the Rev. H. J. Mercer, read the prayers; the Rector, the Rev. G. F. Williams, reading the lesson and gave those present an exceedingly interesting address. At the close of the service a move was at once made to the Cathedral Chapter House, where it was arranged to hold the business meeting, as has been the custom for so many years.

The President, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean had consented to take the chair, being supported by the Revs. J. F. Hastings and H. J. Mercer. The minutes of the last annual meeting having been confirmed, quarterly peals were arranged at St. Helen's, to be conducted by Mr. W. Page, and, if permission could be obtained, at the Cathedral, conducted by Mr. H. Wilkes. Several new members being elected, including the Rectors of Hanbury and Wolverly and the Vicar of Kidderminster, the Report of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting to consider the advisability of forming this Association into branches, was laid before the meeting, in which it was recommended that three branches should be formed, and that, to thoroughly test the feeling of the Association, a poll of all the members should be taken, a majority of two-thirds being required to adopt this scheme. Much discussion followed, in which the majority of those taking part were of the opinion that such a scheme would be most beneficial to the outlying districts, and whereby more good might be done in encouraging the art of change-ringing, the only opposition coming from the officers of the St. Thomas' Guild, Dudley, who stated that, should such a scheme be carried into effect, that Guild would cease, as a Guild, to be part of this Association, and would form an independent Association. It was finally decided on the proposition of the Rev. J. F. Hastings, that the committee make arrangements to take a poll of all the members, as recommended, and if a majority of two-thirds

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were found to be in favour of it, further steps should be taken to carry this scheme into effect.

The next quarterly meeting was then arranged to be held at Evesham, where the bells have lately been re-hung. The whole of the officers being re-elected, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Rev. H. J. Mercer, the Rev. G. F. Williams, the organist of St. Nicholas, and all those Incumbents who kindly lent their bells.

Tea at the Angel Hotel, Sidbury, was next on the programme, more than one hundred sitting down to do justice to the good things the host had prepared. The bells at the Cathedral being only available from 5 to 6, a move was made in that direction as soon as tea was over, a course of London being rung upon the back eight (tenor 50 cwt.) for the first time, Mr. Harry Withers turning in the tenor.

A real enjoyable day was brought to a close with ringing at St. Helen's, St. Nicholas's, St. Swithin's and St. John's, most of the standard methods being rung.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

Easter Monday saw the solemnization of a pretty wedding at Wordsley, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Alice Pitt, eldest daughter of Mr. William Pitt, of the Stewkins, Audnam, and Mr. Robert Matthews, of Stourbridge. The bride was attired in a pretty dress of pale blue, surmounted by a large picturesque hat. Her sister assisted as bridesmaid, and her brother gave the bride away. The bridegroom was supported by his brother as best man. Previous to the wedding a number of the bridegroom's friends started for a seven method Minor peal, but were stopped by the Rector at the end of the third 720. Although he had given his permission with pleasure, he said he could not proceed with prayers, and the ringing must stop. After the wedding the ball was kept rolling till an early hour, the party breaking up with every good wish to the bride and bridegroom for their future prosperity and happiness.

SOUTHGATE.—On Tuesday, April 12th, at Christ Church, the wedding took place of Mr. John Armstrong, one of the ringers of this church, to Miss Rebecca Glasscock, of this parish. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. Smart, and in the evening, in honour of the occasion, his friends rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong (bridesgroom's brother), G. Bester, A. Glasscock (bride's brother), J. Miller conductor, F. G. Tegg, N. Tomlinson, A. P. Turner. The happy couple have taken up their residence at New Southgate.

MR. HARRY BARTON.

After being for nine years confidential clerk to Mr. S. Newton, auctioneer, Mr. H. Barton has left Deal to take up an appointment at Southwold, Suffolk, as local agent to the Coast Development Company, which owns two building estates, the pier, the electric light undertaking, and The Grand hotel, and among other undertakings, runs the Belle line of pleasure steamers on the east coast to Yarmouth, etc. Mr. Barton has been a valued member of the choir of the parish church, Deal, and on Easter Monday the Rector (Rev. R. Patterson) invited the choir to a social evening in the parish room, Upper Deal, at which, in the course of the evening, he, in well-chosen words, expressed his regret at Mr. Barton's departure, and his best wishes for his future success. In the name of the choir he then asked Mrs. Patterson to present Mr. Barton with a handsome and well-furnished leather dressing case, and also, in the name of the ringers, with a silver-mounted and engraved walking stick.

The recipient, in returning thanks for those gifts, said that the thought of the many kindnesses he had received during the time he had been connected with them would be a great consolation in taking up his duties in a fresh place where new friends had to be found.

All Mr. Barton's old friends in Deal will join in wishing him every success in his new appointment.

DEPOSIT IN LINCOLN MUSEUM.

All Lincolnians interested in the history of the county will highly appreciate the public spiritedness of Mr. John Kirk, who has deposited the celebrated Lincoln leather jack in the above museum. To the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries belong the leather jugs which are to be seen in many museums and old houses in England. The most familiar form is the "black jack," so called either because it was made of jackal leather, or because it more or less resembled a jack or leathercoat. The larger sizes of the black jack were known as bombard, because their great circumference and large mouths recalled the cannon of that name. At the end of the seventeenth century, these leathern vessels fell into disuse, owing to the general introduction of pottery and glass vessels.

The Lincoln jack is one of the finest old leather jacks extant, and is in splendid condition, thanks to the great care taken of it by Mr. Kirk, who has had it in his safe keeping for thirty years. Mr. Kirk was formerly landlord of The Black Boy inn, Lincoln, where the old jack was kept for the use of the city ringers. The date on it is not of necessity the date of its manufacture; it may have been a fine old example before the date was placed on it.

In bold letters painted on the jack is the following:—"This jack was the gift of Alderman Bulen to the company of ringers." On the front, in large letters, "1782, City ringers." On one side appears the Coat of Arms of the city of Lincoln, and on the other side a bell.

Its capacity is eleven quarts, and no doubt Mr. Kirk and some of the older ringers have interesting recollections of the filling and emptying of the leather jack in the good old times.

Many have seen the little china models of the Lincoln jack, and now that Mr. Kirk has made it possible for the real vessel to be seen and appreciated by the many visitors to the museum, there is no doubt it will prove amongst the attractions of the institution.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held to-day, Sat., April 23rd, at St. Matthew's church Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson. The bells will be raised at 3 p.m., and ringing will be continued until 6 p.m., when a service will be held in the church, followed by a tea in the Hall in Warwick Road, for which a small charge will be made. Ringing will be subsequently resumed until 9 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. The bells of St. Paul's church, Homerton, will be available from 4 to 5.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, after tea.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Boys' Drill Hall, George Street, at 5.30. Members and friends heartily welcomed.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 23rd. Further particulars by circular.

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

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford to-day, Sat., April 23rd. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m. Tea is free to members, 1/6 per head to visitors. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the South-Eastern district will be held at Writtle to-day, Sat., April 23rd. Tea 6d. each at 5.30 in the Iron Room near the church. Bells available at 4 p.m.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, to-day, Sat., April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frensham to-day, Sat., April 23rd. 3.0.—Bells (6) available. 5.0.—Service, with address by the Vicar. 5.45.—Tea in the

schoolroom. Tea tickets 6d. each; visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 26th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

A. FADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Taylor, High Street, to provide tea to members at 8d. each. Secretaries of bands who have not yet paid their bands' subscriptions, are requested to forward same together with any alterations for the new report as soon as possible.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. The local band have kindly promised to provide a tea for those who send me their names not later than the 26th inst. This will be followed by the business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible, so that a proper report can be presented at the annual general meeting on Whit-Monday.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Leeds and District Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall, Guiseley, on Saturday, April 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, April 30th. Cathedral tower open for ringing from 12 till 1, and from 5 till 9. Bosham tower open in the afternoon. 1.30.—Luncheon at The Amber hotel; members' ticket 1s 6d. Chairman—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. 2.30.—Annual Meeting. 3.30.—Special service at Sub-deanery church. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. Members attending meeting will receive half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. Notices of intention of being present at luncheon should be sent to me by Tuesday, April 26th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

Vale Road, St. Leonards

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association. Tea in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.15 p.m. For further particulars see Association circular.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

CHAS. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—

Burton-on-Trent District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, April 30th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Business meeting in the Institute at 6.30 p.m.

W. C. WAKLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Mobberley on Saturday, April 30th.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 7th. The bells are available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Working Men's Club at 5.30. Those members who would rather have a little singing instead of ringing after tea, are asked to bring their songs. It is hoped that all the members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Members of other districts and Associations gladly welcomed.

G. B. EDSEB, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6), ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea (free) at 5.30. Service at 7. Members intending to be present at tea, please notify Mr. D. Preston, 35, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 7th.

J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Notice.—All being well, eight members of this Association will attempt a 20,032 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on April 30th, at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, Kent, starting at 7 a.m.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This is the 250th peal in various methods rang by Mr. W. L. Catchpole. This composition was also rang at Diss, Norfolk, on April 28th, 1889, at the residence of Mr. John Souter, on handbells retained in hand, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., tenor 18 size in G. W. Motts, 1-2; W. P. Garrett, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; J. Souter, 7-8; E. Batram, 9-10; W. Ireland 11-12. Umpire—that renowned ringer, the late James Rudd.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—James E. Davis has removed to 92, Commercial Road, Peckham.

HANDBELLS. A set of 12 for sale. In good condition. Price £2. Tenor G, size 18. Apply—J., care of Editor.

TRAVELLER for Ladies' tailor. Full particulars, stating salary required, age, references, etc. Ringer of Standard Methods preferred. ARTHUR PRINCE, 55, St. Helen's Road, Swansea.

MASON (T.O.) seeks employment. Standard Methods on 8, 10, or 12 bells. Would take caretaker or verger's position. Good references if required.—HENRY S. ELLIS, 119, Page Street, Westminster, S.W.

The Provinces.**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

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

CANTERBURY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
JOHN STEDDY 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JOHN FLINT 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
FRANK BENNETT 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EMPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT REED Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 4.
JOHN W. LAKE 2.	FRED BLOOD 5.
CHARLES NEAVERTON 3.	JAMES OSBORN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

EXTON, RUTLANDSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN MARVIN Treble.	FRED BLOOD 4.
JAMES OSBORN 2.	CHARLES NEAVERTON 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	ALBERT S. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. The method of Bourne Surprise is taken from the Collection of Legitimate Methods on page 41, No. 41.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK MORGAN Treble.	FREDERICK ATWELL 5.
MORRIS SELEY 2.	JOHN BUTLER 6.
JOHN BULLEN 3.	CHARLES GREEDY 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	JAMES PIPPIN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN,

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER Treble.	EDWARD WHEATER 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	FRANCIS BARKER 6.
FREDERICK MOODY 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER 7.
HARRY WALTERS 4.	ARTHUR GILL Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS M. BARKER.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. 2.	*CALEB DANIELS .. 6.
WILLIAM STATES .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
CHARLES E. READ .. 4.	JAMES WIGNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal with a bob bell.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman, St. Simons, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt.

A. T. ATHERTON .. Treble.	J. CAPLE 4.
LEWIS MOORE .. 2.	G. H. GALE 5.
JACK ATHERTON .. 3.	A. C. RUMBLE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT, DORSETSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	THOMAS H. BEAMS .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have been rehung and augmented by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, the "go" of the bells being excellent.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR* .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 2.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 8.
JAMES MOTTS .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 9.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 4.	*WILLIAM STEELE .. 10.
EDWARD EVANS .. 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 11.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY* .. 6.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Maximus. Further reference elsewhere.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

HARRY W. POLE Treble.	WM. EMERY 4.
A. J. TUCKER 2.	A. E. COLES 5.
GEORGE SHEPHERD 3.	VICTOR HEARLE Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST E. LANHAM Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	JOHN CREASY 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM LAST 7.
WILLIAM BURGESS 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt

ERNEST S. BAILBY Treble.	WILLIAM DREW 5.
JAMES M. BAILBY 2.	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6.
EDGAR H. BAILBY 3.	NOEMAN R. BAILBY 7.
GORDON F. THOMPSON 4.	CHARLES F. BAILBY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILBY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BACKWELL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS GILL* Treble.	GEORGE FISHER 4.
W. GORDON STANDEN 2.	EDWARD FISHER 5.
THOMAS FRANCIS 3.	GEORGE JONES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FRANCIS.

*First peal away from the tenor.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN A. TOMLINSON Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 3.	*R. HENRY BARTRAM 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal in the method and fiftieth peal. This is the first peal of any Major method rung in the county of Rutland. The band beg to thank J. Jackson, esq., of Belton Hall, for his hospitality, and the Ven. Archdeacon Moore, M.A. for the use of the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN E. BURTON Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	JOHN ALDIS Tenor.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Wilson, Master of the local band.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Wednesday, March 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Reverse College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE TINDALL Treble.	HARVEY BOWCOCK 4.
FREDK. W. STOKES 2.	CHARLES SEMPER 5.
EDWARD R. SEMPER 3.	JOHN SEMPER Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

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

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(THE ALFRETON BRANCH)

On Thursday, March 31, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR KENWORTHY Treble.	GEORGE PIPES 5.
FREDERICK BENBOW 2.	WILLIAM ALLSOP 6.
JOHN HALL 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
SAMUEL PORTER 4.	ARTHUR BENTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

This peal was arranged and rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Charles Rowland Palmer-Morewood, esq., patron of the living of Alfreton, and donor of the two trebles, who died in Paris on March 30th.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNS Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ALBERT MOORE Treble.	HARRY MOSS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
REV. R. P. FARRAR* 4.	GEORGE W. BEMBOSE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT* .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	GEORGE PIGOTT 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal in any method. Rung as a wedding peal to Miss Pitt and Mr. R. Matthews, of Stourbridge, a prominent member of the above Society.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, March 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE Treble.	*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5.
GEORGE BULL 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4.	ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WAKLEY.

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

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

EMMANUEL COX Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTEE .. 4.
GEORGE PARK 2.	GOULDEN J. LUNGLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOKEY 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. PARK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Todd, A.C.I.S., Hon. Secretary of the Holy Trinity society, and the above Association, which took place on Wednesday, March 30th, at the parish church, Halifax.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EBENEZER W. FINCH .. Treble.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 4.
HAROLD FINCH* 2.	FRED CHALK 5.
ALFRED SOUTH* 3.	ALFRED GOZZETT Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GOZZETT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
THOMAS E. BUCKLAND .. 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
JAMES W. WILKINS 4.	FREDERICK MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

TYLDESLEY, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. 4.	ROBERT ALDRED Tenor.

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

This is the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung in an iron frame and augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. The splice and go of the bells is splendid, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have had the work in hand.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lbs.

JAMES RIMMER* Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 4.
EDWARD CAUNCE 2.	JOHN GARDNER 5.
JOHN ALLEN 3.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the back six after meeting short for Treble Bob Major, in honour of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding-day. *First peal of Minor; also first peal of Minor on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE PATRICK* .. Treble.	THOMAS BUTLER 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 4.
JOHN R. MAIN 3.	JOHN R. MAIN Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. H. Patrick.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—(HEAVITREE BRANCH)

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD HAMILTON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
WILLIAM YOULDEN* .. 2.	THOMAS LAVER 6.
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS 3.	WILLIAM BOUNDY 7.
JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 4.	ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM YOULDEN.

*First peal as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK WILKIN* .. Treble.	HORACE H. COOPER .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. 6.
WALTER SADLER 3.	†ARTHUR SAUNDERS .. 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN 4.	†LEONARD CROW Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

CHESTER.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A MUFFLED PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER THOMAS Treble.	WILLIAM SCONE 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
HENRY DEW 4	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor.

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On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF E. ROBBINS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpire—Edward Robbins. First Surprise peal on handbells by the Association.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

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

Umpire—Charles Mason. First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by the Guild. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Date Touches.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, April 13th, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, a date touch of 1910 Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court, and 110 Oxford Treble Bob, in 58 mins. J. Morris, T. Jennions, G. R. Newton conductor, E. Caunce, J. Turner, J. Allen. Rung as a birthday compliment to Liverpool's veteran ringer, Mr. John Aspinwall, who completed his 73rd year on the above date.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1910 changes, consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Oxford and 110 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Freestone, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Congregational church, a date touch of 1910 Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 470 Plain Bob. T. Sharman, E. Kershaw, F. Kershaw, W. Rushworth, J. Rushworth, G. Naylor conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to F. Whitely, late conductor of the local company.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford. G. Chaplin, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow, who were buried together the day previous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Tuesday, April 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. N. Patmore, A. Woolston, F. Williams, Rev. A. G. Langdon, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, April 17th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Delight. A. Carte, B. Carter, S. Page, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Carter, B. Carter, A. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, F. Williams, A. Woodston conductor.

STANDON (Herts).—On April 9th, 720 City Delight. B. Patmore conductor. And 720 New London Pleasure. F. Williams conductor, A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence, H. Wallace, B. Patmore.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING.—On April 6th, on handbells, 240 and 800 Bob Major. A. Inns, 1-2; J. E. Chapman, 3-4; E. M. Atkins conductor, 5-6; F. W. Sawfoot, 7-8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. E. J. Stone, G. Bull, J. H. Swinfield, W. C. Wakley conductor, W. W. Worthington, J. Griffin, G. Robinson, A. P. G. Stone.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 6th, in the conductor's rooms, 800 Bob Major. E. W. Blyth, 1-2; A. C. Blyth, 3-4; E. M. Atkins conductor, 5-6; C. M. B. Dobson, 7-8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALFONT ST. GILES.—On Saturday evening, February 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Briden, J. J. Parker, J. Batten, J. Stone, W. Henley, F. Bolton. 720 Court Bob. C. Johnson, J. J. Parker, F. Bolton, W. Henley, R. Bolton, J. Blackmore. 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Briden, J. J. Parker. A. Swan, R. Rolton, G. Gutteridge, F. Buckland. 720 Oxford Bob. W. Briden, C. Batten, W. Henley, G. Gutteridge, F. Buckland, J. Blackmore. On Sunday evening, February 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Briden, R. Bolton, F. Bolton, J. Stone, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, March 20th, at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Emery, G. Watkin, W. J. Barber, H. Burton, A. G. H. Newman, W. Saban, F. J. Hains (conductor), H. Mance.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 701 Grandsire Caters, in 30 mins, taken from "Shipway." W. R. Fyfe, E. Cowe, A. G. Collinson, Miss M. Sampson, R. Whitson, D. McKilop, W. B. Sampson, J. R. Robertsen, C. C. Ellis conductor, J. W. McCracken. Tenor 42½ cwt. Longest touch of Caters by all except Messrs. Whitson, Sampson, Robertson and Ellis. First touch of Caters of this length in Scotland in which a lady has taken part.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Thursday, March 24th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Morgan, W. Roberts, E. Thomas, F. Chave, W. Allen, F. Stedman, A. E. Slatter conductor, A. Hunt.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS.—On Saturday, April 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. Miss L. A. Willson conductress, W. Clark, R. H. Bartram, R. Marriott, T. Musson, R. Mount.

Obituary.**SAMUEL WOOLGAR.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record to record the death of the above-named ringer, of Shipley, Sussex, after a few days' illness from that terrible malady, pneumonia, which took place on Thursday, April 7th. His wife who had been in failing health only survived him six days, was laid by his side in the little churchyard at West Grinstead on the 19th inst. Ringers attended from West Grinstead and Shipley, and a beautiful floral tribute was placed on his coffin by the ringers. Old Sam, as he was usually called, was 67 years of age, and many a young ringer will look back to the time when Old Sam helped him through his first 720. He had been a ringer at West Grinstead and Shipley for upwards of forty years. Ever ready to assist in anything for the good

of his comrades, Old Sam will long be remembered by both belfries. On Monday, April 11th, after the funeral service at Shipley, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by T. Adams, J. Bowell, R. Bowell, G. Lucas, A. Cripps, W. Denman conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, April 17th, for Divine Service, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars', and College Pleasure were rung. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob; all the ringing was rung with the bells deeply muffled. In the afternoon a mixed band met to attempt a peal as a mark of respect, which was accomplished, and will be reported in due course. The band on descending the tower, were congratulated on the accurate striking throughout the peal. R.I.P.

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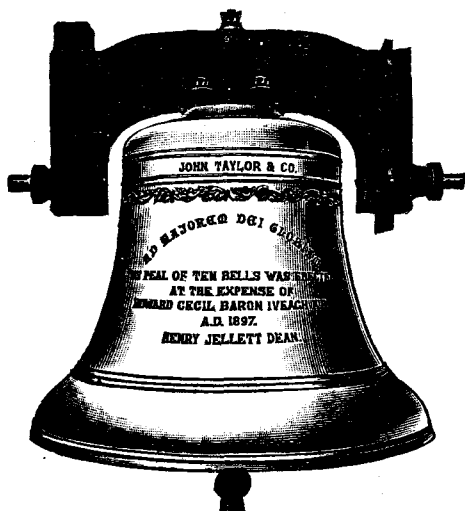
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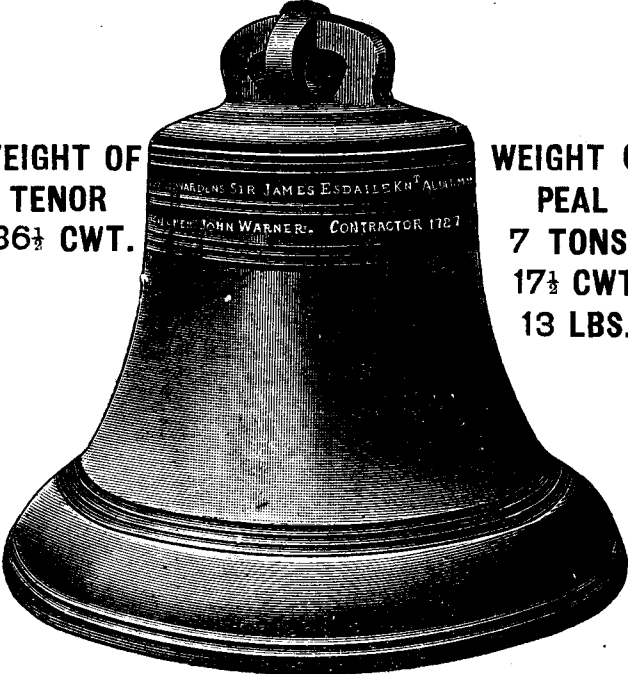
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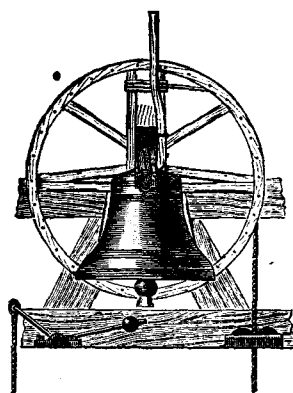
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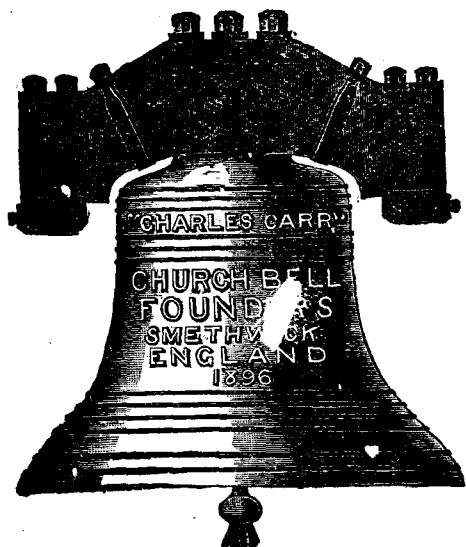
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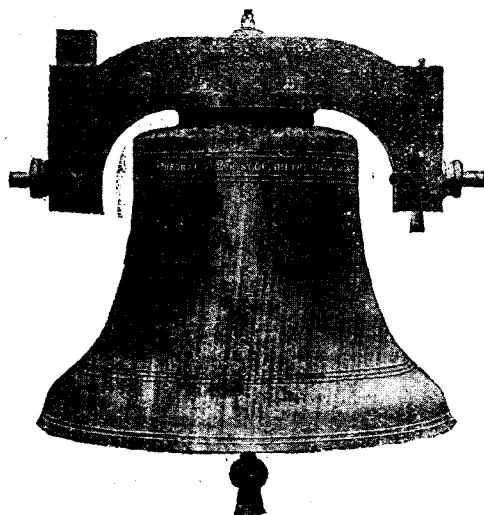
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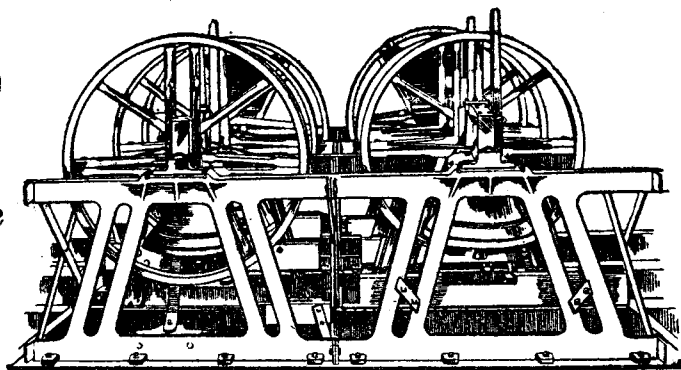
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, at midday, a good assembly of members of this Association from various parts of the country foregathered in the belfry of St. Paul's Church to pay a tribute to the memory of a much-honoured member of the Association, the late Mr. Isaac Hills. This took the form of a marble tablet bearing the following inscription:—"To the glory of God and in memory of Isaac Hills, born April 5th, 1843; died July 18th, 1909. He was a devoted ringer of the bells in this tower for more than 30 years, and was the first to introduce scientific change-ringing at Bedford."

The Rev. Canon Woodard performed the ceremony. Among those present were the Revs. C. B. Hulton, A. Rust, Miss Haddock, Messrs. T. Bull, E. Ransom, J. W. Barker, C. Herbert (of Woburn), first Secretary to the Association; F. Hills, T. Freshwater. The hymn "O God our help in ages past" was sung. Canon Woodard then unveiled the tablet with the following words:—"To the Glory of God and in honoured memory of Isaac Hills, I unveil this memorial and commit it to the care of the Vicar and Churchwardens of this Church for ever." He then gave a short address. They realised, he said, in unveiling the memorial, that if Mr. Hills himself had been present, and the memorial had been placed to the memory of one of the company there, nothing would have pleased him more. They knew how Mr. Hills was a pattern to all bellringers, not only in his ringing but his life. He was a most simple-hearted man, but a man of great ability. No doubt had he been born in a different station of life he would have made his mark in the country. He was a man of wonderful power, and at the same time of the greatest humility. The speaker saw a great deal of him, and was always struck with his humility, though he was such a proficient in the art of ringing. They all felt it very deeply when he left them. Might the example of Isaac Hills's life leave a lasting impression upon the ringers who knew him, and might try to carry out his wishes, which were that everything in that belfry should be conducted in the most reverent manner.

The hymn "On the Resurrection morn" was sung.

Mr. C. Herbert said that as a friend of Mr. Hills for 28 years, he had been asked by the Association to propose a vote of thanks to Canon Woodward for opening the memorial. Twenty-eight years ago they met in Bedford and started the Association, and some of the original members were present, he was glad to say.

The Rev. A. Rust seconded. He said Mr. Hills was the very dear friend of many of them, and was associated with the speaker in much of the secretarial work of the Association. He was an example to all ringers by his kindness, his firmness, his geniality, and his devotion, not only to the art of change-ringing, but to the Church to which he belonged for so long. He (the speaker) would also like to thank Canon Woodward for his kindness in welcoming them there every Easter Monday, for allowing them the use of the belfry, and of the mission-room for their luncheon.

Mr. Bull said as churchwarden he was officially associ-

ated with Mr. Hills from the time he began to ring until his death. He always found him straight in every way. He was the most good-tempered man the speaker ever had to do with. One never heard a wry word from him; he was always kind and courteous to others. He had left behind him a character that would be to the good of every one who knew him, to follow. He was certainly one of Nature's gentlemen.

Canon Woodard said it was a great pleasure to hear the bells on Easter Monday, and to know that the ringers were enjoying themselves.

The tablet was subscribed to by Sir Frederick Howard, Mr. S. Whitbread, Mr. W. A. Attenborough, M.P., and the ringers.

The annual luncheon took place at St. Paul's mission room. Mr. E. Ransom presided, supported by the Revs. C. B. Hulton and A. Rust (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. Herbert. After a cold collation had been done ample justice to, the meeting was proceeded with.

The secretary read the report, which made feeling reference to the great loss the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. Isaac Hills. The Committee also deeply regretted the loss of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a non-resident member, who during his life did a great work for the science of change-ringing and for belfry reform. During the year quarterly meetings had been held at Leighton Buzzard, and the summer festival, at Turvey, which owing to the admirable arrangements made by the Rev. C. B. Hulton, proved a great success. At Flitwick the bells had been rehung. The general work of the Association had been carried on with energy and with satisfactory results. The receipts totalled £28 8s. 1½d., and there was a balance of £18 16s. 9½d.

Archdeacon Bathurst was re-elected president, the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, and the Rev. C. B. Hulton, hon. treasurer. Four new members were elected.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch of this Association was held at Worle recently, and proved most successful, between fifty and sixty ringers from various towers assembling during the day. Worle is to heartily continued on having its tower selected for the place of meeting, seeing that they have only been members of the Association just over twelve months. At this time their bells were unsafe, and ringing had to be suspended shortly after. The bells, however, were not allowed to remain silent for long, for the sum necessary for their re-hanging (some £120) was quickly raised, and a new cage of iron and oak fitted. This was satisfactorily carried out, the go of the bells being greatly improved.

The Rev. F. W. Bentley (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. Ker-Thompson (Burnham), took the customary service at the church which precedes the business of the meeting, and in his address explained the duties of bellringers and the meaning of the bells being rung at Church festivals, viz: Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, and Ascension. He expressed the debt of gratitude which parishioners owed

to the ringers, as bells would not be able to peal forth their messages without them, and in this connection heartily welcomed the Association to Worle, and expressed the hope that the visit would be a memorable one in every way.

Following the address an adjournment was made to the schools, where tea was partaken of. Afterwards the usual quarterly meeting was held, the Rev. H. J. Ker-Thompson presiding. Three new members were enrolled, and Loxton was the next place selected for a visit.

The business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. W. Bentley, and the organist and choir, for their great kindness. The Rev. F. W. Bentley and the organist suitably responded, and this brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The ringers then repaired to the tower, where until late in the evening the bells were kept going, several touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and Minor being rung.

The following towers were represented: Weston-super-Mare, Kewstoke, Worle, Berrow, Congresbury, Burnham, Highbridge, Bridgwater, and Taunton.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

The Church of The Holy Trinity, Bradpole, possessed four bells in the year 1552, and these four bells were in existence in the year in 1844. In that year they were sold and two bells supplied in their place by Mears. These two remained until 1865, when the late Canon Broadley made the peal up to five. This work was done by Messrs. Warner, who took away one of the bells and supplied four others. In 1896 Mr. A. M. Broadley added a treble bell, making a ring of six. This addition was carried out by Messrs. Warner.

The peal has now been increased to eight by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, by the addition of a treble and a tenor, whilst the old 4th and 5th have been recast. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out at a cost of about £300.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., Messrs. W. Cave, C. H. Gordon, C. H. Tomkins, R. J. Wilkins (members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol), and J. Austin (St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester), went from Bristol to Bradpole, arriving there at 1.55 p.m. On their arrival they were met by Mr. J. Thomas (St. Stephen's Guild), and Mr. F. H. Beams, who is the leading light of change-ringing in Bradpole and district. After arriving at Bradpole, which is about a mile from Bridport, the company attended a short service at the church, whereat the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Langford) officiated, previous to the opening of the peal. The local ringers then rang the bells for the first time.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung by a mixed band, conducted by W. A. Cave.

On Sunday morning, a most pleasant hour's drive was had to Beaminster, where another quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. A further drive of about three or four miles brought the party to Broadwindsor, where a 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung. In the evening Bridport was visited, and touches of London and Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples were rung, Mr. Geo. Williams (of Southampton) having now joined the party.

Returning to Bradpole, Stedman Triples and London and Cambridge Major was rung after evening service at Holy Trinity church.

On Easter Monday morning a well-struck peal of Sted-

man Triples was rung on the new peal, the record of which has already appeared. A visit was afterwards made to Loders, where there is a ring of six which go very badly, and it was only possible to get some Doubles here, one 6-score of Stedman being quite sufficient.

On Tuesday morning the visitors made a journey to West Bay, and spent a couple of hours at this pleasant seaside resort, which was much enjoyed, the weather being so fine. A return to Bradpole was then made to say good-bye to all the good friends the visitors had met, and who had made their stay an enjoyable one, and which will ever be remembered as a very pleasant experience.

The visitors caught the 4.20 p.m. train from Bridport, arriving in Bristol just before 8 o'clock. They thank the Rev. C. Langford (Vicar), Mr. A. M. Broadley, Mr. F. H. Beams, and others for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort and enjoyment.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held in the vestry of the parish church of Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 16th, by the kind permission of the Rev. R. Chadwick, Vicar, with the ringing-master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were confirmed, and also letters from the Rev. E. Carew Cox, and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Dickens), regretting their inability to attend the meeting that afternoon. It was resolved that the May monthly meeting be held at Berkswell on Saturday, May 21st, and the June monthly meeting at Bedworth on Saturday, June 25th.

It was proposed and seconded that four districts be formed, viz., Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, and Warwick, and Messrs. Smallwood, Chapman, Coleman, and the Rev. C. Cox were appointed representatives to form a sub-committee to go into details, and report thereon. Messrs. W. Bates, H. Beamish, A. Hancock, E. Hughes, W. Martin, and H. Reader were elected members of the Guild.

Mr. Randle proposed, and Mr. Coleman seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and vestry.

Touches were rang in the afternoon and evening, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob. There was a good attendance of ringers present of about thirty.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. MAUDE and W. H. F.—Next week.

A correspondent asks for the address of Mr. George W. Evans, of Quebec, but such correspondent does not send his name. How can we inform him?

W. LATTE.—A report of a meeting held last January coming from you into our hands only this week is certainly belated. But we insert it.

C. H. HOWARD.—You give the month as July.

On Saturday, April 2nd, the mortal remains of Mr. Willie Emerson were laid to rest in East Dereham cemetery. He was an honorary member of the Norwich Association, a staunch churchman, and a great friend to the Dereham company. His loss will be greatly felt, as he was much beloved and well respected by all. After the interment the ringers adjourned to the parish church of St. Nicholas, where 1056 Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled. F. Adcock, jun., C. Bloy, B. Hammond, E. Beckett, J. Wells, H. Secker, B. Whiteside, F. W. Adcock (conductor).

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday evening, April 21st, at the church of St. Oswald, a beautiful stained-glass window was dedicated by the Bishop of Durham to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. O. Wadsworth, and as a token of esteem the Chester-le-Street Guild rang the following touches: 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Sheraton, J. Anderson, W. Brown, E. Ward, G. Siddle, J. Robinson conductor. 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Robinson, J. Crawford, J. Anderson, G. Ward, A. Mayers, G. Siddle conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, January 30th, the members of the Tonbridge district of the Kent County Association met at Marden. Before divine service several touches were rung on the eight bells, which have just been recast by Bowell.

The new tenor is 14½ cwt. The following towers were represented: Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Headcorn, Horsmonden, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Westerham, about fifty members being present.

At five o'clock a service was held in the parish church, where the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Johnston), gave a most interesting and impressive address from the 5th Chapter of Ephesians, verse 19. The members next attended the Chequers Hotel, where a capital meat tea was provided by Host Semark, immediately after which the annual district meeting was held, which was presided over by the Rev. R. E. Johnston. Mr. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was re-elected secretary, after holding the office for many years, and all the other officers were re-elected. The balance sheet and report were read and adopted. The following meetings were arranged: Spring district meeting at Westerham, summer district meeting at Speldhurst, autumn district meeting at Shipbourne, and the annual district meeting at Tonbridge. The next quarterly peal was arranged to take place at Tonbridge on the second Saturday in February. Eighteen new members were elected to the Association. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, choir, and organist was proposed by Mr. H. Pope, of Staplehurst, which was received with musical honours. The Rev. R. E. Johnston, in reply, thanked the members of the Association for the kind way they had carried the vote of thanks, and offered the Association a hearty welcome whenever they chose to again visit Marden. Mr. J. Harvey, churchwarden, and Mr. Sharp, captain of the Marden ringers, also responded. This concluded the meeting. Several touches on the bells in different methods were rung before the train came, and the members dispersed.

Mr. John W. Barker, of Bedford, writes:—"Messrs. Light and Co., Cabinet Makers, are having some extensive premises built at Bedford. The buildings are nearing completion, and will be opened for work very shortly. The firm is now advertising for machinists, cabinet-makers, and polishers. From enquiries made, I understand the conditions of the firm are fair. I cannot yet find out the rate of wages. Applications for employment are to be made to Mr. Wolfenden, care of Light and Co., London Road, Bedford. Should any ringer obtain employment at the above works, the local ringers would give a hearty welcome."

HEREFORDSHIRE.—Farmhouse Apartments, with a ringer; with or without board. Milk, Butter, Poultry. Lovely scenery.—Apply "Hereford," care of Editor

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Since the notice last week, the list of Associations whose Affiliation fees are still unpaid has been, I am happy to say, materially reduced, the only ones still (April 27th) due, being Cleveland, Salisbury, Salop, and Truro, though, as I am away from home at this moment, it is possible that some of these may be already on their way.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The first cycling ringers' meeting organised by this society, was held on Saturday, April 23rd. The northern part of the Archdeaconry was visited, where, with the exception of Burton, no change-ringing is done. At 3.30 a party of eleven ringers from Wolverhampton, Tamworth, Burton, Netherseal, Etwell, Newhall, and Rolleston, met at Hoarcross. Here there is a remarkably fine modern church, built by the munificence of the late Mrs. Meynell Ingram, in the cruciform style, containing the "Stations of the Cross," copied from those in Antwerp Cathedral, and carved in oak at the cost of about £450 each. The six bells by Taylor, are of splendid tone, with a tenor of just under 30 cwt., and go well. The only regret we felt was that we were not all allowed to see the bells, the regulations being somewhat unusually rigid.

Three miles distant is the village of Yoxall, where we found a much lighter ring of six bells, which do not go very well, and require a good deal of attention from a musical standpoint. Here we were pleased to find that one of the local men was able to join in some 6-scores of Grandsire, and at his hostelry we afterwards regaled ourselves with a good tea at a very moderate price. We were already a little behind our time, so we hastened over the two miles of road to King's Bromley, where we had to wait a short time while "the bit of an old spark," who had the key of the church, was acquainted of our arrival. The bells (tenor 11 cwt.), go well, although there is a long draught as they are rung from the ground-floor.

Seeing that we were visiting towers, where only call-changes are rung, our aim was not so much practice for ourselves, as good striking whereby we might the better forward the interests of change-ringing. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor. It seems at first thought a curious thing to have to acknowledge that the success of the meeting depended upon members of the Midland Counties Association, who kindly joined us, but one must remember that Burton-on-Trent, whose ringers came, to the number of five, is situated in the Archdeaconry, although not at this moment affiliated. We wish to thank them most heartily for helping to make this meeting—the first of many to come, we hope—such a successful and enjoyable one as all agreed it had proved itself to be. C.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d. Also for same bells, selection containing march Semiramide, songs—"The Young Recruit" and "Old Folks at Home." No. 333, price 2s. 3d. Both pieces for six ringers, from Wm. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

BANGOR.—On Tuesday, March 1st, at St. David's church, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob and 720 Grandsire. W. Crane, sen., W. T. Pegler conductor, W. Crane, jun., M. J. Morris, J. H. Midwinter, A. E. Pegler. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARDEN.—On March 17th, at the church of SS. Michael and All Angels, the last 756 of Holt's Original. C. H. Sone, D. Hodgkin, G. Broad, F. Hodgkin, F. Sharp, G. Hadaway, P. Hodgkin, P. Brown.

ULCOMB (Kent).—On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Foord, G. Haddaway, G. Burbridge, H. Cockings, P. Hodgkin, C. H. Sone. 720 in the same method. A. T. Slingsby, H. Cockings, G. Broad, G. Hadaway, C. H. Sone, P. Hodgkin.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 19th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Brackley, G. Harding, E. Hamblin, D. Hampton, T. Strudwick, S. Petter.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Saturday, March 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Chapman, J. C. Adams, G. Grimwade, G. F. Margetson, H. Rumens conductor, R. Maynard, jun., F. J. Maynard, W. Manning. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief after ringing 46 mins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. F. Bacon, F. W. Richardson conductor, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, G. Rawlings, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WORKINGTON.—On Wednesday, February 23rd, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob. W. Norman, G. W. Tembey, J. Wilson, J. Phillips, W. Britton, T. Birkett, A. J. Sanderson conductor, W. Johnston.

CLEATON MOOR.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, on the back six. J. Hutchinson, S. E. Lewthwaite, W. Taylor, J. H. Rushton, G. W. Tembey, J. Joyce conductor. First touch of Minor on the bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On March 6th, at 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, 1455 Stedman Caters on handbells. H. Langdon, 1-2; T. H. Taffender conductor, 3-4; S. F. Gowlett, 5-6; H. T. Gowlett, 7-8; F. J. Hardy, 9-10. On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service at St. John's Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. J. Hardy, W. J. Kemp, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. F. Gowlett, W. H. Taffender, G. Spencer, G. R. Fardon, G. J. Herman. On March 16th, at Denmark Hill, on handbells, 1239 Stedman Caters. W. H. Taffender, 1-2; T. H. Taffender conductor, 3-4; S. F. Gowlett, 5-6; H. T. Gowlett, 7-8; F. J. Hardy, 9-10. On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's variation), in 47 mins. F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender conductor, W. J. Kemp, H. Ranzetta, S. Gowlett, A. Turner, R. F. Deal, G. J. Harman.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ILKLEY.—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to T. Hardman, who is leaving Ilkley to take up duties in Scarborough. A. South, H. Verity, T. Wardman, J. W. Biskin, C. Stephenson, J. R. Fisher, T. W. Crawshaw, S. Rayner.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, 1248 London Surprise Major, in 52 mins. J. E. Groves, F. Withers, A. Chambers, C. Dickens, J. Withers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, February 8th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. Morris, A. Hill, A. W. Brighton conductor, B. Hill, jun., W. C. Jones, T. Lane, H. Wilkes, J. H. Newman, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. Tenor 50 cwt. On Sunday, February 13th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. B. Hill, sen., T. Lane, A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Morris, W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, W. Page, G. Checketts.

OMBERSLEY.—On Wednesday, February 9th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Atkins, W. Pardoe, S. R. Duggan, A. W. Brighton conductor, H. Davis, G. Checketts. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD.—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Betts, B. J. Saddington, M. Norton, F. Lewin, J. Saddington, J. Lewin conductor. And a touch of Plain Bob.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1280 Treble Bob Major. H. Torble, J. Scholes, A. Scambler, R. Sanders, S. Bird, W. Theobald, W. Truss, A. Walker conductor. On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service at St. Matthew's Bethnal Green, 1008 Grandsire Triples. L. A. Hughes M. A. Wood conductor, A. Hughes, D. Gibbons, C. Kennedy, H. Hills, F. Andrews, J. Monday. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. A. Hughes, and as a farewell touch to D. Gibbons and L. A. Hughes, who are sailing for Montreal on April 30th to erect a ring of ten bells.

ORSETT (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, April 19th, at the church of SS. Gilcs and All Saints, the local band rang thirty-four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 4080 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. B. Harrod conductor, W. Harrod, A. Keeling, W. H. Plowright, H. Chinnery, J. C. Bridge. Longest length by the local band and on the bells.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	95	19	8
Collection at Dedication Service at St. Peter Mancroft, March 6th, amount "above the average" collection	3	0	0
Mr. Robert E. Chichester (Norwich)	1	0	0
Mr. D. T. Potter (Norwich)	0	10	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Bortett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 2nd, 16th, and 30th; at St. John's, Hackney, on 3rd and 17th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 9th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 3rd; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKRELL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—Owing to illness near the church, no meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham to-day, Sat., April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Taylor, High Street, to provide tea to members at 8d. each.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector), at 5.30 p.m.

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

34, Adela's Road, Chislehurst.

Leeds and District Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall, Guiseley, to-day, Sat., April 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chichester to-day, Sat., April 30th. Cathedral tower open for ringing from 12 till 1, and from 5 till 9. Bosham tower open in the afternoon. 1.30.—Luncheon at The Amber hotel; members' ticket 1s 6d. Chairman.—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. 2.30.—Annual Meeting. 3.30.—Special service at Sub-deanery church. Preacher.—The Lord Bishop of Chichester. Members attending meeting will receive half railway fares with a maximum of 2s.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

Vale Road, St. Leonards

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Sat., April 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association. Tea in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.15 p.m. For further particulars see Association circular.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., April 30th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

CHAS. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—

Burton-on-Trent District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent, to-day, Sat., April 30th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Business meeting in the Institute at 6.30 p.m.

W. C. WAKLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 7th. The bells are available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Working Men's Club at 5.30. Those members who would rather have a little singing instead of ringing after tea, are asked to bring their songs. It is hoped that all the members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Members of other districts and Associations gladly welcomed.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6), ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea (free) at 5.30. Service at 7. Members intending to be present at tea, please notify Mr. D. Preston, 35, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 3rd.

J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Margate on Saturday, May 7th. The bells of St. John's, Margate, St. Peter's, Thanet, All Saints, Birchington, and the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will all be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at St. John's hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service at St. John's at 6 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Sir Charles Shaw, Bart., Vicar. Will all those who intend being present at the tea kindly notify the undersigned by Wednesday, May 4th, for the caterer's information and the members' benefit; and also will secretaries of bands see that subscriptions are paid before the meeting.

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

Boughton, Faversham.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. The General Meeting will be held at The Crown Inn, Holly Street, 7.15 p.m., when all members are earnestly requested to attend.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmsford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The next meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Saturday, May 14th. Service at the parish church at 12 o'clock noon, with address by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Dinner at 1.15, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville Street. The usual allowance of one half to those members only who obtain tickets from the Secretary before May 10th. The following towers are available—Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, and Prestbury.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—The annual

meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m.—Service at St. Mary's, with address by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. 12.15.—Annual meeting at the Vestry Hall. 1.30.—Dinner at the Victoria Boys' School. To ensure accommodation, notice should be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than May 11th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Whitsun Monday, May 16th. Service at noon. Dinner in the Albany Hall at 1 p.m. Application for dinner tickets to be made before Thursday, May 12th. Further particulars next week.

Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Service at St. Edmund's church at 12 noon. Luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock; members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Usual ringing arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lutton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Black Horse inn at 4.15. Tickets 1s. 3d. each. Bells available all day.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who give notice not later than Wednesday, May 18th, to BART. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

68, Douglas Street, Derby.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, May 21st. For full particulars see Association circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, May 14th. Bells ready at 5.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The A.M.C.I.O.O. at Llangollen.—The bells at the parish church are available to any members of the above during Whit-week who may wish to ring. T. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

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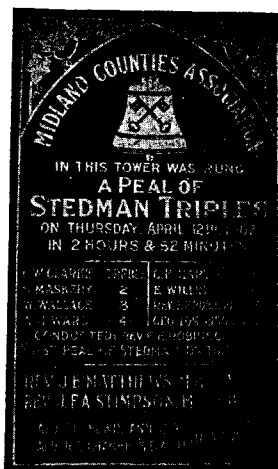
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD† .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWITT 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
FRANK SKEVINGTON* 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
FREDK. G. SYMONDS 4.	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWITT.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
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THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN HOWES Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
JOSEPH HERBERT 2.	*CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7.
CORNELIUS CHARGE 3.	LOUIS ATTWATER 8.
GEORGE EDSEER 4.	ALFRED JONES 9.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 5.	GEORGE SPENCEER Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
FRANK SMITH 2.	*JAMES PARKER 8.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3.	*JOHN BENSTEAD 9.
CHARLES J. NORTH* 4.	*WILLIAM BERRY 10.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5.	*ERNEST S. POLL 11.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Cinques. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
GEORGE RADLEY 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 3.	GEORGE A. BLACK 7.
GEORGE H. JAYE 4.	GEORGE B. LUCAS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

ALBERT E. FORD Treble.	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS .. 5.
WM. WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES, JUN. .. 7.
ALBERT GODOARD 4.	HENRY DARE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Ford. Reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	*WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 9-10.
ERNEST PYE 5-6.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 11-12.

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

Umpires—R. E. Stavert, C. T. Coles, W. Lawrence, and A. T. King. *First peal of Cinques on handbells.

The Provinces.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN .. Treble.	CHARLES TUMBER 4.
GEORGE EASTMAN 2.	ALBERT EASTMAN 5.
JAMES NYE 3.	WILLIAM NYE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS† .. Treble.	*WALTER GERMAN 5.
JAMES WARD* 2.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 6.
CHARLIE KELLER* 3.	*FREDERICK PALMER 7.
HUBERT HORN* 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †150th peal; reference elsewhere.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	STAFF-SGT. T. J. ADES, R.E. 6.
CHARLES J. NORTH 3.	KEITH HART 7.
HERBERT RANN 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD DEWEY Treble.	ARTHUR HOLMAN 6.
HENRY REEVES 2.	GEORGE W. WALDER 7.
HENRY BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM F. SMITH 8.
HENRY F. EWINS 4.	HENRY A. HOAD 9.
GEORGE F. HOAD 5.	HARRY W. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW 5.
DAVID BREARLEY 2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH .. 6.
JOHN R. BREARLEY 3.	WILLIAM HARRISON 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4.	*LEONARD JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by LEONARD JACKSON,

*First peal as conductor.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble.	JOHN O'NEILL 5.
ARTHUR H. TOOK 2.	JAMES HOWARD 6.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 3.	THOMAS KING 7.
ALBERT LEE 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

First peal of Kent on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PERCY J. SPICE* Treble.	FREDK A. HOLDEN 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Foreman, the steeple-keeper of the above church, to Miss E. Rumbelow, of Tovill, the band wishing them health and happiness. *First peal of Minor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble.	ERNEST WHITING 5.
FREDK. BORRETT 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
JOHN ALDIS 3.	RUSSELL RICHES 7.
EDWARD LUBROCK 4.	FRED ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten 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.	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6.
TOM PYLE 3.	ERNEST VICKERS 7.
EDWARD LLOYD 4.	STANFORD J. WOLFE .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WM. WALMSLEY Treble.	T. MOTTERSHEAD 5.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 2.	J. M. DAVENPORT 6.
ANDREW B. LOMAS .. 3.	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	JOSEPH NORBUEY Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal in the method.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OR PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT JORDAN Treble.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
JOCelyn M. TURNER .. 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 6.
THOMAS EDWIN 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
FRANK COOK 4.	ALLEN KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

CHESTER.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	JOHN SCONCE 5.
HARRY MOORE, JUN.* .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
CHARLES PRICE 3.	SAMUEL MEADOWS 7.
THOMAS NEWALL 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Drew, Vicar of Hawarden, Flintshire, and Vice-President of the Association. *First peal of Major.

AUGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. Treble.	JAMES MARSH 5.
JOHN GARDNER 2.	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES 4.	WILLIAM RIMMER Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM 5.
BENJAMIN THOMPSON .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY 6.
GORDON THOMPSON .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by W. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

GEORGE ALLEN Treble.	REV. C. B. HULTON .. 5.
REGINALD C. BAILEY .. 2.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 6.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
FRANK WEBB 4.	WILLIAM H. COCKINGS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

PRESTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble.	*DAMEL SANDERSON 5.
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2.	*FRED HARWOOD 6.
JOHN BAILEY 3.	ROBERT SANDERSON 7.
ARTHUR BAILEY 4.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLLS, and Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

*First peal of Major. First Major peal as conductor. First Major peal on the bells since 1852.

WALKDEN, LANC.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN BASSETT Treble.	JOHN H. PAICE 5.
HARRY EVANS 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
ARTHUR ARNELL 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES 4.	ERNEST BOOKE Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

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All being well, eight members of the Kent County Association will attempt a 20,032 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, to-day, Saturday, the 30th, at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, Kent, starting at 7 a.m.

All being well, eight members of the Midland Counties Association will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 20,160 changes, at the parish church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, on Whit-Monday, May 16th, starting at 6.30 a.m.

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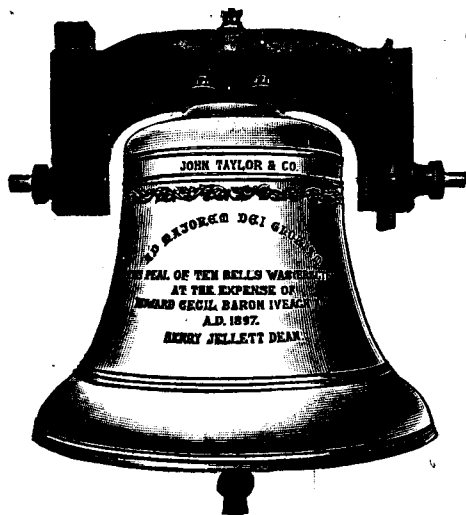
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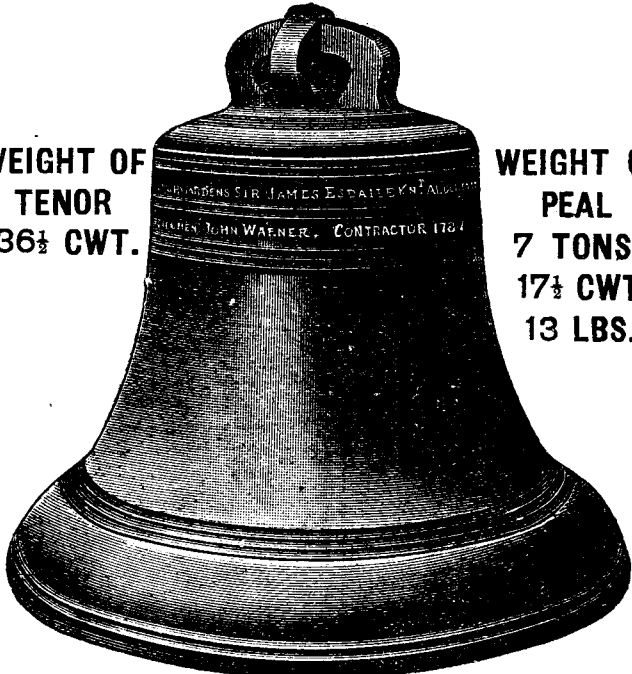
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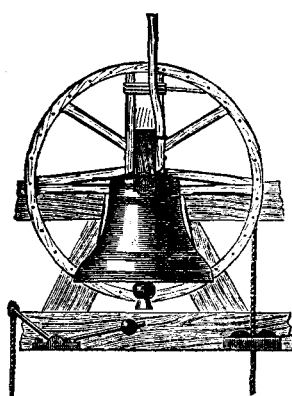
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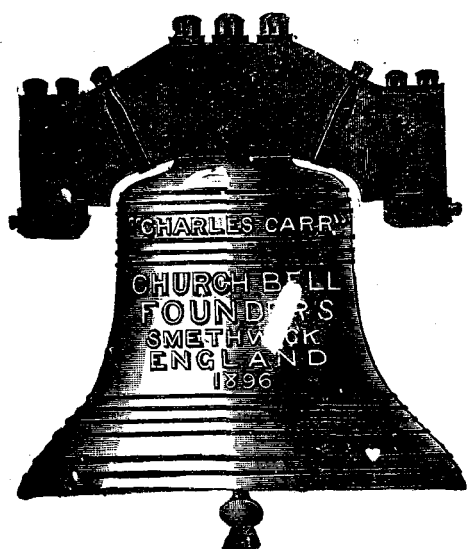
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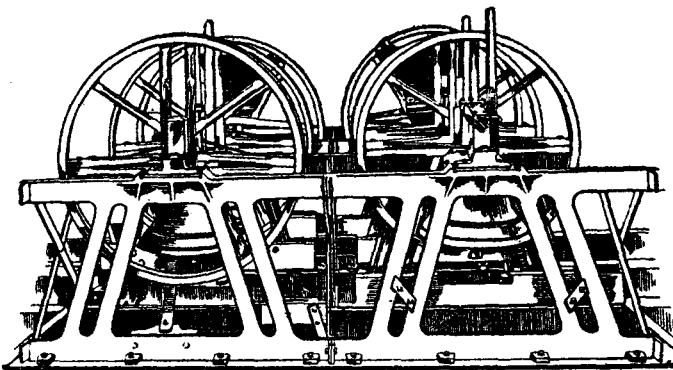
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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Monday meeting of this Association was held at the beautiful little village of Carlton-in-Cleveland, which has the small population of only two hundred in the whole parish, and possesses a beautiful little stone church of modern date, which has been built through the energies of the present Vicar (Rev. J. L. Kyle), and not only this, but possesses a beautiful ring of bells, with a tenor of 15 cwt., which was put in some two years ago by the Messrs. Taylor.

This little village lies at the foot of the Cleveland hills, which rises to some hundreds of feet above the sea.

The morning was fine, and all that could be desired to make men happy, and this turned out to be so. The members were there early from far and near, some of them having to be astir in the early hours, which I should say, would be about five o'clock in the morning, to arrive at the time when first seen at the meeting. Just fancy! being at that unearthly hour on an Easter Monday morning to go ringing, but it just shows the grit there is in Yorkshiremen.

The bells of Carlton (eight), Stokesley (six), Worlton (six), were available all day, and were continually kept going in various methods. Members turned up in good numbers from Hemingborough, Whitby, Wath, West Hartlepool, Stokesley, Stockton, Skelton, Sharow, Northallerton, Ormesby, Guisbrough, Darlington, Middlesbrough, and Shildon.

A special committee meeting was held at twelve o'clock, and dinner was provided at The Blackwell Axe at one o'clock, when upwards of fifty ringers sat down to a substantial repast, the president (Rev. W. P. Wright) being at the head of the table, supported by the Vicar of Carlton and the secretary. After grace had been said every one set to in right good earnest, and very soon the good things provided disappeared. After dinner some of the visitors went to the various churches for ringing, and others took a ramble on the adjacent hills. Teatime arriving, all were ready to partake of the cup that cheers. Afterwards the president gave the toast of "The King." The rev. gentleman said he would not delay them by making a long speech, but he would ask them to drink the toast with musical honours, which was done amid great enthusiasm.

The next business was the election of new members, several being enrolled from West Hartlepool, Knaresborough, etc. Votes of thanks to the Vicars of Carlton and the Rector of Stokesley for the use of their bells, especially to the Vicar of Carlton for the manner in which he had received them that day. In replying the Vicar of Carlton said it had been a great pleasure to him to listen to his bells being so well rung, and to have the opportunity of welcoming the Association to Carlton. He hoped every one had enjoyed themselves, especially the old veteran ringer from Sharow, whose age was beyond four-score and ten, yet still attends to his Sunday ringing. He hoped that it would not be long before he should have the opportunity of repeating these words again.

This concluded the business.

M. T.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Western Division was held at Stansted on Saturday, 9th April. The Rev. Willoughby (in the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present), presided, and members were present from Saffron Walden, Royston, Cambridge, Ware, Elsenham, Ickleton, and Harlow. Several new members were elected. Mr. C. H. Howard, Association master, attended, and complimented the Stansted company upon the excellent condition of the belfry and their attainments in ringing. Mr. Penning, district secretary, thanked the Rev. Willoughby for presiding, and asked him to convey the best thanks of the meeting for the use of the bells, etc.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Hatfield Broad Oak if possible.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district of the above was held at Frensham, near Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday, April 23rd, and was attended by between thirty and forty ringers from all parts of the district. Lying out of the beaten track (about four miles from a railway station), yet by the welcome help of a motor bus it is fairly accessible, although the greater number of the ringers came by cycle, the ancient church of St. Mary the Virgin amply repaid the visit. Perhaps the most remarkable item in the church is a huge caldron, which report says belonged to a witch—one Mother Ludlam—who lent it out on condition it was returned to her before sunset. One borrower failed to do so, and the witch refused to take it back, and whoever had the vessel then had nothing but woe and trouble, so that eventually even the most hardy refused to harbor it, and it was finally taken to the church, and now stands in a corner of the tower.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Gill) conducted the service, a full choir being in attendance, and afterwards presided at the tea. The usual business was transacted, and included the election of eight new members (five of whom were honorary). Mr. R. Whittington brought forward the fact that the Guild's subscription to the Central Council had not been paid, and said he was afraid it was the forgetfulness of the General Secretary, as they had a splendid balance in hand. The district secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) congratulated the Frensham ringers on having such a tuneful ring of six, and observed that two more trebles would make a beautiful ring of eight, a remark which was evidently to the mind of the Vicar, who observed there was plenty of room in the tower for two more. The usual votes of thanks were heartily accorded, and, all too soon, the time came to say farewell to the pretty village and beautiful old church of Frensham.

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 CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, by kind permission of the Feoffees, in the school-room of Chetham's hospital at Manchester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA 1910.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Vote of sympathy.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of New Members to the President.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

- (a) Peal Collection.
- (b) Church Press.
- (c) Legitimate Methods.
- (d) Peals Analysis.
- (e) Peal Values.

To discuss the following:—

7.—The Central Council desires to place on record its sense of the great services rendered to the cause of change-ringing by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and hopes that the members will further in their several Guilds and Associations the scheme for erecting a worthy memorial in Drayton Church.

8.—To call attention to the scientific extension of Stedman from the original six-score, and to move that (i) Stedman with slow sixes as plain sixes, quick sixes for bobs, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the middle of a quick or slow six be called Stedman in the Original variation; (ii) that Stedman with slow sixes only, and the bob and single in the last three bells be called Stedman in the Erin variation; (iii) that Stedman with alternate quick and slow sixes, and the bobs and singles on the last three bells be called Stedman in the Norwich variation; (iv) that Stedman Caters and Cinques with alternate quick and slow sixes, 5th place bobs, and 5th, 6th, and 7th at a single be called Stedman in the Painswick variation; (v) that Stedman with slow sixes for Plain in front and behind, double dodging in the middle where necessary, and quick sixes for bobs, and the first three or last three places in the middle of a quick or slow six for singles be called Double Stedman.

9.—That the representation of each Association on the Central Council be proportionate to the number of its resident ringing members only.

10.—That in order to sustain an authorship claim the figures of all new Compositions shall be sent to the Secretary of the Peal Committee, and that their publication in Local Reports, or even in "THE BELL NEWS," will not be considered a bona fide claim, unless the above condition be fulfilled. If the figures are not for publication, a letter to this effect must be attached.

11.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.

12.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Committee of the Lancashire Association kindly invite the members of the Council to tea in the old Dining Hall after the meeting. Those who wish to fortify themselves for ringing, etc. afterwards, will find substantial refreshment for the purpose.

A social gathering will be held in the evening at The Midland hotel, when Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

The following towers will be available after the meeting: The Cathedral (10), tenor 25 cwt.; Town Hall (10), tenor 52 cwt.; St. John's, Deansgate (8), tenor 20 cwt.; Pendleton (8), tenor 18 cwt. The last-named tower is two miles distant, but is easily accessible by tram car.

The following deeply interesting account of Chetham's Hospital, etc., is from the pen of the Rev. H. J. Elsee. He says: Chetham's Hospital is, after the Cathedral—perhaps some would say before it—historically the most interesting place in Manchester. Originally the Saxon Barons' Hall, on the site of a still older camp, it was given in the 15th century to become the home of the clergy of the newly-founded Collegiate Church. The buildings of this date remain complete. It passed through various changes from the time of the Reformation to that of the Commonwealth, but for the last 200 years has been the home of a Bluecoat School for boys, founded by Humphrey Chetham, a Manchester merchant of the 17th century, and also the home of one of the earliest free libraries in Europe.

A broad road now separates it from the Cathedral, but originally they formed one area, protected by the rivers on the west and north, and by moats on the south and east. The mediæval bridge over one of these still exists, under the pavement opposite to the south door of the Cathedral.

The boys will be away on a week's holiday at Whitsuntide, and the Feoffees have most kindly lent us the modern schoolroom for our meeting, and the old hall for tea. The Governor is also kindly willing to conduct members over the old buildings at a time to be arranged, but for this the usual charge of 6d. each cannot be abated. This is the regular charge. As in Whitsuntide week the Hospital is closed to the public, permission to view it is a special favour kindly offered to the members of the Council.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

On a recent Monday the local band met at St. Mary's church, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet erected recently to record Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, in which five of the local company took part, with three of the Beccles men, which was rung on October 16th, 1909. Mr. Hopson, Hon. Secretary of the Beccles district of the Norwich Association, came over to perform the ceremony. The Vicar was unable to be present, as also was H. B. Owles, esq., who had the bells restored in 1908, he being Town Reeve that year, the work being carried out by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. The band wish to thank Mr. Hopson for coming at such short notice, and for his hospitality afterwards. The cost of the tablet was met by the Vicar and other gentlemen of the town.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, about thirty members from Irthlingborough, Higham, Rushden, Wellingborough, Mears Ashby, Easton Maudit, and Kettering, paid a visit to the well-known bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Arriving at the station they were met by Mr. R. Lane and some friends, and conducted to the foundry. After inspecting the various and interesting parts of the foundry, they made their way up to the light peal of eight, where some very good ringing was done, each one taking a turn at the ropes. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative were tapped off in grand style, after which the party were kindly entertained to refreshments, kindly provided by Mr. Taylor. Leaving the foundry a move was made for the parish church, where they were joined by Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and each one took part in various methods on the famous peal of ten un-5.30, when they left for Leicester, where they were met by Mr. W. Willson, who had arranged for ringing at St. John the Divine. Here again Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative, and to finish up, a course of London Surprise with W. Willson, was tapped off in grand style. The next item was a move to the ringers' house, The Earl Grey, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. The Leicester ringers gave a the on the handbells, followed by a course of Stedman Triples and Caters. Songs were given by Messrs. Willson, Martin (2), Chapman. Tyler, Newman, and Goosey. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Willson for making such excellent arrangements, and his remarks were received with musical honours. They then left their friends for home, arriving about 2.30 in the morning, every one enjoying the outing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the members of the St. Mary's Guild, Woodford, and visiting friends have rung thirty-nine 720s of Minor in the following methods: London Surprise 3, York 6, Chichester 2, Worcester 4, Cambridge 7, Woodbine Treble Bob 3, Oxford 5, Kent 7, Plain Bob 2: The ringers were E. Wightman 38, conducted 29, C. Moss 36, conducted 6, G. F. Margetson 34, H. Wood 29, K. C. Fox 26, conducted 3, R. Frow 21, J. Kimberly 21, G. A. Black 13, P. A. Coard 5, J. Rann, C. T. Coles, G. Carter 1, F. H. Sparke 1, W. H. Doran 1, F. Squires 1, G. Cornell 1, G. Lucas 1, H. Gowers 1.

GRINTON, SWALEDALE, YORKS.

Recently, various 120s of Bob Doubles were rung by G. Porter, W. Frankland, J. Coates, E. Pedley, R. Borrow, M. Croft. This is the first change-ringing ever done at this tower by a local band, although the bells have been there since 1825, the remoteness of the place and its isolation amongst the hills being alone responsible. The band has lately been under the instruction of R. Borrow, of Richmond.

ORSETT (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, April 19th, at the church of SS. Giles and All Saints, the local band rang thirty-four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 4080 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. B. Harrod conductor, W. Harrod, A. Keeling, W. H. Plowright, H. Chinnery, J. C. Bridge. Longest length by the local band and on the bells.

A PRIMITIVE CLOCK.

At Coughton, a tiny Warwickshire village, there is an ancient church dated 1525. Inside the belfry is a large wooden case, which stands about seven feet high and four feet wide. Inside this case is an old iron clock, which was made by the blacksmith of Coughton over 300 years ago. The clock has no face, and instead of a key to wind it up with, it is wound up by means of two wooden rollers, round which very strong thick cords are wound. When the clock strikes the hour, it can be distinctly heard four miles away. In church when the clock is in motion, it sounds exactly like some one chopping sticks outside. The church has also a lovely old tower, but no spire, and has the sweetest peal of six bells anywhere in the neighbourhood.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT MANCHESTER.

As part of the welcome which the Lancashire Association desire to give to those representatives attending the above who wish for a peal, the sub-committee appointed to carry out the arrangements have secured the use of the following towers: St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12); Manchester Cathedral (10); Manchester Town Hall (10); St. John's Deansgate (8); and St. Thomas's, Pendleton (8). Peals can be arranged on all of them for Whit-Monday, and all, except the Town Hall, for the Saturday previous. As possibly there will be no time for a peal on the Tuesday, the last four will be available for touches after the meeting is over. Will those members who desire to have a peal therefore write to Mr. S. Wood, 44, Crowthorn Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, for the Ashton bells; Mr. J. Eachus, 3, Hayden Street, Queen's Road, Manchester, for the Cathedral bells; and for the three other towers either to Mr. H. Chapman, 11, Beech Grove, Plymouth Grove, Manchester; or to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester. Ashton-under-Lyne is 6½ miles from Manchester, and is easily reached by train or electric car, fare by train 6d. single, 9d. return, and by car 3½d. each way. St. Thomas's, Pendleton, is two miles from Manchester Exchange, and is reached by electric car from Deansgate, fare 1½d. The Cathedral, Town Hall, and St. John's church are about ten minutes walk from each other. If any further information is required about ringing matters Mr. Wreaks will only be too pleased to supply it.—Rev. H. J. Elsee, Mr. A. E. Wreaks, Mr. H. Chapman, Mr. J. Eachus, Mr. S. Wood, sub-committee.

CRANFORD.—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Betts, B. J. Saddington, M. Norton, F. Lewin, J. Saddington, J. Lewin conductor. And a touch of Plain Bob.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1280 Treble Bob Major. H. Torble, J. Scholes, A. Scambler, R. Sanders, S. Bird, W. Theobald, W. Truss, A. Walker conductor. On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service at St. Matthew's Bethnal Green, 1008 Grandsire Triples. L. A. Hughes, M. A. Wood conductor, A. Hughes, D. Gibbons, C. Kennedy, H. Hills, F. Andrews, J. Monday. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. A. Hughes, and as a farewell touch to D. Gibbons and L. A. Hughes, who are sailing for Montreal on April 30th to erect a ring of ten bells.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, February 8th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. Morris, A. Hill, A. W. Brighton conductor, B. Hill, jun., W. C. Jones, T. Lane, H. Wilkes, J. H. Newman, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. Tenor 50 cwt. On Sunday, February 13th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. B. Hill, sen., T. Lane, A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Morris, W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, W. Page, G. Checketts.

OMBERSLEY.—On Wednesday, February 9th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Atkins, W. Pardoe, S. R. Duggan, A. W. Brighton conductor, H. Davis, G. Checketts. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PEAL VALUES COMMITTEE.

REPORT PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, WHITSUNTIDE, 1910.

Your Committee for Peal Values beg leave to report that since the last meeting of the Council the Analysis Committee has referred the following questions to them, viz.:-

- (1) What is the number of points to be allotted to (a) Erin Triples, (b) Erin Caters, (c) Aston Major, (d) Aston Royal, and (e) Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
- (2) They also asked for further consideration of the points to be given for peals of Minor, in connection with which Mr. King made a valuable suggestion.

In response to this your Committee advised that the following points should be allotted, viz.:-

To Erin Triples	...	...	...	...	12
Erin Caters	...	...	...	...	16
Aston Major	...	...	...	...	14
Aston Royal	...	...	...	...	18
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	...	...	...	60

They at the same time unanimously adopted Mr. King's suggestion regarding peals of Minor as being more systematic, fairer, and altogether better than the plan hitherto employed. It takes the form of a sliding scale, as follows:-

	NO. OF METHODS.						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plain Methods	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T. Bob Methods	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Surprise Methods	6	10	14	18	22	26	30

At the meeting of the Council last year the Hon. Secretary brought forward certain suggestions with a view to rendering the whole plan of apportioning points for peals more regular and systematic, and your Committee were instructed to consider the matter and report thereon. After consideration they now report that they recommend the scheme for final adoption by the Council. As was stated by the Hon. Secretary last year, the scheme, while leaving the relative position of the various performances almost untouched, introduces an element of system and arrangement where previously all was a matter of mere isolated and disjointed estimates. The only alteration of any importance introduced by the adoption of the scheme is that Stedman Caters have a higher number of points apportioned to them than are given to Triples. This, your Committee think, is amply justified when due account is taken of all the facts bearing upon the question.

In considering the various matters referred to us, the case of one or two methods not specifically named in the list given on p. 28 of "Rules and Decisions" (1904) has incidentally arisen and has received consideration. These are Duffield, Forward, and Norfolk (or Imperial Bob). Forward we place in Class 4 containing the Double Methods of which the Method value (V) is 18, while Duffield and Norfolk we assign to Class 5, the Double Norwich class where the Method value (V) is 25. (See schedule annexed).

SCHEDULE.

Class	Method	V	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus
1	Plain Methods, Original, etc.	10	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	Alliance, etc.	12	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	Treble Bob Methods, etc.	14	—	11	—	14	—	17
4	Forward, Erin, Aston, Double Methods, etc.	18	12	14	16	18	20	22
5	Double Norwich, Duffield, Norfolk, etc.	25	—	20	—	25	—	30
6	Stedman, New Cumberland, etc.	30	21	24	27	30	33	36
7	Superlative, etc.	40	—	32	—	40	—	48
8	Cambridge, etc.	50	—	40	—	50	—	60
9	London (Stepney), etc.	64	—	51	—	64	—	77

The number of bells multiplied by the Method value (V) and the product divide by 10 gives the number of points given to the peal.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON THE ANALYSIS OF PEALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1909.

We, the undersigned, being the Committee appointed by the Central Council last year, desire to report that we have completed the Peal Analysis for 1909. We have been confronted in the course of our investigations with certain difficulties, which should ordinarily have been referred to the Points Committee, but in view of the discussion last year which resulted in a general reference to that Committee of the best means of revising the present system of apportioning points for peals, we have dealt provisionally with such matters as have arisen, without troubling that Committee pending their decision on the general question.

It would certainly assist us in the compilation of these statistics, if a peal rung in December could find its way into print before March of the following year: and if greater care could be taken to avoid the publication of peals a second time. There are two instances of duplicate entries in the past year, and we can only remind those on whom the responsibility rests that these are a source of infinite trouble, and ought in common fairness to your Committee to be avoided.

GEORGE P. BURTON,
JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
ARTHUR T. KING,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE,

Members of the Analysis
Committee.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 16th, and 30th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 17th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 9th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed. A special general meeting will then be held to consider, and if necessary revise Rule VIII. The new certificate is now ready, and members can obtain them from the Secretary at 1s. each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at St. Sepulchre's, church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. Evensong will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is requested that all ringers will attend this service. The bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be available from 4 to 6 p.m. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Ottershaw to-day, Sat., May 7th. The bells are available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Working Men's Club at 5.30. Those members who would rather have a little singing instead of ringing after tea, are asked to bring their songs. It is hoped that all the members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Members of other districts and Associations gladly welcomed.

G. B. EDSEY, *Hon. Sec.*
27, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton to-day, Sat., May 7th. Bells (6), ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall to-day, Sat., May 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea (free) at 5.30. Service at 7.

J. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Margate on Saturday, May 7th. The bells of St. John's, Margate, St. Peter's, Thanet, All Saints, Birchington, and the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will all be available during the afternoon and eve-

ning. Tea at St. John's hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service at St. John's at 6 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Sir Charles Shaw, Bart., Vicar.

E. TRENDLE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Boughton, Faversham.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Marie's, Sheffield, to-day, Sat., May 7th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. The General Meeting will be held at The Crown inn, Holly Street, 7.15 p.m., when all members are earnestly requested to attend.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore, to-day, Sat., May 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The next meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Saturday, May 14th. Service at the parish church at 12 o'clock noon, with address by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Dinner at 1.15, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville Street. The usual allowance of one half to those members only who obtain tickets from the Secretary before May 10th. The following towers are available—Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, and Prestbury.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m.—Service at St. Mary's, with address by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. 12.15.—Annual meeting at the Vestry Hall. 1.30.—Dinner at the Victoria Boys' School. To ensure accommodation, notice should be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than May 11th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Whitsun Monday, May 16th. Committee Meeting in the Parish Church Room at 11 a.m. Service with address by the Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar, at noon. Dinner in the Albany Hall, at which the Mayor of Greenwich will preside at 1 p.m. Permission has been obtained for ringing before 11.30 a.m., and after dinner, at St. Nicholas (8), St. John the Evangelist (8), St. Alphege, Greenwich (10), St. Mary, Lewisham (8), and St. Margaret, Lee (8). Application for dinner must be made before Thursday, May 12th.

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Service at St. Edmund's church at 12 noon. Luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock; members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Usual ringing arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lutton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Black Horse inn at 4.15. Tickets 1s. 3d. each. Bells available all day.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The annual meeting will be held at North-

allerton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Tower open all day. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. Service at 12 noon. Preacher—the Rev. A. J. Chambers, M.A., of Northallerton. Dinner at The Rose and Crown at 1 p.m.; members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. Will those intending being present please notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 12th.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby, Yorks.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Sunderland. Bells of Holy Trinity (8), St. Ignatius (6), and Bishopwearmouth (8), available all day. Committee meeting at The Grand hotel at 1 p.m.; dinner at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26 Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who give notice not later than Wednesday, May 18th, to

BART. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
68, Douglas Street, Derby.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, May 21st. For full particulars see Association circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, May 14th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Sharnhall (6), 3 p.m.; Cannock (6), 4.45 p.m.; Norton Canes (6), 6.15 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above Association will be held at Chesterton on Saturday, May 21st. Tea at 5 o'clock. The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, available from 7 till 8.

P. WEEK, *Dis. Sec.*

The A.M.C.I.O.O. at Llangollen.—The bells at the parish church are available to any members of the above during Whit-week who may wish to ring.

T. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney.—Ringers are reminded that the fine peal of eight at the above church is available for practice on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m. For dates see College Youths notice. The bells go well, and the tower being an excellent place for practice, it is hoped that all who are able to support the meetings will do so.

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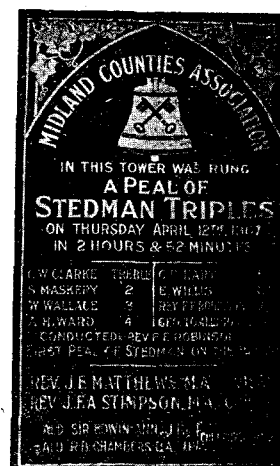
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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1910.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	REUBEN SANDRES 6.
SAMUEL I. BIRD 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 5.	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

HEMEL HEMPSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt

LEWIS GOODENOUGH Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FREDE. WHITE 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FREDE. W. BEINKLOW 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

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

This composition has the 6th twelve full courses at home, without the 2nd and 3rd in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. T. L. Simmons, a member of the Oxhey band.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late John Nelson.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

JAMES SHAW Treble.	GEORGE GARNETT 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	GEORGE NAYLOR 8.
ARTHUR KERSHAW 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	BENJAMIN THORPE 11.
JAMES COTTERILL 6.	FRED SALMON Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
FREDE. DICKENS 3.	FRANK J. BURLEIGH .. 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES,

First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	CHARLES E. READ 6.
WILLIAM STANIS 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
FREDK. G. WOODISS .. 4.	WALTER SHERMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. W. EDWARDS .. Treble.	ARTHUR HEAD 5.
ALFRED TARBUN, SEN. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD 6.
GEORGE R. V. CRUSH .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 4.	†ALFRED TARBUN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS BURTENSHAW* .. Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	EDMUND J. LINDUP 6.
ELLMAN BROWN* 3.	†BERT CHALLEN 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4.	ERNEST MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND J. LINDUP.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S, LEISTON, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH 5.
NORMAN BAILEY 2.	SIDNEY BAILEY 6.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
GEORGE BERRY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

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

Reference elsewhere.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble.	EDWIN J. TITT 5.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 2.	WALTER H. METCALFE .. 6.
JOHN CRAWFORD* 3.	GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. 7.
HARRY PEVERELL 4.	JAMES ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by GEO. W. PEVERELL.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Treble.	WALTER GERMAN 5.
JAMES WARD 2.	FREDK. PALMER 6.
CHARLIE KELLER 3.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

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

Rung to welcome Lord Annaly to Irlthlingborough, who laid the foundation-stone of the Church Institute. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Killamarsh, College Pleasure and Woodbine.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK STENTON Treble.	ROBERT SMITH 4.
HERBERT TURNER 2.	SAMUEL SMITH 5.
HARRY STENTON 3.	CHARLES F. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY STENTON.

It was originally intended to ring 10,080 changes in fourteen different methods, but one of the ringers being suddenly seized with cramp the conductor called stand at the end of the ninth 720.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE F. SYMONDS Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2.	CLEMENT J. MORE 6.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	*JOHN T. ALDRED 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	*ROBERT ALDRED 7.
ROBERT FRODIES 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. EMERY Treble.	FREDK. GILL 5.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS* 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
FREDK. G. RADLEY 3.	HENRY F. COOPER 7.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs F. W. Edwards and H. F. Cooper. *First peal of Kent.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT HUGHES Treble.	SAMUEL BIRKS 5.
GEORGE DYMENT 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS J. PRICE 3.	HERBERT JONES 7.
JOHN E. USHER 4.	ENOCH MESSHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT JONES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect, and in memory of the late Rev. Canon H. Drew, formerly Vicar of this parish.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WITHERS Treble.	*JAMES VAUGHAN 4.
WALTER HOBBS* 2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5.
HARRY WILSON 3.	FRANK WITHERS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	GEORGE JAYNE 8.
REV. E. BANKS JAMES .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD 9.
RICHARD CLARK 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This composition is in two parts and was composed on April 5th, 1910.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT Treble.	CHARLES DRAPE 5.
ALEXANDER HUTCHISON* .. 2.	JOHN FLOWER 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	*EDWARD MANNERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. This peal is now rung for the first time by this Association.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHEIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER ALCOCK Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 5.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
GEORGE WATSON 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	*HARRY WATFORD Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	*REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD† .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
WILLIAM WELLING† .. 3.	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES* 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

MANCHESTER—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES McLAUCHLAN* .. Treble.	W. CHARLES BRIDGFORD .. 6.
RICHARD MASSEY* 2.	*RALPH RAVENSCROFT, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN SIMKINS* 3.	†WM. E. SAUNDERS 8.
JOHN EACHUS 4.	RALPH RAVENSCROFT, SEN. .. 9.
CHARLES FAIRLEY 5.	WALTER SMETHEURST .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. E. SAUNDERS.

Rung to celebrate the 4th ringers fiftieth anniversary as a peal-ringer, he having accomplished his first peal (Grandsire Triples) on March 30th, 1860, at his native town, Sandbach, Cheshire. *First peal †First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, April 14, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 32 lb. in G flat.

WALTER SADLER* Treble.	SIDNEY R. ROPER 5
CHARLES H. HOWARD* 2.	ERNEST BECKWITH 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM .. 3.	*EDWARD F. SLADE 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT

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

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 14, 1916, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	H. CHARLES BOND 5.
WILLIAM C. CUSS 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7.
FREDK. PROTHEROUGH .. 4.	WILFRED G. COOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung to celebrate the weddings of Mr. Harry Lewis to Miss E. Whiteman, and Mr. A. Burton to Miss A. Hitchings, both of which took place on Easter Monday. It was also the conductor's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

LITTLE, MUNDEN, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 14, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Dikke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

BERT CARTER* Treble.	HENRY WALLACE 4.
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2.	BARNARD PATMORE 5.
FRED WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

*First peal.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
CHARLES BOWEE 2.	GEORGE TURNER 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	BENJAMIN THORP 7.
JAMES SHAW 4.	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

First peal as conductor in the method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES WILSHIRE, JUN. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH 5.
WILLIAM SHEPPARD 2.	*FREDERICK BENNETT .. 6.
CHARLES WILSHIRE 3.	G. ERNEST BONIFACE .. 7.
HENRY L. GARWATH 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
RICHARD STREDWICK 3.	KEITH HART 7.
MAURICE SMITHER 4.	ALBERT W. WHEALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS* .. Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	JOHN TURNER 7.
THOMAS JENNIONS* 4.	JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS E. N. BELCHER .. Treble.	ALFRED TURNER 5.
HARRY COOMES 2.	HARRY MILES 6.
DAN COOMES 3.	*GEORGE BARTLETT 7.
ALFRED MILES 4.	GEORGE PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by G. BARTLETT.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 16, 1916, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	WALTER WORGAN 5.
ALFRED ROUTLEY 2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
ERNEST B. CROWDER 3.	FRED ILEY 7.
JAMES BROAD 4.	JAMES CORAM Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolley, who that day celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley were also the recipients of a telegram from the King, congratulating them on the event.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Major has been sent from Kelsale, Suffolk, without any date being mentioned.

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Date Touches.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, a date touch of Minor, 1910 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob and 110 changes of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Keats, T. Jennions, G. R. Newton conductor, T. Hammond, jun., J. Turner, J. Allen.

RENDCOMB (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, April 26th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Saunders, H. R. Saunders, A. Hayward, J. Miller, R. Gegg, B. Haywood. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for Canada.

Miscellaneous.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

DARTINGTON (Devon).—On Monday, March 28th, at St. Mary's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Stevens, W. Bowers, F. Davey, T. Laver, L. Green, F. Gardner, W. Richardson.

HOLBETON (Devon).—On Easter Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. F. Laphorn, W. Williams, Rev. E. S. Powell conductor, G. Rabley, L. Williams, H. Laphorn. This is believed to be the first quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells. It is the first in any method by all the band, and the first ever rung in the tower by a local band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Monday, March 28th, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Aldridge, E. Bannister, G. F. James, R. G. Rice conductor, W. Hutton, W. J. Grace, W. Hitchman, T. Aldworth. And 720 Grandsire Minor, composed by J. Carter. E. G. Aldridge, G. F. James, R. G. Rice conductor, W. Hutton, W. Hitchman, E. Bannister.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1265 changes, in 52 mins. T. H. Hardy, T. L. Allen, L. E. Allen, F. H. Dexter composer and conductor, G. Cleal, J. Morris, S. Cotton, J. S. Needham, C. H. Fowler, T. Taylor. The above band met for a peal of Stedman Caters, but the time at liberty being too short the above was substituted. Recently, at St. Mark's church, 972 and 1312 Double Norwich. J. H. Hardy, J. L. Allen, G. Cleal, A. Pettitt, J. H. Dexter, E. Morris, J. Morris, C. H. Fowler conductor. Also 720 Stedman Triples, conducted by F. H. Dexter.

ETWAL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 5th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. W. E. Wiles, J. T. Dyke, L. C. Smith, A. K. Harrison conductor, J. H. Topley, J. C. Hunt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK.—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice at St. Matthias's church, 672 Double Norwich. F. Morris, A. Winterton, F. Stanton, C. Jones, G. Checketts, W. Page conductor, H. T. Knowles, R. G. Knowles.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST TYTHERLEY.—On Saturday, April 16th, after meeting short for a peal at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Harris, W. Andrews (first 720 Treble Bob), J. S. Rumming, L. H. Page, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. The Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Bourdillon, with his usual hospitality, kindly provided the band with refreshment before returning home.

ROMSEY.—On Wednesday evening, April 20th, at the monthly practice, 480 Kent Treble Bob, touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, and plain courses of Double Norwich were brought round. Those turning up were Messrs. Rumming,

Harris and Wellington (Salisbury), G. Williams, C. J. Fray and Rev. E. Banks James (North Stoneham), with Messrs. J. Elcombe, Paskins, Walker, White and Hands, of the local company. Next meeting the third Wednesday in May at 7 p.m.

YATELEY.—On February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell, of Hiltfield, Yateley. A. Hearmon, W. G. Bunch, G. Butler, W. Horne conductor, H. Tice, J. R. Bunch, S. Ridell, W. Tice.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARDEN.—On March 17th, at the church of SS. Michael and All Angels, the last 756 of Holt's Original. C. H. Sone, D. Hodgkin, G. Broad, F. Hodgkin, F. Sharp, G. Hadaway, P. Hodgkin, P. Brown.

ULCOMB (Kent).—On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Foord, G. Haddaway, G. Burbridge, H. Cockings, P. Hodgkin, C. H. Sone. 720 in the same method. A. T. Slingsby, H. Cockings, G. Broad, G. Hadaway, C. H. Sone, P. Hodgkin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday, February 26th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, after a meeting of the Committee, 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. W. Butler, S. Wolfe, T. Pyle, J. T. Ladd, C. Kennington, H. W. Kirton, J. W. Seamer, J. W. Crowder. On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. S. W. Butler, G. Flintham, J. A. Freeman, F. Pyle, C. Kennington, H. W. Kirton, J. W. Seamer, J. Messon. And 168 in the same method.

BATTERSEA.—On March 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Ambrose, G. Watkins, H. Burton, W. Barber, H. Mance, W. Essery, A. Newman conductor, J. Pullen.

HARPENDEN.—On Sunday, March 6th, for the Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Dellar, G. Newson, E. Bolton, H. Burgess, R. Coburn, B. Coburn, B. Jarman conductor, G. Curl.

WHITCHURCH (near Cardiff).—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. F. D. Bailey, W. Biss, W. Coombes, T. Cov, F. Chamberlain, W. Dawe conductor. And four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Cox, W. Biss conductor, L. Wright, W. Coombes, W. Porter, F. Chamberlain.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Private A. G. Clifford, L. Price, A. Coppock conductor, W. Clifford, sen., F. S. Price, E. J. Boot, W. Clifford, J. Paling.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT LEISTON.—This peal was rung in honour of the 72nd birthday of Mr. John Button, the ringer of the treble, who has been for a period of fifty years the much respected Master of the Leiston society, and is also his jubilee year on Leiston Works. He has also had the care of the bells at Leiston for nearly fifty years, and was instrumental some twenty-five years ago in getting the old ring of five bells, which for many years done duty in the tower, augmented to the present fine ring of eight bells, of which he is justly proud.

THE PEAL AT OTLEY.—F. W. Dixon's 100 Peals.—Treble Bob Minor 3, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 5, conducted 5; Bob Major 7, conducted 5; Stedman Triples 13, conducted 11; Kent Major 51, conducted 25; Royal 1; Oxford Major 10,

conducted 5; London 2. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 3, conducted 3; Bob Major 2, conducted 2; Kent Major 2, conducted 2; Oxford Major 1, conducted 1. Total—100; conducted 61.

THE PEAL AT CIRENCESTER.—F. J. Lewis's 50 Peals.—Bob Minor 1, conducted 1; Major 1; Royal 2; Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 21; Caters 5; Cinques 2; Stedman Triples 6; Caters, 5; Cinques 1; Double Norwich Major 1. Total—50; conducted 22.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

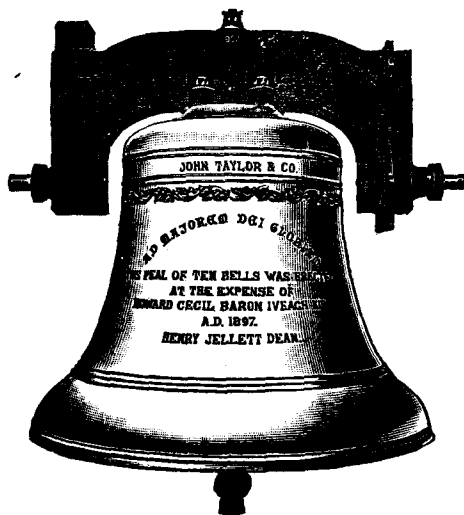
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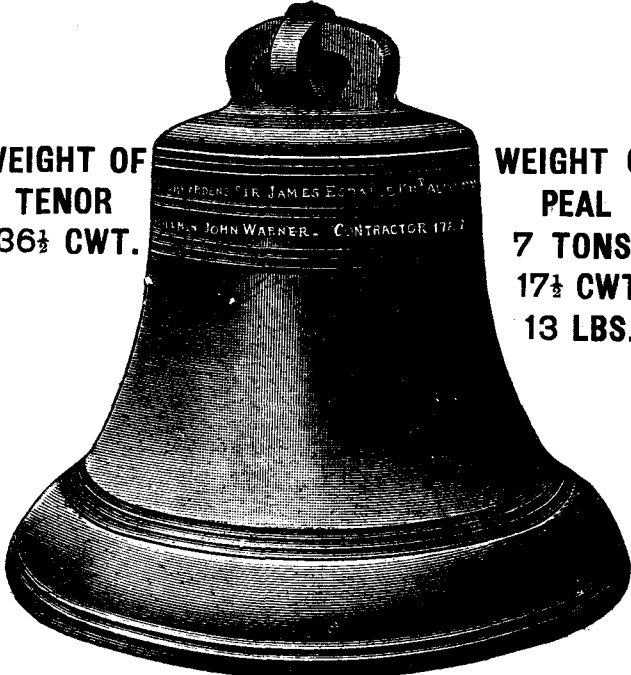
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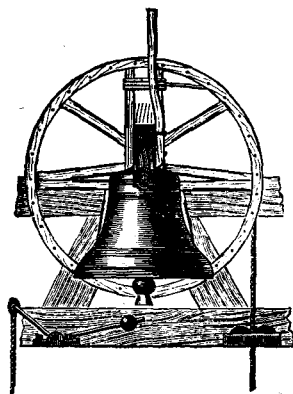
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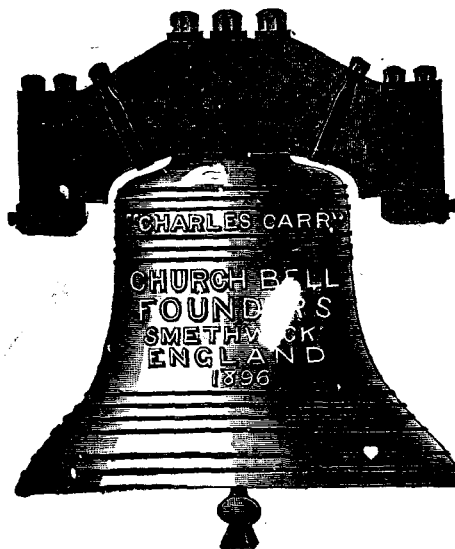
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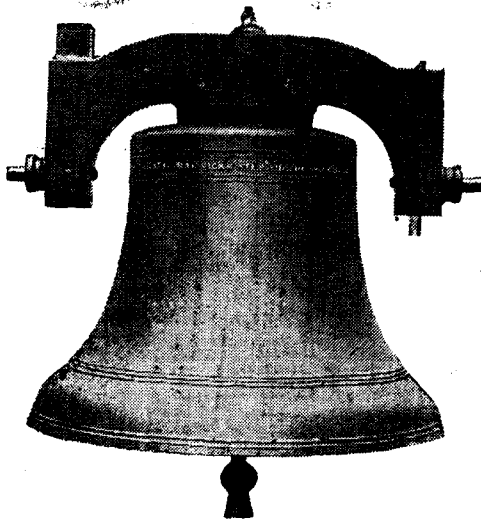
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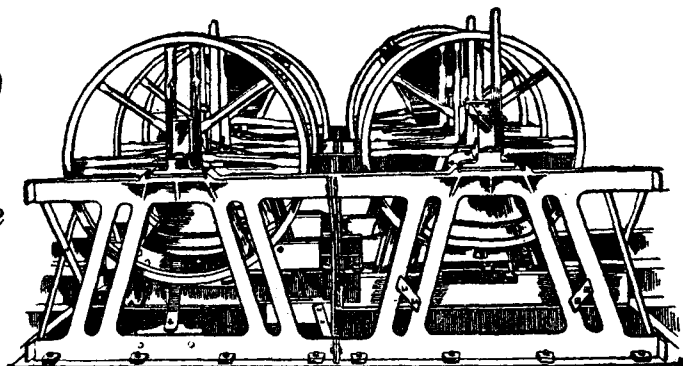
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THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S TOWER.

The fine ring of twelve bells in the Tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, having been recently re-opened at a special service after being put in going order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, I have thought the following remarks may interest some readers. The Extract from Stow appeared in these columns eleven years ago, but some members of the Exercise may not now have ready access to it, and I therefore set it out. It is from his account of St. Michael's.

"The fair new steeple, or bell tower of this church, was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added, and given by John Whitwell, Isabell, his wife, and William Russ, Alderman and Goldsmith, about the year 1430, which bell, named 'Russ,' nightly at eight of the clock, and otherwise for knells, and in peals, rung by one man, for the space of one hundred and sixty years, of late overhauled by four or five at once, hath been thrice broken, and new cast, within the space of ten years, to the charges of that parish more than one hundred marks.

"And here a note of this steeple: as I have oft heard my father report, upon St. James's night, certain men in the loft next under the bells, ringing of a peal, a tempest of lightning, and thunder did arise, an ugly shapen sight appeared to them, coming in at the south window and lighted on the north, for fear whereof they all fell down, and lay as dead for the time, letting the bells ring and cease of their own accord; when the ringers came to themselves, they found certain stones of the north window to be razed and scratched, as if they had been so much butter, printed with a lion's claw; the same stones were fastened there again, and so remain till this day. I have seen them oft, and have put a feather or small stick into the holes where the claws had entered three or four inches deep. At the same time certain main timber posts at Queenhithe were scratched and cleft from the top to the bottom; and the pulpit cross in Paul's churchyard was likewise scratched, cleft and overturned. One of the ringers lived in my youth, whom I have oft heard to verify the same to be true."

This account carries us down to the year 1598. From this we find a ring of five bells placed in the Tower about 1421, and a sixth added about nine years later. The great interest of this curious story for us is the evidence it conveys of ringing, as distinct from chiming, at this early date. The men were "ringing a peal." The peal, of course, was simply rounds, as we know changes were not invented till long afterwards. But they were "ringing" is evident from the bells running down when the ringers left their hold on the ropes. Of course, the meaning of this imaginative description is that the Steeple was struck by lightning, and this fact helps us to a probably approximate date for this performance. For Paul's Cross was struck

by the same storm, and as Stow tells us it was rebuilt by Bishop Kempe, who held the See of London from 1450 to 1489, we may, I think, presumptively assign this ringing to this period.

A few years before the Great Fire of London in 1666, we learn from another source that the number of bells had increased to ten. The present Steeple, erected in the year 1722, is described and illustrated in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 18th, 1908.

I know not whether the following lines relate to this or some other St. Michael's Tower. However, here they are, and to Members of the Exercise who are connected with Choral Societies I can cordially recommend the arrangement of them by the late Sir R. P. Stewart:—

Merrily, merrily rung the bells,
The bells of St. Michael's Tow'r,
When Richard Penlake and Rebecca, his wife,
Arrived at the church door.

Richard Penlake was a cheerful man,
Cheerful and frank, and free;
But he led a sad life with Rebecca his wife,
For a terrible shrew was she.

Richard Penlake a scolding would take
Till patience availed no longer,
Then Richard Penlake a crabstick would take,
And show her that he was the stronger.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first of the summer meetings of the Burton-on-Trent district was held at Horninglow on Sunday, April 30th. About thirty members attended from Ashby, Burton, Derby, Horninglow, Netherseal, Newhall, Rolleston, Tamworth, Winshill, and Wolverhampton. The bells of St. John's Church were kept going from 2.30 p.m. till 6.30 in various methods. The business meeting was held in the Institute at 6.30, the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Lewis, being voted to the chair. The minutes of the annual district meeting were read and confirmed. The Vicar was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association, and five of the Horninglow band, and one from St. Paul's, Burton, were elected ringing members. The next district meeting was fixed to take place at Newhall, on Saturday, May 28th. The Horninglow ringers are attempting to arrange a practice night, which will not clash with those at the Burton towers, and altogether the prospects of the promotion of change-ringing at this tower are very bright. Assistance was promised from Burton if the practices were arranged. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Institute, and for taking the chair, was proposed by Mr. H. Wakley, and seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley. The Rev. T. A. Lewis, in reply, said he should be very pleased to see change-ringing promoted in his tower, and would be proud to welcome the M.C.A. to Horninglow on some future occasion. This brought to a close a very successful meeting, and it is to be hoped that the succeeding ones will be equally gratifying.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, by kind permission of the Feoffees, in the school-room of Chetham's hospital at Manchester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA 1910.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Vote of sympathy.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of New Members to the President.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

- (a) Peal Collection.
- (b) Church Press.
- (c) Legitimate Methods.
- (d) Peals Analysis.
- (e) Peal Values.

To discuss the following:—

7.—The Central Council desires to place on record its sense of the great services rendered to the cause of change-ringing by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and hopes that the members will further in their several Guilds and Associations the scheme for erecting a worthy memorial in Drayton Church.

8.—To call attention to the scientific extension of Stedman from the original six-score, and to move that (i) Stedman with slow sixes as plain sixes, quick sixes for bobs, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the middle of a quick or slow six be called Stedman in the Original variation; (ii) that Stedman with slow sixes only, and the bob and single in the last three bells by called Stedman in the Erin variation; (iii) that Stedman with alternate quick and slow sixes, and the bobs and singles on the last three bells be called Stedman in the Norwich variation; (iv) that Stedman Caters and Cinques with alternate quick and slow sixes, 5th place bobs, and 5th, 6th, and 7th at a single be called Stedman in the Painswick variation; (v) that Stedman with slow sixes for Plain in front and behind, double dodging in the middle where necessary, and quick sixes for bobs, and the first three or last three places in the middle of a quick or slow six for singles be called Double Stedman.

9.—That the representation of each Association on the Central Council be proportionate to the number of its resident ringing members only.

10.—That in order to sustain an authorship claim the figures of all new Compositions shall be sent to the Secretary of the Peal Committee, and that their publication in Local Reports, or even in "THE BELL NEWS," will not be considered a bona fide claim, unless the above condition be fulfilled. If the figures are not for publication, a letter to this effect must be attached.

11.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.

12.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Committee of the Lancashire Association kindly invite the members of the Council to tea in the old Dining Hall after the meeting. Those who wish to fortify themselves for ringing, etc. afterwards, will find substantial refreshment for the purpose.

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Obituary.

EDWARD JOCELYN WEBB.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on Friday, April 1st, at his residence Louth Road, Camberwell, from valvular disease of the heart. Born at Sevenoaks, Kent, in 1876, he commenced his ringing career around Guildford. In 1894 he joined the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society (now the London County Association), the Waterloo Society and the St. Margaret's (Westminster) Society. He was also a member of the Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Surrey and Yorkshire Associations, in nearly all of which he had taken part in peals, but had not kept any record. They consisted of Doubles, Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters. He was laid to rest in the churchyard at Woodcote, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, on the Wednesday following his death. On Thursday, April 14th, as a last mark of respect, the bells at the parish church of St. Giles' Camberwell were half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

R. I. P.

ALFRED CLEGG.

On Wednesday, April 27th, was laid to rest at St. James's parish church, Milnrow, near Rochdale, the remains of Mr. Alfred Clegg, who died on Sunday, the 24th, after a painful illness. He had been a ringer at the above church about forty years, and was much esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. His fellow-ringers walked in front of the hearse to the burial ground, and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples after the funeral as a token of respect. In the evening 600 in the same method was rung. On Sunday morning, May 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled. L. Fielding, R. Buckley, J. Fitton, A. Fielding, S. Fielding, J. H. C. Massey, J. Greenwood conductor, J. T. Hartley. The deceased was a life member of the Lancashire Association, and being of a cheerful disposition he made many friends. He was always ready and willing to help any young ringer who was anxious to learn. He was in his 64th year, and leaves a widow and three married children to mourn his loss.

R. B.

WILLIAM JAMES FISHER.

This ringer, who passed away recently at the age of 44 years was well known at Eastbourne, being a member of the Sussex County Association and the Cumberland Youths. He resided in Eastbourne for some years and took part in several peals. He also gave some attention to Grandsire composition, several quarter-peals and date touches of his having been published in the columns of this paper. Of a jovial, happy disposition, his end came suddenly to the sorrowing widow, a native of Farnham Royal, at their residence 11, Chester Street, S.W., and it will be regretted by many ringers and friends who came in contact with him. He was buried in Farnborough Cemetery. He collected a large sum of money towards the cost of the restoration and augmentation of the bells of St. Bartholomew's, Ducklington, Oxon., his native village, where he and his brothers learnt to ring. His mother, who is living in the parish, has years of "THE BELL NEWS" about the home.

HEREFORDSHIRE.—Farmhouse Apartments, with a ringer; with or without board. Milk, Butter, Poultry. Lovely scenery.—Apply "Hereford," care of Editor

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Canterbury District held their annual meeting at Margate on Saturday, May 7th. The weather was showery, and this, with the very sad news of His Majesty King Edward VII., caused a small number to attend, and cast a deep gloom over the gathering. The bells of the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, and of St. John's, Margate, were rung muffled. A good tea was served in St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. by Mr. A. Thomas, after which the members attended Divine Service at 6 p.m. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Sir Charles Shaw, Bart., Vicar, who referred in very feeling terms to the great loss the nation had sustained, and to the message of grief and sorrow which the ringers were privileged to send forth from the muffled bells.

The Secretary and representatives were re-elected. Thirty-four new members were elected; two bands of ringers becoming affiliated, viz., Selling and Throwley.

Dover was chosen for the annual meeting; Selling for the autumn; and Sturry for the spring meeting.

A protest was raised against attempting peals during the time members of the district are holding a meeting, especially if the bells used have been set apart for the meeting. The hope was expressed that all members will do their best to cause the practice to be discontinued.

Ringings were continued till 9 p.m. by a small company under trying circumstances—bells muffled—choir practice in chancel—the organist playing the Dead March in Saul—workmen draping the church furniture. In spite of these difficulties, the last 742 of Holt's Original was successfully brought round, Mr. G. Willshire having sufficiently recovered to ring the 2nd.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern district was held at Writtle on Saturday, April 23rd. The Master and Secretary attended, in addition to the District Master and Secretary, and members from Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, South Weald, Great Bentley, Galleywood, and a good number of the local company. Tea was served in the iron room, at which the Rev. E. S. Groves, Vicar of Writtle, presided. Tea over, the business meeting was proceeded with, the Vicar still occupying the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been signed, the Rev. E. S. Groves was unanimously elected an honorary member. One new ringing member, three re-elections, and the whole (probationary) new company at Galleywood were elected. After some competition, Boreham won as for the place of the summer meeting.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. C. H. Howard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Writtle for the use of his bells, and for his attendance there among them. This was carried unanimously, and in replying, the rev. gentleman assured the ringers it gave him great pleasure to see so many there, and that although not a ringer, he would do as his predecessor, the Rev. Canon Papillon had done, all he could for the welfare of the Association. All then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich were rung.

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The ringers at Hugglescote, assisted by Mr. S. W. West, of Whitwick, met in the parish church belfry on Ascension Day, and rang for evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. W. Rands, S. W. West, J. Cadle, G. Walker, F. Weston, F. Griffin, H. Powdrill, T. Bailey. Rung as a welcome to the parish of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who has lately come to work as curate in the Bardon and Hugglescote parishes. Local ringers are glad to extend a hearty welcome to the rev. gentleman, who is the first practical clerical ringer they have had in this locality.

NORWICH.

Nowhere was more impression caused by the death of King Edward than in Norfolk, which his late Majesty himself only recently referred to as "the King's county." As early as 6.30 on Saturday morning, a muffled peal was rung upon the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, the largest parish church in the city, and this was very shortly after followed by the tolling of the tenor bell.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cordingley, now residing at Calverley, Yorks., celebrated their diamond wedding on Thursday last. The marriage took place at the Leeds parish church on April 28th, 1850. Ten years ago the aged couple were living at Tong, and their golden wedding was there celebrated by a large gathering of Mr. Cordingley's friends. Mr. Cordingley was for many years a constable at Calverley before the West Riding Constabulary was inaugurated, but he is best known as a bell-ringer, having followed this pastime for over sixty years. At Skipton, in 1850, he first shared prize-money, and in 1855 he, in conjunction with another ringer from Calverley, two from Tong, and two from Pudsey, distinguished themselves in a contest open to all England, and secured the first prize, sixteen companies taking part. Mr. C. Cordingley conducted the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for the Yorkshire Association. Neither Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley are quite so active as ten years ago, consequently no festivities were arranged to mark this unique event, but a few of his ringing friends met together at Calverley in the evening and rang upon the bells a few rounds of "golden changes," and then fired sixty full pulls to mark the number of years, and later several courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. H. Oddy (Tong), J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), T. Latimer and T. Maude (Pudsey), and the following members of the local company: W. Hollings (who hopes ere long to reach his golden wedding), C. Pratt, Popplewell, S. Keighley, Stanhope, and Wheatley.

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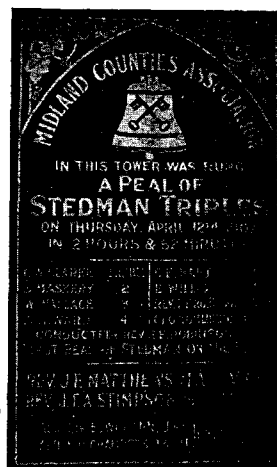
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty, King Edward, the social gathering of the members of the Council at The Midland hotel, Manchester, will not take place. The other proceedings will go forward as arranged.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD, President.

The Metropolis.

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**
5024 CHANGES.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON Treble.	ALBERT MASON 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN... 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal in two equal parts, with 4-6 only in 6ths place at a course-end, was published in this journal on December 4th, 1909.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD.. ..Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER 2.	EDWARD E. BRIDGES .. 6.
CHARLES H. DRAKE.. .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL 7.
ALFRED B. ROBSON 4.	THOMAS BEST .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANES.

*First peal in the method.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, April 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ALFRED CRIPPS .. ..Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN AKEHURST.. .. 3.	ALBERT ELLIS .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

Rang with the bells deeply muffed as a mark of respect to the late Samuel Woolgar.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, April 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY J. DEWEY* .. ..Treble.	GEORGE W. WALDER .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CORDEN.. .. 2.	†ALBERT HARMAN 6.
PERCY H. DOICE 3.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 7.
ALBERT FEIST 4.	*HARRY J. DOICE .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringer of the treble is only thirteen years of age.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. T. BUSWELL .. ..Treble.	THOMAS BUTLER 4.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 2.	ALBERT V. INNS 5.
JOSEPH FARBY 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is 15 years of age, and was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. First peal of Minor with a bob bell by the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH***On Monday, April 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. FYFE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. 5.
MISS MARGERY SAMPSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
ARTHUR T. COLLINSON* .. 3.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7.
RICHARD WHITSON 4.	*JAMES MCCracken .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1909 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Total Peals.	Treble Bob.				Grandsire			Plain Methods.					Minor Methods.										Double Methods.				Surprise Methods.						
		16	14	12	15	11	9	7	12	10	8	7	2	23	19	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	28	16	16	14	50	50	30	30	
		Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	T. B. M. M.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	21 Minor mthds.	14	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Dbl. Ox. Royal.	Dbl. Ox. Major.	Dbl. Nor. Major.	Dbl. Ox. Triples.	Can. Sur. Royal.	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Can. Sur. Major.	
1 Midland Cties. Assn....	154	—	9	21	1	—	7	30	—	1	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	
2 Norwich Dio. Assn.....	133	1	—	26	2	—	—	4	—	1	1	14	1	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	24	—	—	—	1	—	14	
3 Middlesex Cty. Assn.....	81	—	—	4	—	—	1	11	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	—		
4 Yorkshire Association...	138	—	3	34	2	—	12	24	—	2	33	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	
5 Kent County Assn.....	95	—	—	6	—	—	—	27	—	—	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	1	5	
6 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	108	—	—	—	4	—	6	26	—	—	2	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	4	—	
7 Sussex County Assn....	77	—	1	7	1	—	1	22	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8 Lancashire Association...	65	3	1	20	3	3	—	13	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	
9 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	50	—	2	1	—	—	2	4	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	
10 Essex Association	56	—	—	14	—	—	3	5	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	5	—	
11 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	34	2	1	—	—	1	2	7	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	2	—	
12 Winchester Dio. Guild..	53	—	1	3	1	—	2	25	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13 Hertford County Assn..	38	—	1	6	2	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	
14 Durham & Newcstl. Ass.	33	—	1	7	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15 Royal Cumberland Yths	20	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	
16 St. Martin's Guild Birm	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
17 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	46	—	—	7	—	—	—	7	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	6	1	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
18 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	28	—	—	1	—	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
19 Chester Dio. Guild.....	43	—	1	9	2	—	—	13	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	
20 Centl. Northamp. Assn.	34	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	1	1	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	
21 Irish Association	12	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	
22 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths.	19	1	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	
23 Surrey Association.....	25	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
24 London County Assn....	16	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	14	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26 Hereford Dio. Guild....	45	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27 Devonshire Guild	23	—	—	2	—	—	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28 Cleveland & N. Yorks....	23	—	2	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29 Bedford Association.....	16	—	—	1	6	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30 North Wales Assn.	11	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31 Bath & Wells Assn	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	11	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
33 Ely Diocesan Assn.	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
34 Warwick Guild	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
35 Salop Arch. Guild	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
36 Cambridge Univ. Guild..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
37 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
38 Truro Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
39 Peterboro' & Dists. Assn.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
40 West Wales Assu.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
41 Independent Societies..	46	1	2	5	2	—	4	10	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Grand totals.....	1628	6	28	188	29	4	52	313	2	5	118	10	90	1	3	1	1	2	69	1	15	13	14	9	44	1	3	126	1	4	37	8	35	4

* The value allotted to Aston Royal (18), Major (16), Erin Caters (18), Triples (16) are provisional only, and are used by the Analysis Committee solely. Whatever value may be ultimately recommended to the Council by the Points Committee, it will not affect the positions of the Societies in this Analysis.

NOTE.—Two peals have been published twice, see "BELL NEWS," pages 81-151 and 475-535. The senders of corrected peals would save the Analysis to the previous publication.

The 135 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus 2; Bob Royal 5; Bob Major 114; Oxford Bob Major 2; College Single Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 6; Bob Triples 4.

The 90 peals of Doubles are comprised in the following statement:—

Association	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Ten	Fourteen	Methods	Total
Bath and Wells	10	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	13
Central Northants	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	5
Ely	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Gloucester and Bristol	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hereford	28	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	31
Hertford	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lincoln	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Middlesex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Counties	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Norwich	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	5
Oxford	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Salisbury	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Surrey	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Association	One
Sussex	4
Worcester	1
Independent	3
	71

The 46 peals rung by Independent Societies are: Breconshire 2; Cheshire 2; Derbyshire 2; Leicestershire 2; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 2; Surrey 2; Sussex 2; Warwickshire 2; Yorkshire 2.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of 10,080 changes in 7 Treble Bob Minor Methods was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association.

The 222 peals of Treble bob were rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of 10,080 changes in 7 Treble Bob Minor Methods was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung by the Midland Counties' Association.

Oxford Variation—Royal 3; Major 32; and

CALCULATED ACCORDING

Minor in 4	For'd 20 20	Duffield 15	*Astoo 18 16	*Erin 18 16	Stedman 28 24 24	Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.
Forward Royal	1	1	1	1	1	6	14
Forward Major	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Duffield Major	1	1	1	1	1	3	13
Royal	1	1	1	1	1	9	1656
Major	1	1	1	1	1	2	13
Caters	1	1	1	1	1	1339	12 308
Triples	1	1	1	1	1	2	24
Cinquies	1	1	1	1	1	8	990
Caters	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Triples	1	1	1	1	1	4	901
	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
	1	1	1	1	1	10	665
	1	1	1	1	1	6	4
	1	1	1	1	1	3	1
	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
	1	1	1	1	1	2	450
	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
	1	1	1	1	1	2	434
	1	1	1	1	1	2	404
	1	1	1	1	1	1	389
	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
	1	1	1	1	1	11	307
	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
	1	1	1	1	1	3	269
	1	1	1	1	1	6	264
	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
	1	1	1	1	1	2	237
	1	1	1	1	1	1	180
	1	1	1	1	1	1	147
	1	1	1	1	1	1	135
	1	1	1	1	1	1	111
	1	1	1	1	1	67	6 700
	1	1	1	1	1	1	50
	1	1	1	1	1	1	45
	1	1	1	1	1	40	20 000
	1	1	1	1	1	31	6 200
	1	1	1	1	1	14	7 000
	1	1	1	1	1	12	6 000
	1	1	1	1	1	7	7 000
	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
	1	1	1	1	1	498	10 826
	1	1	1	1	1	24214	14 873

understanding, so that publication may not be delayed.

Committee infinite trouble if in future they would give reference

Four	Five	Six	Ten	Fourteen	Methods	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	1	—	—	—	—	4
3	4	2	1	1	—	90

are thus distributed, viz.: Bedfordshire 4; Berkshire 1; Edinburgh 2; Essex 3; Gloucestershire 2; Lancashire 1; Norfolk 3; Northamptonshire 1; Nottinghamshire 1; Total, 46.

as 18,027, viz., the record peal of Stedman Caters rung by 12,000 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major, and one peal of are rung by the Lancashire Association. One peal, 11,040 the Norwich Diocesan Association. One peal 10,176 changes ceester and Districts Association. One peal contained over and under 6,000 changes there were 1,619 peals.

Kent Variation—Maximus 6; Royal 25; Major 154; in the London Variation—Major 2.

The 313 peals of Grandsire Triples were—Holt's Original 57; Holt's Six-part 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 83; Parker's One-part 6; Parker's Five-part 1; Parker's Six-part 9; Parker's Twelve-part and Variations 61; Carter's Twelve-part and Variations 25; Taylor's Bob and Single 19; Rev. C. D. P. Davies's peals 12; Hollis's 9; other peals 27; and three published without Composer's name.

The 230 peals of Stedman were Thurstan's One-part 3; Thurstan's Four-part and Variations 193; Thurstan's Ten-part 1; Carter's peals 13; Washbrook's peals 11; Bulwer's peals 4; Heywood's peals 3; Parker's Seven-part 1; and John O. Lancashire 1.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Clement Glenn, 53; Keith Hart, 44; William Pye, 39; Frank Bennett, 31; E. R. Borrett, 30; R. Matthews, 27; B. Prewett, 26; William Short, 24; William Keeble, Benjamin A. Knights, and James Moits, 22; C. F. Bailey, 20; J. E. Davis, 19; George Williams, 17; William Willson, 16; A. H. Pulling, 15; C. W. Clarke, 13; E. G. Buesden, and the Rev. H. Law James, 12; J. Souter and W. Watts, 11; J. E. Groves, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Samuel Wood, 10; Arthur Knights, 9; W. H. Barber, John Carter, James Cotterell, David Elliott, L. S. Griffiths, T. T. Gofton, J. W. Lake, E. Morris, G. N. Price, and George F. Williams, 8; the Rev. A. T. Beeston, F. W. Dixon, E. C. Gobey, Joseph Griffin, P. J. Johnson, H. G. Judge, E. C. Lambert, W. Large, T. Metcalfe, and Henry J. Tucker, 7; John H. Cheesman, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Samuel Grove, E. Hancox, Charles R. Lilley, F. G. May, F. Palmer, George R. Pye, James Parker, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Joseph Ridyard, Edwin Shepherd, S. H. Symonds, W. Shepherd, A. Shuffelebotham, Henry W. Wilde, and Bernard Wittchell, 6; E. M. Atkins, Harry Chapman, R. F. Deal, J. W. Driver, William Fitchford, George H. Gale, R. T. Holding, sen, F. A. Ho'den, Charles Jackson, H. W. Kirton, Herbert Knight, Henry Moore, James Morgan, Wilfred Overton, Edward Reader, R. Sperring, Frank Smith, W. S. Smith, and Cecil A. Valentine, 5; John Austin, G. Billenness, L. Bullock, C. E. Borrett, E. Bannister, W. A. Cave, G. Edser, jun., John Flint, A. W. Gravett, F. Hopper, G. Holifield, sen, E. W. Munday, F. J. Mynard, John McKell, George R. Newton, W. T. Pegler, A. Simpson, R. E. Stavert, B. Thorpe, John Thomas, Sam Thomas, F. Wilford, Harry Wakley, G. Wightman, W. Welling, and E. Whitbread, 4. In addition to these, 60 persons conducted three peals each, 96 two peals, and 277 one peal. One silent peal was rung, and two peals were published without a Conductor's name. The total number of persons who acted as conductors was 540.

The number of peals on church bells was 1,544; on handbells 84.

In dealing with performances of especial merit, we congratulate the Band who at Loughborough on the 12th April, 1909, rang the record peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 18,027 changes, in twelve hours and eighteen minutes, all being members of the Midland Counties' Association. To call a peal of this length would tax the capacity of the ablest conductor, and Mr William Pye, whose name has already been associated with many remarkable peals, is just one of those men who can always be trusted to rise to the occasion, and inspire the confidence needed to bring such a wonderful performance to a successful conclusion. Ten ladies have taken part in successful peals during the year 1909, viz., Miss E. N. Belcher two peals of Stedman Triples, Miss Isabella Frankum peals of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Miss Mabel Gilbanks two peals of Minor in five and seven methods, three peals of Stedman Triples and one of Stedman Caters for the Worcester and Districts Association; Miss Nellie Gillingham who rang in and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples and is thought to be the first lady conductor of a successful peal, and Miss Mary E. N. Jukes a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Miss Edith Parker who rang Stedman Triples, Superlative and London Surprise, being the first lady to accomplish successful peals in Surprise methods, for the Royal Cumberland Youths; Miss Margery Sampson who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Saint Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh; Miss Mildred E. Smith who rang in a peal of Minor for the Central Northamptonshire Association; Miss Alice White who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Winchester Diocesan Guild; and Miss Lilian Willson who rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for the Midland Counties' Association.

The following is a summary of the peals rung on handbells—

Stedman Caters ..	..	..	..	..	5
Stedman Triples ..	..	..	..	..	5
Grandsire Caters..	..	..	..	..	14
Grandsire Triples	..	..	..	..	22
Kent Treble Bob Royal	..	..	..	..	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	..	..	..	..	1
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	..	..	..	..	1
Bob Royal ..	..	..	..	..	1
Bob Major ..	..	..	..	..	28
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	..	..	..	..	1
Superlative Surprise Major ..	..	..	..	..	3
Forward Royal ..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	..	..	..	..	84

The 1628 peals rung are 154 more than last year, and create a record, being 109 more than 1905. They were rung in the following months—January 151; February 148; March 104; April 128; May 155; June 97; July 102; August 89; September 165; October 141; November 168; December 180.

NOTE.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1896:—

	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
Midland Counties Association ..	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1	1
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Middlesex County Association ..	—	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	3
Yorkshire Association ..	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7	5	4
Kent County Association ..	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4	5
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6	6
Sussex County Association ..	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7	7
Lancashire Association ..	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8	8
Worcester and Districts Association	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14	9
Essex Association ..	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11	10
Gloucester and Bristol Association	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14	13	22	12	11
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9	12
Hertford County Association ..	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13	13
Durham and Newcastle Association	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12	17	10	14
Royal Cumberland Youths ..	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20	15
Saint Martin's Guild ..	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12	19	15	15	16
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	—	—	—	32	32	29	26	26	26	26	25	29	25	17
Society Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	15	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18	18
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20	9	23	19	19
Central Northants Association ..	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	16	22	20	15	20	

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following table—

1811	156	..	1886	556	..	1891	878	..	1896	791	..	1901	1194	..	1906	1313
1882	244	..	1887	646	..	1892	802	..	1897	905	..	1902	1313	..	1907	1339
1883	330	..	1888	759	..	1893	705	..	1898	1002	..	1903	1469	..	1908	1474
1884	419	..	1889	797	..	1894	859	..	1899	912	..	1904	1512	..	1909	1628
1885	500	..	1890	699	..	1895	766	..	1900	924	..	1905	1519	..		

GEORGE P. BURTON.
JOSEPH GEFFIN.
ARTHUR T. KING.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT BAILEY Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING 5.
TOM DAY 2.	WM. JONES 6.
JAMES YORK 3.	WM. SAUNDERS 7.
JOSEPH DAY 4.	HAROLD ASTON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

First muffled peal on the bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON Treble.	ERNEST BURNETT 6.
WILLIAM PILLAR 2.	JOHN CHILTON 7.
ROBERT STEPHENSON* 3.	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT 8.
WILLIAM MITCHEL 4.	THOMAS METCALFE 9.
WALTER PICK* 5.	ALBERT SIMPSON Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
ROBERT FIDDIES 4.	ALBERT RYDINGS Tenor.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PETER TYLER Treble.	ALFRED D MILLS 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2.	JOHN RICE 6.
RICHARD SIPPETT 3.	GEORGE W. STOKES 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	ARTHUR THORNTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEST Treble.	JESSE COUCHMAN 4.
FRANK MASON* 2.	EDMUND BATES 5.
ALBERT BATES 3.	STANLEY MASON Tenor.

Conducted by A. BATES.

*First peal with a bob bell.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 51 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 2.	GEORGE JAYNE 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7.
HENRY PRING 4.	PERCY W. H. CAME.. } Tenor.
	PERCY A. W. CAME.. }

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

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble.	FREDK. H. DEXTER 5.
THOMAS H. CHAPMAN .. 2.	HARRY ARGYLE 6.
ERNEST MORRIS.. .. 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 7.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.. .. 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

First peal of Major by the ringer of the treble; first peal of Double Norwich by the ringer of the 3rd; first in the method as conductor; and first peal of Major on the bells. It was also A. R. Aldham's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. HOLMES Treble.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 2.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 7.
EDWARD CASSELL 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON.. 8.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 4.	JOHN W. WOOD.. .. 9.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 5.	ARTHUR ANDREWS .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

In the Norwich variation.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church, Anghton, on April 9th, should be credited to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and not to the Lancashire Association as published.

Date Catches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1910 Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles, in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. Poulton, H. Finch, C. Coldrick, G. Watts, C. W. Dyson conductor, W. Hughes.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Saturday, March 19th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 London Surprise. F. Squires, G. A. Black, G. Dawson, H. Torble, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. The above was rung after the dedication service by the Bishop of St. Albans of a new south aisle and transept. The tower

has also been considerably strengthened. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Theobald, G. A. Black, H. Torble, S. Bird, G. Dawson conductor, J. Moule. 720 Wells Surprise. R. Saunders, G. A. Black, G. Dawson, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. This tower is open for practice every Monday at 7.45 p.m., and ringers are always welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH.—On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. A. Poulton, E. Lister, C. Coldrick, H. Finch, G. Watts, C. W. Dyson conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. H. Osborne, A. Bailey, C. Higgs, A. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor, R. Chapman, F. Griffin, R. Sawyer. Rung after evening service with the bells deeply-muffled, on account of the sudden death of the Ven. Cecil F. J. Bourke, Archdeacon of Buckingham, and for fifteen years Vicar of St. Giles' Reading, who died at Sidmouth, South Devon. On Monday, April 18th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing nine parts. H. Simmons, A. Hatto, N. Cox, G. Irvine, J. Hands, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne conductor, R. Sawyer. On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service, 180 Bob Major. H. Osborne, A. Bailey, N. Cox, A. H. Burgess, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor. 168 Stedman Triples. N. Cox, C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, A. H. Burgess, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Bailey. For Evensong 168 Grandsire Triples. L. Osborne, A. W. Osborne conductor, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, N. Cox, A. H. Burgess, F. Griffin, R. Sawyer. 224 Bob Major. A. Bailey, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs, N. Cox, F. Griffin, A. H. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor. 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, R. Bishop, A. Bailey, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs conductor, N. Cox, A. W. Osborne, W. Dormer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major (1296 changes), in 44 mins. S. Dawson, J. Pagett composer, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. conductor, W. Bates, J. Flower, B. Sugden, H. Letts, F. Hickling. This quarter-peal is now rung for the first time.

BRAMLEY (Hants).—On Easter Sunday morning, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. Bartlett, A. Greenaway, Miss E. Belcher, C. Simpson, T. Greenaway conductor, J. Oliver. First quarter-peal by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

ZEALS (Wilts).—On Rogation Sunday (SS. Philip and James' Day), for the Choral Eucharist, 360 of Bob Minor. H. Cray, W. Lugg, L. Down, T. Penny, L. Perrett, C. Henslow conductor. The first 360 on the bells and by this band.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	100	9	8
The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough)	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Mase (Norwich)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 16th, and 30th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; all at 8 p.m. Owing to the lamented death of His late Majesty, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 17th.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed. A special general meeting will then be held to consider, and if necessary revise Rule VIII. The new certificate is now ready, and members can obtain them from the Secretary at 1s. each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at St. Sepulchre's, church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. Evensong will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is requested that all ringers will attend this service. The bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be available from 4 to 6 p.m. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Meeting.—Owing to the lamented death of the late King, it has been decided to postpone till a later date (due notice of which will be sent), the above meeting fixed for to day, Saturday, May 14th.

C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the annual meeting fixed for Whit-Monday next is postponed.

C. H. HOWARD, *Master.*
H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Owing to the death of King Edward, the annual meeting which was to have been held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Monday next, is postponed.

Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The meeting advertised for Whit-Monday is postponed until Saturday, May 28th.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Service at St. Edmund's church at 12 noon. Luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock;

members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Usual ringing arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks Association.—The meeting that was to be held at North-allerton on Whit-Monday is postponed to a future date, owing to the death of the King.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby, Yorks.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting which was to have been held at Sunderland, has been postponed till May 28th, owing to the death of the King.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who give notice not later than Wednesday, May 18th, to

BART. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
68, Douglas Street, Derby.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, May 21st. For full particulars see Association circular.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The meeting advertised to be held at Walton to-day, Saturday, May 14th, is Saturday, May 28th.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Shares (6), 3 p.m.; Cannonock (6), 4.45 p.m.; Norton Canes (6), 6.15 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above Association will be held at Chesterton on Saturday, May 21st. Tea at 5 o'clock. The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, available from 7 till 8.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—General Meeting, May 23rd, in the Lady Chapel, Salisbury Cathedral, at 12.30 p.m. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of the diocese. Lunch at 1.30 at the Church House. Ringing in all the city towers, and at Amesbury, Fisherton, and Coombe Bisset.

W. P. SCHUSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at St. Peter's, Hindley. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. Hall), at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Members and friends cordially invited.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Yeldham on Saturday, May 28th. Gestingthorpe bells will be available, also Castle Hedingham (5 bells) from 3 till 5 p.m. Tea at 5 sharp, 1s. A conveyance (free) will leave for Gestingthorpe at 6 p.m., returning about 8 p.m. Accommodation will only be provided for those sending word by May 25th to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Shipley, May 28th, at 7.30 prompt, at The Sun hotel. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SAUKEF, *Branch Sec.*

Notice.—Owing to the death of His late Majesty the King, the long peal of Double Norwich will not be attempted at Chesterfield on Whit-Monday.

The A.M.C.I.O.O. at Llangollen.—The bells at the parish church are available to any members of the above during Whit-week who may wish to ring.

T. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney.—Ringers are reminded that the fine peal of eight at the above church is available for practice on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m. For dates see College Youths notice. The bells go well, and the tower being an excellent place for practice, it is hoped that all who are able to support the meetings will do so.

RICHARD F. DEAL.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The parish church belfry was closed to the old church ringers shortly after Easter 1908. A telegram was received from the Vicar (who is recruiting his health in the south of England), on Saturday last, May 7th, offering the old ringers permission to use the bells for muffled ringing in honour of the late King. The offer was at once accepted, and the bells were rung on the following Sunday for both services by the old ringers. For evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire was rung in 48 mins. by Messrs. Clarke, West (2), Middleton, Fern, Rawson, Moulton (conductor), and Boam.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins. C. Terry, J. Town, G. W. Clarke, F. King, W. Smith, J. Lovell, F. Terry (conductor), W. Meek.

HANDBELLS. Set of 14 genuine old old handbells with leather handles, by Symondsons, for sale. In excellent condition. Apply—W. T. H., 78, College Road, Norwich.

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It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, May 21st, this being proposed by Mr. A. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. T. Ashenden.

The Hon. Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. Bates for his kindness in placing the Iden bells at

their disposal. This was seconded by the Master, and carried unanimously. This concluded the business.

The bells were again set going, and 720 and 180 of Bob Minor were rung. The Iden men rang Grandsire Doubles, after which the bells were lowered in peal, thus ending a very satisfactory meeting.

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Mr. Richard Ridyard, of Worsley, Lancashire, writes: Seeing in your issue of April 30th, a report of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major being rang at St. Paul's, Walkden, I send in an objection saying it was not a true peal, and not worthy to be recorded in the Lancashire Association's report. My objection is that in the whole of the last course there was no distinction between place-making and dodging.

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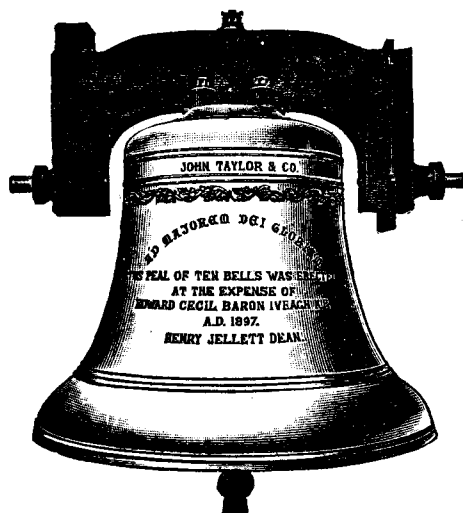
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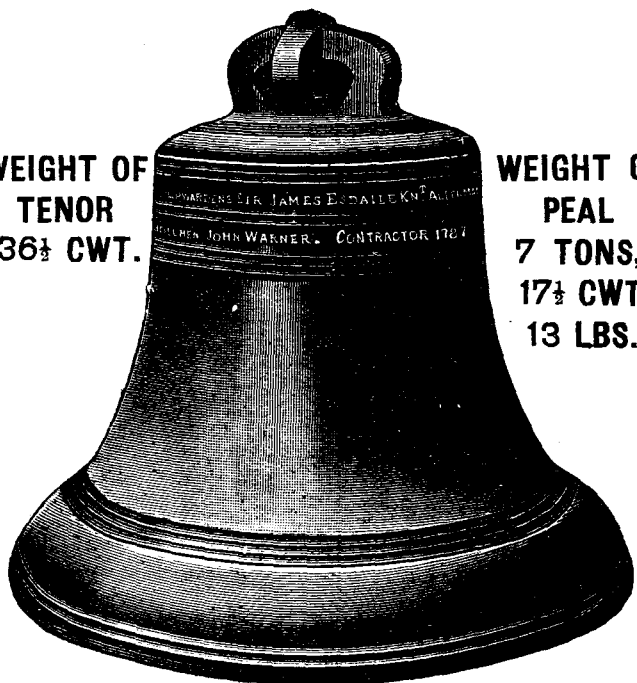
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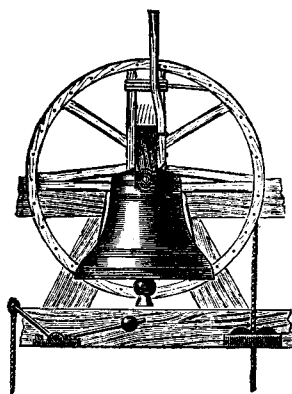
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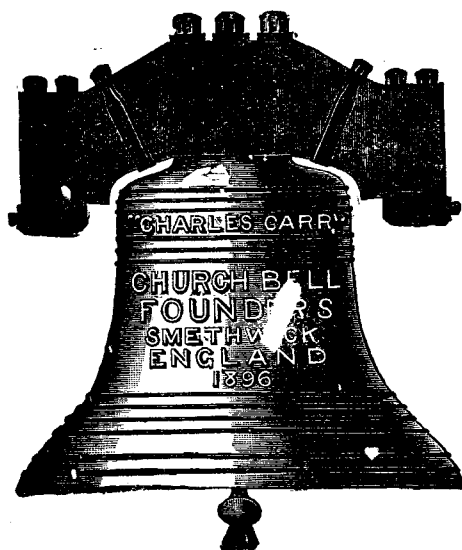
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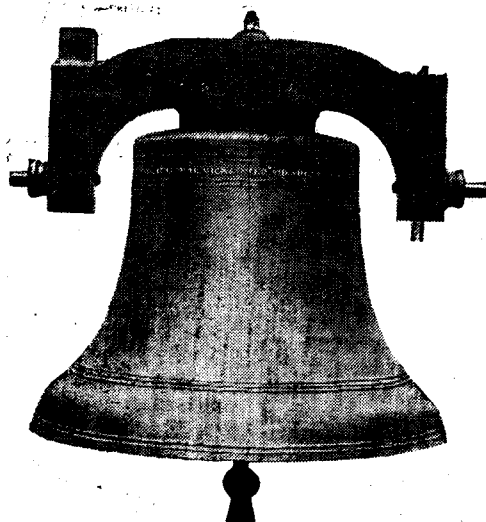
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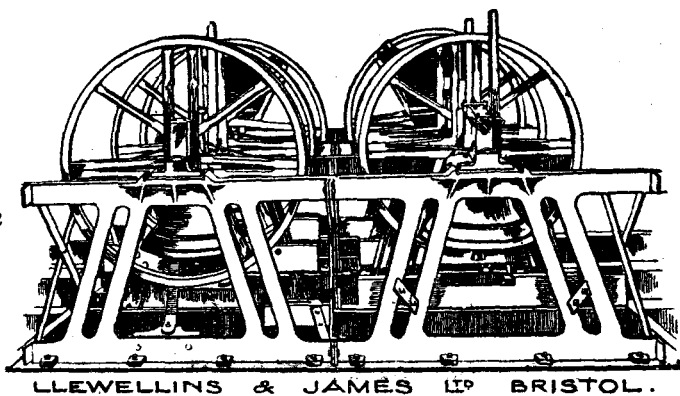
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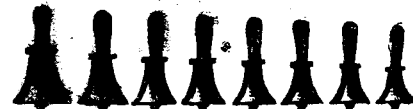
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PROPOSED BELLS FOR BOSTON, MASS.

The new Custom House now in process of construction in this city is designed in the form of a massive tower more than 200 ft. high. It having been suggested that the upper portion of this tower, like that of the Imperial Institute, might provide an ideal environment for a ring of heavy bells, a generous lady at once offered the sum of £2000, to be applied to this object; and also an additional amount to ensure the encouragement of the ringers and perpetual care of the bells. When, however, this offer was referred to the U.S. Treasury Department, it transpired that, in accordance with a decision of the Attorney General, no portion of any public edifice could be assigned to the use of a private organisation; a ruling that would inhibit the use of the tower by a ringing guild. In order to enable the Department to accept this gift a special act of Congress was therefore drawn up and introduced to the Senate, where it passed unanimously. In the House of Representatives (the lower body) the act was referred to a special committee, which advertised a public hearing. At this hearing to our amazement it became evident that a seemingly innocent proposition had started a veritable hornet's nest; for a delegation of American bell founders now appeared to protest against the installation of bells of foreign make in any building belonging to the Government. At this moment it is difficult to anticipate what will be the action of the Committee, but it is intimated that, in view of this opposition, if the bill is reported the Secretary of the Treasury Department will be authorised to accept the donation of a peal of American bells only. By reason however of the present hostility to all trusts, in no instance has any sympathy been extended to these local firms by any of our newspapers. Upon the contrary, their selfish intrusion has generally been regarded as indecorous and impertinent.

The lady who makes this offer is a frequent visitor to England, and has distinct ideas as to what constitutes good ringing. If it is thought that by adroit appeals to patriotism, or other artifices, she is to be persuaded to withdraw her support to the Exercise, the following letter, which I am permitted to publish, may serve to dispel that illusion.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, May 6, 1910.

"Boston, Mass., 73, Mount Vernon Street.

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"Hon. Sereno E. Payne, Chairman Committee of Ways and Means.

"DEAR Sir,—In proposing to give a peal of bells to the Boston Custom House, my chief object was to encourage the Art of scientific change-ringing, as universally adopted in England, and now taught in the Groton School in this

State. Inasmuch as this Art is novel in America, it is well known that our local founders have not as yet succeeded in casting and suspending bells adapted to meet the requirements of ringing guilds. I learned upon inquiry that of seven peals in America at present available for change-ringing, six were cast in England and one in Belgium. While my preference would be to favor American manufacturers, I feel that in this instance there is no alternative but to resort to foreign importation. I regret to add, therefore, that any limiting proviso attached to the bill now before your committee will necessitate the withdrawal of my offer.

Yours respectfully,

"(Signed) SARAH C. WHEELWRIGHT."

A NOTE FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

A very pleasant social evening was spent at the house of the Captain (R. H. McDonald), on a recent Tuesday, the object being to say farewell to Mr. J. Hobbs, on the eve of his departure for Devonshire, England; also to give him a present to take with him to remind him of the Society he left behind, viz., a framed photo. of the members. As the notice was short, the members were notified by post, including Mr. Hobbs, who was merely asked to attend a social evening to be tendered to him by the St. Mary's Society. The time for the presentation had arrived, and one of the most pleasing features of the evening took place. Great was his surprise when he found that he was about to be once more honoured by the Society but the surprise was even greater when he set his eyes on the picture. He was quite bewildered, the shock unnerving him, and to use one of the phrases mentioned—"We have caught you napping, for blessed is he who expecteth nothing," to which Hobbs replied "And gets a lot."

The recipient, in reply, said he was too overcome with surprise to make a long speech, but thanked the Society, and said that as often as he looked at the picture he would ever think of the ringers of St. Mary's in Sydney as his friends, and would look back with pleasure to the night when he was caught napping.

He hopes to be with us once again, it may be soon, and as we all say, the sooner the better. Judging by appearances all present spent the evening very sociably indeed, and enjoyed the musical programme placed before them, and regretted when the time for dispersing arrived.

E. McDONALD.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, FINCHLEY.

The members of this Society visited Hadley church on Whit-Monday, and rang touches of Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles. Then they journeyed to Northaw and North Mimms and rang several touches. The visitors would like to thank the respective Vicars for the use of their bells.

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		R. Marston	Warwickshire Guild	A. L. Coleman.....	
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ANALYSIS.

	PRESENT	ABSENT	TOTAL
Representative Members	47	48	95
Honorary	4	8	12
Total	51	56	107

Associations fully represented	...	...	16
" partially	...	...	15
" not	...	...	9
Total—			40

Correspondence.

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

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

DUFFIELD MAJOR.

SIR,—Two or three weeks ago you published a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, composed by Mr. Pagett, of Derby. I happened to notice this composition, and its remarkable properties led me to prove it in the belief that so much music could hardly be truly compressed correctly into this small compass. My doubts however wronged the able composer, and on the following Sunday, when he chanced to attend our evening ringing for service, at his request I called the touch.

Our band were greatly impressed by its musical properties, and I venture to give *in extenso* the half of the composition transposed to a somewhat more rhythmical form than the original, in that the 4th instead of the 2nd is brought home at each of the six part-ends, and the 3rd at the half way, leaving the treble and 2nd to work the single. It is a most remarkable illustration of the musical qualities of the method, the 5th and 6th being at home at every course-end, these bells reversing their full extent in this position. I do not know any other method, unless it be "Forward," in which so much harmony could be so neatly compressed. I may say that Mr. Pagett inadvertently gave his quarter-peal as 1344.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, Derby.

1296.

1	2	3	4	5	6	H	I	F
1	4	3	2	5	6	-	-	-
4	2	1	3	5	6	-	-	-
2	3	4	1	5	6	-	-	-
3	1	2	4	5	6	-	-	-
3	4	2	1	5	6	-	-	-
4	1	3	2	5	6	-	-	-
1	2	4	3	5	6	-	-	-
2	3	1	4	5	6	-	-	-
1	4	2	3	5	6	-	8	-
4	3	1	2	5	6	-	-	-
3	2	4	1	5	6	-	-	-
2	1	3	4	5	6	-	-	-

Repeated.

The symmetry of the calling is curious. If the single be replaced by a bob the touch will run round half way (648). If the first bob I is omitted it will, of course, come home at the first part-end (216). The latter naturally is a familiar touch; but the inspiration which led Mr. Pagett to extend it sixfold in the face of apparently innumerable false course-ends shews a bold and rewarded confidence. The quarter-peal is well worth ringing if only to realize its music.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Doveleys, Uttoxeter.

THE PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN.

SIR,—As one who took part in the above I can only regret Mr. Ridyard did not use his influence previous to the insertion of the same, and thus have prevented its publication. The jumble at the finish was no fault of the conductor, but really the result of new and very flexible ropes with huge salleys. However to my mind the last three leads failed to realize clause 6th re "Legitimate Peals," as laid down in your issue of June 7th, 1902, and therefore ought not to stand.

A. BARNES.

TENORS AT ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL, AND WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

SIR,—Referring to account of the bells of St. Michael's Cornhill, in your last issue, I should like to find out whether the present tenor at Westminster Abbey ever come from St. Michael's. Mr. Daniell quotes Stow's account of a bell given by John Whit-

well, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus, about 1430. New the tenor at Westminster Abbey bears this inscription: "Remember John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit." By this it would seem that this was the original tenor of St. Michael's, recast by Phelps and Lester of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1738. I tried several times to get some information about this bell, but as yet have been unable to succeed. If Mr. Daniell can help us I shall be much obliged.

J. R. JERRAM.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough) ...	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Mase (Norwich) ...	0	2	0

£100 16 8

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CAMBERWELL.—On Thursday, April 14th, at St. Giles's church, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Edward J. Webb, the whole pull and stand with the bells half-muffled. H. Flowers, sen., W. Weatherstone, H. Flowers, jun., A. Ellis, J. N. Oxborough, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, R. F. Deal, T. H. Taffender, J. H. Golding. Afterwards 483 Stedman Caters. T. H. Taffender conductor, W. Weatherstone, R. F. Deal, A. Ellis, H. Langdon, W. J. Kemp, J. E. Davis, J. N. Oxborough, J. W. Golding, F. J. Hardy. Also a course of Grandsire Caters with H. Flowers, 1; S. F. Gowlett, 3; F. J. Hardy, 4.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CAMBERWELL.—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. H. Flowers, S. F. Gowlett, F. J. Hardy, F. Hairs, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. Langdon, R. F. Deal, G. J. Harman.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. F. Deal, S. F. Gowlett, F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender conductor, J. Lee, F. Hairs, W. H. Taffender, G. J. Harman.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. *H. Lane, F. Hockaday, R. Dobson, R. Hornbrook, W. James, H. Bennett, E. Marsh, W. Hiscott, W. Marsh, F. Purse. *First quarter-peal.

GREAT GLENN (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, April 30th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 1440 Bob Minor in 53 mins. D. Iliffe, J. Waterfield, J. Taylor, F. Staniforth, W. Hunwick, W. Adkinson conductor.

SHENSTONE (Staffordshire).—On April 30th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Dickens, B. Leedham, H. Dickens, G. Swann, B. Claydon, T. Bloor conductor. G. Roberts, W. Painter.

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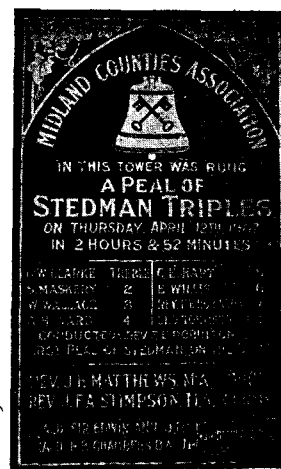
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On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble.	*EDWARD F. COLE 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in the method: also his 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK PRITCHARD Treble.	DAVID HORNE 4.
CHARLES LAYTON 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	CHARLES WEOBLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

First peal by the tenor-man, who rang his first 720 in several of the methods.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDK. A. HOLDEN Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 5.
WALTER MOORE* 2.	ERNEST DOBBIE.. .. 6.
HENRY MOORE† 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE.. .. 7.
FREDK. MACEY 4.	*WALTER DOBBIE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples in the method.

DERBY—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

G. H. ROBINSON, JUN.* .. Treble	B. MITCHELL 5.
G. WARD 2.	C. DRAPER 6.
A. H. WARD 3.	G. H. ROBINSON SEN.. .. 7.
H. INCKLE 4.	*B. WEBSTER Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman Unwin Sowter, J.F.

CURRY RIVAL, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS LLOYD* Treble.	JESSE B. TYLER 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	WILLIAM PROLES 6.
JOHN JONES.. .. 3.	FREDERICK STUCKEY .. 7.
THOMAS POPE† 4.	FREDERICK LANGFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

THOMAS ASHENDEN Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. 6.
JOSEPH B. BENNETT.. .. 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 7.
VIVIAN D. LAWRENCE .. 4.	*EDWIN WHITEMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by G. BILLENNESS

*First peal; also elected a member previous to starting. All the above are members of the Rye band, and learnt ringing on the Rye bells.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN BASSETT Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
GEO. GATLAND 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES.. .. 7.
JOHN H. PAICE 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5.
LEONARD STILWELL 2.	WILLIAM WELLING 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Baron Schroder.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, April 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
REGINALD G. STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 6.
JOSEPH DYKE 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung as a compliment to Reginald G. Stone, who attained his 21st birthday on Friday, April 22nd.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER* Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	*ALFRED MEARS 7.
WALTER G. ROWE* 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major; also first peal of Major on the bells. Run with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. W. J. Rudge, of Bassett, in this parish, and who was interred at Bourne-mouth the previous day.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS LLOYD Treble.	JESSE B. TYLER 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	WILLIAM PROLES 6.
JOHN JONES.. .. 3.	DR. R. H. VEREKER .. 7.
THOMAS POPE 4.	FREDERICK LANGFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HUMPHREY R. COOPER* .. Treble.	RICHARD G. RICE 5.
JOHN BOWER 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 6.
G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER.. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLFIELD, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM HUTTON Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

*First peal away from the tenor.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1909 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER
TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Trebble Bob.				Grandsire			Plain Methods.				Minor Methods.										Double Methods.				Surprise								
	16	14	12	15	11	9	7	12	10	8	7	2	25	15	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	25	16	16	14	50	51	50	35		
Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	T. B. M. M.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	24 Minor methods.	14	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Dbl. Ox. Royal.	Dbl. Ox. Major.	Dbl. Nor. Major.	Dbl. Ox. Triples.	Cam. Sur. Royal.	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.			
1 Midland Cties. Assn....	154	—	9	21	1	—	7	30	—	1	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	4	5	—	—	15	—	—	7	—	—	—		
2 Norwich Dio. Assn.....	133	1	—	26	2	—	4	1	1	14	1	5	—	1	1	—	1	3	—	2	3	—	1	1	—	1	24	—	1	—	14	—		
3 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	81	—	—	4	—	—	1	11	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	—		
4 Yorkshire Association...	138	—	3	34	2	—	12	24	—	2	33	—	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—		
5 Kent County Assn.....	95	—	—	6	—	—	27	—	—	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	14	—	1	1	5	—	—		
6 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	108	—	—	—	4	—	6	26	—	2	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	7	—	—	12	—	—	—	4	—	—		
7 Sussex County Assn....	77	—	1	7	1	—	1	22	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8 Lancashire Association...	65	3	1	20	3	3	13	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—		
9 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	50	—	2	1	—	—	2	4	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—		
10 Essex Association.....	56	—	—	14	—	—	3	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	6	—	1	—	5	—	—		
11 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	34	2	1	—	1	2	7	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	2	—		
12 Winchester Dio. Guild...	53	—	1	3	1	—	2	25	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—		
13 Hertford County Assn...	38	—	1	6	2	—	1	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—		
14 Durham & Newcastl. Ass.	33	—	1	7	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15 Royal Cumberland Yths.	20	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—		
16 St. Martin's Guild Birm	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	46	—	—	7	—	—	7	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	6	1	2	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—		
18 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	28	—	—	1	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
19 Chester Dio. Guild.....	43	—	1	9	2	—	13	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—		
20 Centl. Northamp. Assn.	34	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	1	1	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—		
21 Irish Association.....	12	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	—		
22 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths.	19	1	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—		
23 Surrey Association.....	25	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
24 London County Assn....	16	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—		
25 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	14	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—		
26 Hereford Dio. Guild....	45	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	31	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
27 Devonshire Guild.....	23	—	—	2	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
28 Cleveland & N. Yorks...	23	—	2	3	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
29 Bedford Association...	16	—	—	1	6	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
30 North Wales Assn.	11	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—		
31 Bath & Wells Assn.....	31	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
32 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	11	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
33 Ely Diocesan Assn.	10	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
34 Warwick Guild.....	5	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
35 Salop Arch. Guild.....	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
36 Cambridge Univ. Guild..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
37 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
38 Truro Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
39 Peterboro' & Dists. Assn.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
40 West Wales Assn.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
41 Independent Societies..	46	1	2	5	2	—	4	10	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Grand totals.....	1628	6	28	188	29	4	52	313	2	5	118	10	90	1	3	1	1	2	60	1	15	13	14	9	44	1	3	126	1	4	37	8	35	4

* The value allotted to Aston Royal (18), Major (16), Erin Caters (18), Triples (16) are provisional only, and are used by the Analysis Committee solely as a guide. Whatever value may be ultimately recommended to the Council by the Points Committee, it will not affect the positions of the Societies in this Analysis.

NOTE.—Two peals have been published twice, see "BELL NEWS," pages 81-151 and 475-535. The senders of corrected peals would save the Analyst and the compiler the trouble of re-publishing them.

The 135 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus 2; Bob Royal 5; Bob Major 114; Oxford Bob Major 2; College Single Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 6; Bob Triples 4.

The 90 peals of Doubles are comprised in the following statement :—

[illegible]

Association	One
Sussex	4
Worcester	1
Independent	3
	—
	71

The 46 peals rung by Independent Societies were: Breconshire 2; Cheshire 2; Derbyshire 1; Leicestershire 2; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 2; Surrey 2; Sussex 2; Warwickshire 2; Yorkshire 2.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was rung by the Midland Counties' Association. One peal contained 10,080 changes in 7 Treble Bob Minor Methods. The largest number of changes in Double Norwich C.B. Major was 9,000 changes; in Double Oxford Bob Major was 7,000 changes; three contained over 6,000 changes.

The 222 peals of Treble bob were rung as follows:—Oxford Variation—Royal 3; Major 32; and

ER ABULATED ACCORDING

	36	For'd 20 20	Duffield 16	Aston 18 16	Er n. 18 16	Stedma 28 24 21	Total value in pounds	Average value in pounds per pea.
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Forward Royal	I	I		I	I	6 14	2452	15.922
Forward Major.			2			I — 4	2267	17.045
Duffie d Major.						3 13 22	2011	24.827
Royal.						— 9	1636	12.000
Major.						— 2 13	1418	14.926
Caters.						— 25	1339	12.308
Triples.						1103	14.324	
Cinques.						— 2 24	990	15.230
Caters.						— 8	903	18.060
Triples.						— I 19	901	16.089
						— 4	728	21.411
						— 2 5	671	12.663
						— 10	663	17.530
						— 6 4	615	18.636
						— 3 1	527	26.350
						6 I 9	453	23.842
						— 2	450	9.782
						— I 6	442	15.785
						— 2	434	10.993
						— 2	404	11.882
						— I —	389	32.416
						I 3 4	385	20.263
						— 11	367	14.680
						— I 6	279	17.437
						— 3	269	19.214
						— 6	264	5.866
						— I 4	258	11.217
						— 2	237	10.304
						—	180	11.250
						— I —	147	13.363
						— I	135	4.356
						— I	111	10.090
						—	67	6.700
						— I	50	10.000
						— I	45	11.250
						— I	40	20.000
						—	31	6.200
						—	14	7.000
						—	12	6.000
						—	7	7.000
						6 I	498	10.826
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under this understanding, so that publication may not be delayed.

Committee infinite trouble if in future they would give reference

Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Ten	Fourteen	Methods	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	3	4	2	I	I	—	90

were thus distributed, viz.: Bedfordshire 4; Berkshire 1;
 Edinburgh 2; Essex 3; Gloucestershire 2; Lancashire 1;
 Norfolk 3; Northamptonshire 1; Nottinghamshire 1;
 Total, 46.

was 18,027, viz., the record peal of Stedman Caters rung by 11,000 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major, and one peal of 11,040 were rung by the Lancashire Association. One peal, 11,040 was rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association. One peal 10,176 changes by the Worcester and Districts Association. One peal contained over 10,000 changes, and under 6,000 changes there were 1,610 peals.

in the Kent Variation—Maximus 6; Royal 25; Major 134; in the London Variation—Major 2.

The 313 peals of Grandsire Triples were--Holt's Original 57; Holt's Six-part 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 83; Parker's One-part 6; Parker's Five-part 1; Parker's Six-part 9; Parker's Twelve-part and Variations 61; Carter's Twelve-part and Variations 25; Taylor's Bob and Single 19; Rev. C. D. P. Davies's peals 12; Hollis's 9; other peals 27; and three published without Composer's name.

The 230 peals of Stedman were Thurstan's One-part 3; Thurstan's Four-part and Variations 193; Thurstan's Ten-part 1; Carter's peals 13; Washbrook's peals 11; Bulwer's peals 4; Heywood's peals 3; Parker's Seven-part 1; and John O. Lancashire 1.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Clement Glenn, 53; Keith Hart, 44; William Pye, 39; Frank Bennett, 31; F. R. Borrett, 30; R. Matthews, 27; B. Prewett, 26; William Short, 24; William Keeble, Benjamin A. Knights, and James Motts, 22; C. F. Bailey, 20; J. E. Davis, 19; George Williams, 17; William Willson, 16; A. H. Pulling, 15; C. W. Clarke, 13; E. G. Buesden, and the Rev. H. Law James, 12; J. Souter and W. Watts, 11; J. E. Groves, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Samuel Wood, 10; Arthur Knights, 9; W. H. Barber, John Carter, James Cotterell, David Elliott, L. S. Griffiths, T. T. Goffin, J. W. Lake, E. Morris, G. N. Price, and George F. Williams, 8; the Rev. A. T. Beeston, F. W. Dixon, E. C. Gobey, Joseph Griffin, P. J. Johnson, H. G. Judge, E. C. Lambert, W. Large, T. Metcalfe, and Henry J. Tucker, 7; John H. Cheesman, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Samuel Grove, E. Hancox, Charles R. Lilley, F. G. May, F. Palmer, George R. Pye, James Parker, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Joseph Ridyard, Edwin Shepherd, S. H. Symonds, W. Shepherd, A. Shuffelebotham, Henry W. Wilde, and Bernard Wittcell, 6; E. M. Atkins, Harry Chapman, R. F. Deal, J. W. Driver, William Fitchford, George H. Gale, R. T. Holding, sen, F. A. Holden, Charles Jackson, H. W. Kirton, Herbert Knight, Henry Moore, James Morgan, Wilfred Overton, Edward Reader, R. Sperring, Frank Smith, W. S. Smith, and Cecil A. Valentine, 5; John Austin, G. Billenness, L. Bullock, C. E. Borrett, E. Bannister, W. A. Cave G Edser, jun, John Flint, A. W. Gravett, F. Hopper, G. Holifield, sen, E. W. Menday, F. J. Mynard, John McKell, George R. Newton, W. T. Pegler, A. Simpson, R. E. Stavert, B. Thorpe, John Thomas, Sam Thomas, F. Wilford, Harry Wakley, G. Wightman, W. Welling, and E. Whitbread, 4. In addition to these, 60 persons conducted three peals each, 96 two peals, and 277 one peal. One silent peal was rung, and two peals were published without a Conductor's name. The total number of persons who acted as conductors was 540.

The number of peals on church bells was 1,544 ; on handbells 84.

In dealing with performances of especial merit, we congratulate the Band who at Loughborough on the 12th April, 1909, rang the record peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 18,027 changes, in twelve hours and eighteen minutes, all being members of the Midland Counties' Association. To call a peal of this length would tax the capacity of the ablest conductor, and Mr William Pye, whose name has already been associated with many remarkable peals, is just one of those men who can always be trusted to rise to the occasion, and inspire the confidence needed to bring such a wonderful performance to a successful conclusion. Ten ladies have taken part in successful peals during the year 1909, viz., Miss E. N. Belcher two peals of Stedman Triples, Miss Isabella Frankum peals of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Miss Mabel Gilbanks two peals of Minor in five and seven methods, three peals of Stedman Triples and one of Stedman Caters for the Worcester and Districts Association; Miss Nellie Gillingham who rang in and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples and is thought to be the first lady conductor of a successful peal, and Miss Mary E. N. Jukes a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Miss Edith Parker who rang Stedman Triples, Superlative and London Surprise, being the first lady to accomplish successful peals in Surprise methods, for the Royal Cumberland Youths; Miss Margery Sampson who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Saint Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh; Miss Mildred E. Smith who rang in a peal of Minor for the Central Northamptonshire Association; Miss Alice White who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Winchester Diocesan Guild; and Miss Lilian Willson who rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for the Midland Counties' Association.

The following is a summary of the peals rung on handbells—

Stedman Caters ..	..	..	..	..	5
Stedman Triples ..	..	..	..	..	5
Grandsire Caters ..	..	..	..	..	14
Grandsire Triples ..	..	..	..	..	22
Kent Treble Bob Royal ..	..	..	..	..	2
Kent Treble Bob Major :	..	..	..	..	1
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods ..	..	..	..	..	1
Bob Royal ..	..	..	..	..	1
Bob Major ..	..	..	..	..	28
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ..	..	..	..	..	1
Superlative Surprise Major ..	..	..	..	..	3
Forward Royal ..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	..	..	..	..	84

The 1628 peals rung are 154 more than last year, and create a record, being 109 more than 1905. They were rung in the following months—January 151; February 148; March 104; April 128; May 155; June 97; July 102; August 89; September 165; October 141; November 168; December 180.

NOTE.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1896:—

	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
Midland Counties Association ..	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1	1
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Middlesex County Association ..	—	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	3
Yorkshire Association ..	6	9	11	8	14	12	9	3	4	4	4	7	5	4
Kent County Association ..	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4	5
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6	6
Sussex County Association ..	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7	7
Lancashire Association ..	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8	8
Worcester and Districts Association ..	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14	9
Essex Association ..	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11	10
Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14	13	22	12	11
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9	12
Hertford County Association ..	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13	13
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12	17	10	14
Royal Cumberland Youths ..	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20	15
Saint Martin's Guild ..	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12	19	15	15	16
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	—	—	—	32	32	29	26	26	26	26	25	29	25	17
Society Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	15	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18	18
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	27	9	23	19	19
Central Northants Association ..	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20	16	20

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following table—

1811	156	..	1886	556	..	1891	878	..	1896	791	..	1901	1194	..	1906	1313
1882	244	..	1887	646	..	1892	802	..	1897	905	..	1902	1313	..	1907	1339
1883	330	..	1888	759	..	1893	705	..	1898	1002	..	1903	1469	..	1908	1474
1884	419	..	1889	797	..	1894	859	..	1899	912	..	1904	1512	..	1909	1628
1885	500	..	1890	699	..	1895	766	..	1900	924	..	1905	1519	..		

GEORGE P. BURTON.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.
ARTHUR T. KING.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, Chichester and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT H. WOOD* .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE 4.
GEORGE A. BLACK 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM E. MILLER 3.	*CHARLES MORSE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First 5000 in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest 5000 on the bells.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 22, 1910, in Four Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 7,200 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure and Woodbine, called differently, and a 720 each of Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

T. SARGINSON* Treble.	H. PARRISH 4.
S. CROFT 2.	C. CLARKSON 5.
G. HANDLEY 3.	H. C. PAULI Tenor.

Conducted by G. HANDLEY.

*First peal. A 10,080 was attempted, but owing to the lateness of starting the peal was brought round at 7200 changes. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Pauli. Longest touch on the bells and by all the band.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Conducted by JAMES HARRIS.

First peal as conductor. *First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY 2.	FRED HOLT 6.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. 4.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES W. BRETT 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 3.	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE 8.
PERCY J. PAINE 4.	PHILIP PIERCE 9.
CHARLES N. LEMAN* .. 5.	GEORGE J. JENKINS Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by EDWIN J. BUESDEN

This composition is now rung for the first time.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE J. TAYLOR Treble.	*GEORGE TIPTON 5.
FRED W. TAYLOR 2.	ALFRED FULLICK 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 3.	GEORGE BURBOWS 7.
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 4.	ROBERT B. WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BURBOWS.

*First peal.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Alphege,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM LERSON* Treble.	SAMUEL BRAGG 5.
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAD .. 2.	JOHN A. BRAGG 6.
WILLIAM E. MEERS 3.	ROLAND BRAGG 7.
STANLEY BRAGG 4.	*ARCHER BRAGG Tenor.

*First peal. This is believed to be the first muffled peal on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 4.	HARRY DICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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Obituary.

EDGAR BENNETT.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Edgar Bennett, of Croydon, and the St. Mary's (Beddington) Society, which took place at his residence on Tuesday morning, May 3rd, after a few week's illness of kidney and lung affection, at the age of 62. The funeral took place on Saturday, at Bandon Hill Cemetery, the first portion of the funeral service taking place at Beddington parish church, the bells of which were rung deeply muffled in Grandsire Caters. A large number of ringers and friends attended the service. Deceased leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. The whole pull and stand was rung directly after the funeral, followed by an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was unfortunately lost at the half way. Mr. Bennett first learned to pull a bell rope at the old church Croydon, previous to its destruction by fire in 1867. He then followed up the Art at Carshalton, Mitcham and Streatham until 1869. When the new bells were placed in St. Mary's, Beddington, a Society was formed, Mr. Bennett being one of the first members, but it was not till November, 1878, that the company rang their first peal. Others followed at Beddington, and Bromley, Mr. Bennett conducting all. Deceased was a member of the College Youths and the Surrey Association, in which he had rung 102 peals, conducting 54. He had also rung and conducted twelve other peals. The first peal of Treble Ten for all (including the late Rev. F. E. Robinson), was rung at Beddington in August, 1886, conducted by Mr. Bennett. His last peal was one of 5003 Grandsire Caters, in September, 1908, composed and conducted by himself. Deceased was a safe composer and conductor. Quiet and unassuming, a true friend and passionately fond of ringing (more especially at Beddington) his death has caused a vacancy which will take years to fill. None feels his loss more than the writer, who, after forty-three years of unbroken friendship, is now the last of the first band of St. Mary's, Beddington. May he rest in peace. C. W. G.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 30th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 26th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed. A special general meeting will then be held to consider, and if necessary revise Rule VIII. The new certificate is now ready, and members can obtain them from the Secretary at 1s. each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at St. Sepulchre's, church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. Evensong will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is requested that all ringers will attend this service. The bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be available from 4 to 6 p.m. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Meeting.—Owing to the lamented death of the late King, it has been decided to postpone till a later date (due notice of which will be sent), the above meeting fixed for to day, Saturday, May 14th.

C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*
C. E. D. BOUTLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association—Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the annual meeting fixed for Whit-Monday next is postponed.

C. H. HOWARD, *Master.*
H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Owing to the death of King Edward, the annual meeting which was to have been held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Monday next, is postponed.

Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Eastern Counties Branch.—The meeting advertised for Whit-Monday is postponed until Saturday, May 28th.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The meeting that was to be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday is postponed to a future date, owing to the death of the King.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby, Yorks.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting which was to have been held at Sunderland, has been

postponed till May 28th, owing to the death of the King.
CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale to-day, Sat., May 21st. Bells available from 2.30.

BART. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
68, Douglas Street, Derby.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Sowerby to-day, Sat., May 21st.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The meeting advertised to be held at Walton to-day, Saturday, May 14th, is Saturday, May 28th.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—A cyclists' meeting will be held to-day Saturday, May 21st. Shreshill (6), 3 p.m.; Cannock (6), 4.45 p.m.; Norton Canes (6), 6.15 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above Association will be held at Chesterton to-day, Sat., May 21st. Tea at 5 o'clock. The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, available from 7 till 8.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—General Meeting, May 23rd, in the Lady Chapel, Salisbury Cathedral, at 12.30 p.m. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of the diocese. Lunch at 1.30 at the Church House. Ringing in all the city towers, and at Amesbury, Fisherton, and Coombe Bisset.

W. P. SCHUSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, May 28th at St. Peter's, Hiodley. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. Hall), at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Members and friends cordially invited.

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

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Yeldham on Saturday, May 28th. Gestingthorpe bells will be available, also Castle Hedingham (5 bells) from 3 till 5 p.m. Tea at 5 sharp, 1s. A conveyance (free) will leave for Gestingthorpe at 6 p.m., returning about 8 p.m. Accommodation will only be provided for those sending word by May 25th to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Shipley, May 28th, at 7.30 prompt, at The Sun hotel. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rnsholme on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, May 28th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

L. BULLOCK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern districts will be held at Fennington on Saturday, May 28th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the Rector, who takes a great interest in the ringing, and extends a hearty welcome to all members and ringing friends. It is hoped a good number will attend. The old-world village is now in its spring beauty, and well worth a visit. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after

E. WHITBRAD, } *Secs.*
W. H. LAWRENCE, }

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Free tea at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend to be present, kindly send in their names to T. Allibone, Hephthorne Lane, near Chesterfield, not later than May 30th.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m.

F. W. BOOTS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, June 4th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. 5.0.—Service with an address by the chaplain (Rev. W. W. S. Fleet). 6.0 Tea at The Running Mare hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Please let me know by Wednesday, June 1st, how many will attend. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock with address by the Vicar. There will be a free tea provided for those who communicate with me not later than Wednesday, June 1st.

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THE PEAL AT EDMONTON.—E. F. Cole's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 17; Caters 7; Cinques 1; Stedman Triples 9; Caters 7; Cinques 1; Bob Major 3; Oxford 1; Kent 18; Royal 6; Double Norwich Major 23; Superlative Major 4; London 1; other Surprise methods (treble) 2.

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The New Palace Steamers announce that during the Whitsun holidays, their popular steamer "Royal Sovereign" carried over 3,000 passengers to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate. This, considering the rather chilly mornings, was very satisfactory. Daily sailings are now being made to the above popular resorts, leaving Old Swan Pier at 9.0 a.m., (Sundays 9.20); whilst on and after June 20th, the favourite steamer "Koh-i-Noor" will make to Margate, Ramsgate, Deal, and Dover on three days in each week, full particulars of which will be duly announced. The catering, which is managed by the company, is as usual, excellent, and the prices very reasonable.

THE PEAL ANALYSIS.—As is our custom we repeat the Analysis once more.

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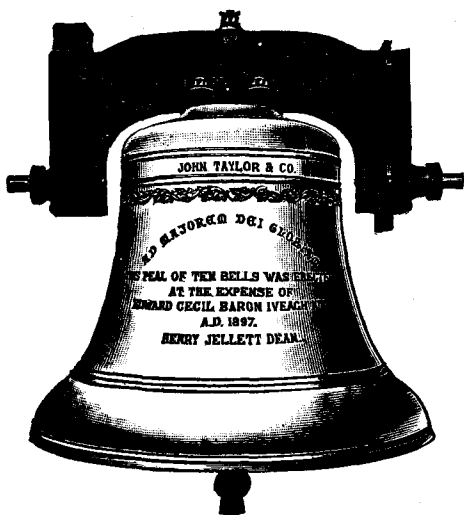
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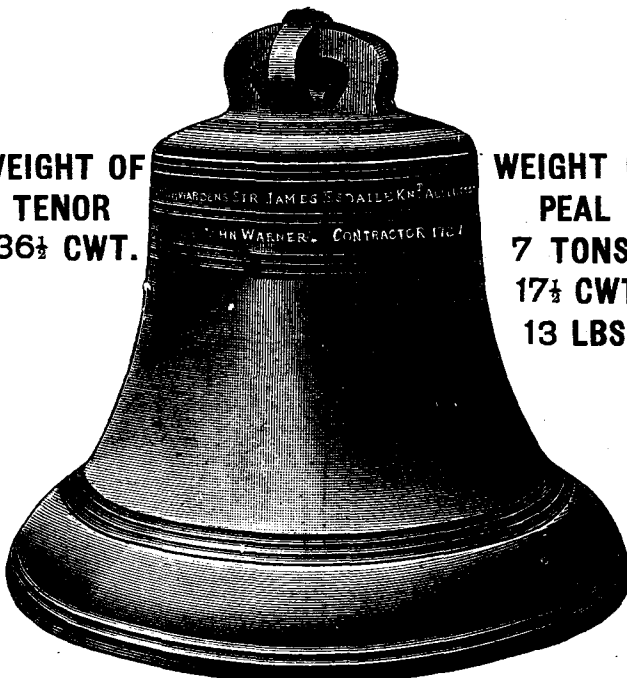
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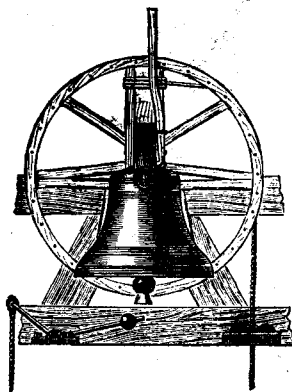
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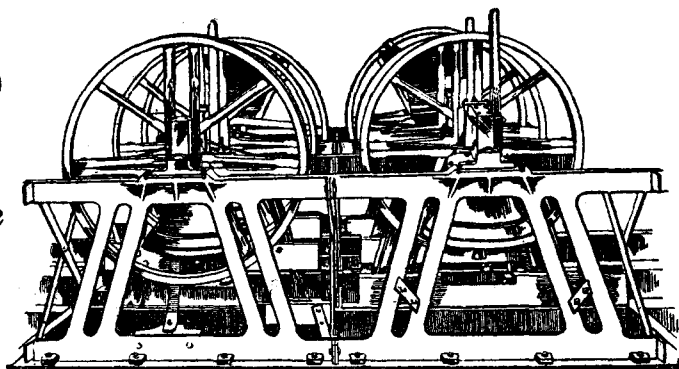
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SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1910.

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THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

Come, brother strings, an hour to pleasure spare,
And quit awhile your business and your care;
The afternoon our own, come and forget
Bonds, interest, all, the credit, and the debt—
Aye, e'en your wife, when she begins to threaten,
Indulge for once, though sweetest pleasures cloy,
We ringers now will add our temperance to joy.

The 16th of April last will be long remembered by the severe storm that swept the northern part of London during the evening. It was the day fixed for the quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberlands at Waltham Abbey. The coaxing morning, with its intervals of bright sunlight, tempted many to forget the treacherous character of the weather-clerk, who, at this season, plays his chiefest pranks. The lines heading this report, are from Juvenal, slightly altered, and they show us clearly the inborn love of freedom ever pervading the hearts of mankind, to bid a temporary adieu to the necessities and boredom of common-day life, to hie away with friends to the country to breathe the rural air, to listen to the love-song of birds, the most joyous creatures in the world, as they gather among the tender leaves and venturous blossom of tree and hedge, and to take a share in the vernal thrill and general burst of spring gladness.

Tempered with these emotions, about forty members assembled at the remains of the once famous Abbey, and by four o'clock the belfry presented quite a scene of animation, and it was apparent, looking round among the ladies and gentlemen, we were in for an exceptional demonstration of campanological skill. Talent shook hands with mediocrity, and soon the call to fall in for Stedman started the ball. Superlative followed successfully, and then London and Bristol Surprise, the conducting resting with Mr. J. Parker, his daughter Edith, the Master, Mr. T. Smith, and the Secretary, Mr. F. Bennett.

All too soon for some, the hour for tea arrived, and we filed to *The Green Dragon*, by the bye, rather a queer sign to tempt the traveller to refreshment and entertainment, being as I have learned, a mythical personification of the Evil one. However, no evil principle lurked within the ancient walls of this inn, but, on the contrary, we found a most genial host and hostess, anxious to be at our service.

A surprise spread awaited us, for our generous and esteemed friend, Mr. E. Poll, had deftly placed upon the table something to cut at and come again, which had the immediate effect of moistening our lips as we took our chairs. Even the landlord looked puzzled to know where to find knives, forks, and plates, to say nothing of the condiments and other delicacies inseparable from rich boiled beef, and to see the dainties provided by the landlord ignored to the preference of bullock was sufficient to make him sad. The cutlery being forthcoming, everything proceeded well until the lightning flashed and Nature had taken up the pealing of thunder. The storm had reached old Waltham. How our hearts sank at the thoughts of

reaching home in such a deluge! The pantiles of the old stable-yard buildings were dancing in agony as the boiled beef vanished from our tables. The thunder shook the cellars that we almost feared the beer would turn sour. But the tempest and our appetites soon abated, and, after the short business meeting, in which Hornchurch was selected for the next outing, pipes and cigars sent forth their fragrance—

And jokes went round, with friendly chat,
About the weather, this and that.

The piano came in for a good thumping, and anon we were all once more in the unique belfry, which, thanks to Mr. Tarbun, the steeplekeeper, looks better than many of the parlours the writer has been privileged to inspect—a strange contrast to the pictures of mediaeval time, where the blacksmith and shoemaker met, wearing their leather aprons, puffing at a well-coloured clay.

Ring in all the advanced methods as well as simple, was indulged in until nine o'clock, when the usual reciprocity of compliments and sentiments separated one of the most successful gathering of ringers. Some departed in traps, others on cycles, and a goodly number by train, the latter being the most fortunate.

Speaking for one of the cyclists, I arrived home late and wet. Urging my Pegasus to its utmost speed while confronting the south-east wind and rain along the lonely depths of Sewardstone, the stunted trees by the roadside reminded one of the sentinels of Pluto's lower regions. Instinctively I breathed the beautiful hymn of Newman—"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom." And it did so.

The happy reflections upon the day's enjoyment apparently shortened the journey. Though no friendly star or moon guided the traveller's way, the remembrance of what had transpired was an inward entertainment. "Just imagine," thought I, "ringing at the side of a young lady conductor, to hear the plaintive voice of woman frequently calling for Bob!" Had my name been Robert, what inspirations might have disturbed my campanological efforts, but it was

G. F. M.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

On Friday a memorial service was held in memory of His late Majesty King Edward. The church was crowded to overflowing, several being unable to get a set. The Rector took for his text Samuel x. 24. The hymns "Peace, perfect peace," and "O God, our help in ages past," were sung, and at the conclusion of the service the organist played the Dead March in Saul, the congregation standing. The bells were rung before and after the service deeply muffled, concluding a most impressive service, which will be long remembered by all present.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano "The Bell News" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

DINNER AT SHEFFIELD.

Quite a very interesting event took place at Sheffield on a recent Saturday, when members of the parish church company with a few wives and friends assembled at The Crown Inn and sat down to a dinner ably served by host Lockwood.

After a recent careful and long deliberation it was unanimously resolved by the parish church company that should this event prove a success, it would be considered the first formation of a celebration thereafter to become an annual fixture, the date chosen (Easter week) on this occasion was to enable the whole members of the company to be present, but, doubtless, owing to the holidays, it prevented a good many other ringers from attending. Although the number present was small (twenty-three sitting down) everything passed off in a satisfactory manner, and if only judgement be taken from the amount of enthusiasm displayed by one and all, the venture can truly be termed a pronounced success. Another year an earlier and more suitable date will be decided upon, with a view to obtaining the cooperation of all the ringers in the city in honouring the memory of some of the past Sheffield ringers, men who have done a great work in building up the high standard of ringing, and the respected reputation from which the present generation are now reaping the full benefit.

After the table had been cleared, Mr. C. H. Hattersley was elected to take the chair. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Thorpe, Holmes Palmer, Bugar, Dixon. The vocal part of the programme was opened with a well rendered song by Mr. J. Biggin, and here let it be said that although it was at first suggested that outside help be engaged to provide the harmony, such was quite needless, as a formidable array of talent of no mean ability were equal to all demands in giving a most varied musical entertainment. Mr. Atkin pleased the company with his old-time "Tuesday Afternoon," and Mr. C. Glenn earned rounds of applause for an excellent rendering of "Blue Bells of Scotland" with variations on the handbells, fixed in a double frame.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said it was his duty as chairman to propose the toast of the evening, and that was "Success and prosperity to the parish church company." He remarked that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to be present on such an occasion, and he sincerely hoped it would become an annual event, the same as is being done in a few other large ringing centres, and he did not see why Sheffield should be behindhand in this respect, especially as the city was fast growing in importance, and was very soon to have its Cathedral; but to make these gatherings thoroughly successful it would require careful consideration and the formation of a good substantial and workable scheme. He was quite prepared to offer all the assistance he could, and he hoped he should meet with united response in promoting the object for which they were gathered.

More songs followed by Messrs. J. Thorpe, J. T. Rew and G. Lewis, and an excellent rendering of the "Harmonious Blacksmith" by Mr. Glenu.

Mr. J. T. Rew, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said he was pleased to see a few well-known ringing friends present, and hoped there would be considerably more another year. He stated he had that day received a letter from their old friend T. Sylester, now in Canada, which had come at a very appropriate time, and proceeded to read same much to the pleasure and edification of the whole company. One and all were delighted to

hear of the prosperity Mr. Sylvester is now enjoying after some years of hard labour, and one could gather that all is now required is a ring of bells somewhere handy to make his happiness complete.

Mr. Edwin James, in a few well-chosen words, very ably responded.

Again the harmony was taken up, songs being rendered by Messrs. Palmer, J. Biggin and the chairman, whilst tunes were forthcoming from Messrs. Bugar, Dixon, Mulligan, Holmes on the handbells, not a moment being lost in doing all that was possible in making the evening thoroughly enjoyable.

The call of "time, gentlemen, please," came all too soon, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of Auld lang syne and God save the King.

Thus ended the first innovation of what is hoped to become history in the ringing world, and it will not be the fault of the promoters if the object is not attained.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The attendance at a cyclists' meeting held on Saturday, May 21st, was sadly interfered with by the heavy thunder storm which passed over the district at the beginning of the afternoon. At 3.50 p.m. four of us met at Shareshill, where, with the help of the local men, who had turned up in force, we were able to do a little ringing. We found that the resident band were learning change-ringing by whole pulls. After giving some advice and help on the correct way of practising, we left for Cannock, where we were met by three more members. This addition to our number enabled us to ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Minor. The bells here certainly need some attention. Tea was partaken of before we set out for Norton Canes, at which place we arrived about 6.30 p.m., and were met by the Rector (Rev. J. B. Pimblett), who, we are pleased to say, accompanied us to the belfry. In the ringing chamber there was presented to us a striking illustration of what can be the result of employing local labour for a bellhanger's work. As a means of deadening the sound, another floor had been put in by a local carpenter, who had made the rope-holes hardly big enough, with the natural result. The rope-hole for the treble had been made by a bellhanger, and this helped to bear out very forcibly the reasonableness of employing a bellhanger as, at any rate, the "clerk of the works" in the belfry. Ringers were represented from Bloxwich, Handsworth, Haughton, Tamworth and Wolverhampton. The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be held at Tamworth on July 2nd, instead of June 18th, particulars of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" in due course.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHANTS.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church tower, which shows time on a dial 6-ft. 6-ins. across, and strikes the hours on the large tenor bell. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clocks in the neighbouring churches of Rothwell, Orlingbury and Irthlingborough.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

One of the most important and by far the largest gathering of ringers in connection with the above Association attended the annual meeting held at Retford on a recent Saturday. Full advantage was taken of the beautiful weather, and members and friends put in an early appearance by cycle and train from Anston, Hart-hill, Worksop, Blyth, East Markham, East and West Retford, Ordsall, and many other places, including members of the Midland, Yorkshire and Lincoln Associations. There was nothing wanting to satisfy the musical appetite of the visitors, Ordsall and West Retford with peals of six, and a beautiful ring of ten at East Retford, all in splendid order, and the latter tower possessing forty musical handbells. A 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by a mixed company, after which followed the business meeting. This was presided over by the Rev. R. T. Foster in the temporary absence of the Vicar of East Retford, the Rev. J. T. Mumford, who put in an appearance later, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Gray, rector of West Retford, Rev. C. Lepar, curate, and the enthusiastic Secretary Rev. B. Darley, Rector of Harthill. The year's accounts were submitted and approved, a balance being shewn on the right side. Seven performing members were elected. The President, Vice-president, Hon. Secretary and executive were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of West Retford and Worksop, the latter position being filled by Mr. H. Haigh in place of Mr. W. Marshall, resigned. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the incumbents of the three towers for the use of the bells, and the officers for their services during the past year.

In responding to the various votes of thanks the Hon. Secretary, whose services are highly appreciated, met with a most enthusiastic reception.

Service was held in the parish church of East Retford, the pulpit being occupied by the Rev. B. Darley. It being St. George's Day a most appropriate and interesting sermon was preached on the Patron Saint of England.

At 15 p.m. between fifty and sixty members and friends adjourned to Howard's restaurant, where an excellent repast had been prepared. Ringers visiting this town in want of refreshments cannot do better than give this place a call. The bells were kept in motion during the greater part of the day. Some of the members who stayed to hear a lecture on the unpunctuality of the Great Central trains, turned up at the station at 9.41 to catch the last train and found it had departed at 9.40 p.m. (the correct time) and so had to walk home, arriving about 12.30 a.m. They did not feel any the worse for their adventure, the beautiful walk home in the moonlight being enjoyed by all except one, who had to turn out for work at 4 a.m., vowing it should never occur again.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER.—The funeral took place on Tuesday in Little Munden churchyard of an old soldier well known in the parish and neighbourhood. He had served 24½ years in the 15th Hussars, and had received a pension for many years. Deceased had seen service in South Africa and fought at Majuba during the first South African war, for which he received a medal and clasp. He also took part in the famous march with Lord Roberts from Cabul to Kandahar.

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

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

Another achievement of the ringers of Kettering parish church has been recorded on a tablet which was unveiled, making the ninth tablet in the belfry.

Prayers having been offered, the Rector, in asking Mr. Luckock to unveil the tablet, referred to the increasing number of records of achievements by the ringers, expressed gratitude for their help, and said he was proud of the honours which came to them as the years went by. There was an extraordinary attraction about the Art of Ringing, and he instanced a case where one gave up hunting for the purpose of joining in a peal. Their ringing was for the glory of God, and he was glad to think that the band of ringers in that belfry always agreed with him that the ringers should be communicants.

Before unveiling the tablet the Rev. A. M. Luckock expressed thanks to those who had asked him to perform that agreeable task. Alluding to the tablets, he specially called attention to the one unveiled just seventy years ago (on May 4th), which bore in the inscription the words:

Ye ringers all who prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry wise,
And you the same possess.

He thought that Dr. Corrie (who was rector of Kettering at the time) had something to do with this, he being a doctor of the body as well as of the soul. The traditions they saw on the tablets dating back to 1729 would help them to continue to do the best they could for the glory of God. With congratulations to those who took part in ringing the peal, he unveiled the tablet.

In the course of a suitable speech Major Stockdale offered his congratulations to the ringers on the event recorded on the tablet. He knew enough of ringing to recognise the difficulty of a peal of Stedman Triples. As an auditor of the efforts they made to complete it, he thought he would not be letting out a secret if he said they did not succeed on the first occasion. In his opinion there was no more beautiful peal than Stedman Triples; he came there purposely to hear them ring it, and enjoyed it thoroughly. The striking never more perfect. In endorsing what the Rector had said of his ringers, he stated he always held that the same standard of character should be expected of them as of the choir. That was not the idea in times past, when all sorts of things went on in the belfry because it was out of sight, and was not treated as part of the church.

The bells were then lowered and the proceedings came to an end.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Barrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

With reference to the remarks of Sir Arthur Heywood in your last issue on the musical capabilities of "Duffield," I think I should not be out of place to draw his attention, as well as that of the Exercise at large, to the following series of Court Methods with Treble Bob calling, the best of which allow far greater freedom in the introduction of musical changes, than any other method previously placed upon the market.

For instance, if the twenty-four 5-6-7-8s are required, they can be produced in a touch of 112 changes, with Nos. 1 and 2 by calling 6H. And in each method the 120 course-ends can be obtained in a touch of less than 5000 changes. In this touch Nos. 1, 4, and 5 will contain every change possible with 8-7 and 7-8 behind.

An examination of these methods will reveal some very interesting features. Nos. 1 and 2 appear to be allied to Stedman. No. 3 is a double method, and contains no dodging in the plain course. In Nos. 1, 4, and 5 dodging occurs in 4-5.

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This composition has the 6th twenty times in 5ths, and twenty-four times in 6ths place at the course-ends.

If the first seven courses are seven times repeated with s instead of b at 4 in all the parts except the 1st and the 4th, a peal of 5506 will be produced, having the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Smith, A. Andrews, E. F. Hooper, L. Stilwell (composer and conductor), G. H. Gutteridge, R. H. Young, W. Welling, A. Pither.

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.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 30th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed. A special general meeting will then be held to consider, and if necessary revise Rule VIII. The new certificate is now ready, and members can obtain them from the Secretary at 1s. each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Sat., May 28th, at St. Sepulchre's, church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. Evensong will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is requested that all ringers will attend this service. The bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be available from 4 to 6 p.m. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Meeting.—Owing to the lamented death of the late King, it has been decided to postpone till a later date (due notice of which will be sent).

C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the annual meeting is postponed.

C. H. HOWARD, *Master.*
H. T. W. EYKE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Owing to the death of King Edward, the annual meeting which was to have been held at St. Nicholas, Deptford is postponed.

Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Eastern Counties Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 28th.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The meeting that was to be held at Northalerton is postponed to a future date, owing to the death of the King.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormsby, Yorks.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting which was to have been held at Sunderland, but was postponed owing to the death of the King, will be held to-day, Sat., May 28th.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Saturday, May 28th.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held to-day, Sat., May 28th at St. Peter's, Hindley.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. Hall), at St. Peter's, Staines, to-day, Sat., May 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Members and friends cordially invited.

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

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Yeldham to-day, Sat., May 28th. Gestingthorpe bells will be available, also Castle Hedingham (5 bells) from 3 till 5 p.m. Tea at 5 sharp, 1s. A conveyance (free) will leave for Gestingthorpe at 6 p.m., returning about 8 p.m.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Shipley, to-day, Sat., May 28th, at 7.30 prompt, at The Sun hotel. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme to-day, Sat., May 28th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SAUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall to-day, Sat., May 28th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

L. BULLOCK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern districts will be held at Fennington to-day, Sat., May 28th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the Rector, who takes a great interest in the ringing, and extends a hearty welcome to all members and ringing friends. It is hoped a good number will attend. The old-world village is now in its spring beauty, and well worth a visit. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after

E. WHITBRAD, } *Secs.*
W. H. LAWRENCE, }

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Free tea at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend to be present, kindly send in their names to T. Alibone, Hephthorne Lane, near Chesterfield, not later than May 30th.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guild-

ford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, June 4th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. 5 o.—Service with an address by the chaplain (Rev. W. W. S. Fleet). 6 o. Tea at The Running Mare hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Please let me know by Wednesday, June 1st, how many will attend. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock with address by the Vicar. There will be a free tea provided for those who communicate with me not later than Wednesday, June 1st.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*

52, Constitution Hill, Dudley.

The Essex Association—South-Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, can be arranged for those who kindly notify me a few days previous. The new Rector is expected to take the chair.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Rickmod Terrace, South Woodford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Service in church at 6.15 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Stone, how many intend to be present, not later than June 1st.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—A meeting will be held by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald), at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing will commence at 4. Tea provided free on the rectory lawn at 6. Members and friends heartily welcomed.

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

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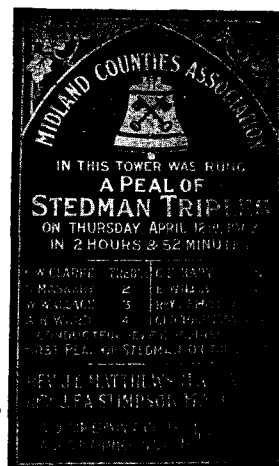
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1910.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

The dedication of the two western towers and ring of ten bells of Truro Cathedral has been postponed from May 31st to June 21st. The official souvenir for the occasion, which will be a work of art, containing many photographs and particulars of the services, also an article by Mr. F. Dupaway, Hon. Secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, will be published very shortly. Further particulars will be announced later.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The ring of five bells has recently been retuned and rehung in a iron frame, and a new tenor added by Taylor, of Loughborough. They were rung for the first time fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at the backstroke, on May 20th, as a token of respect to his late Majesty King Edward. Short touches were rung before and after each service throughout the day, and in the evening 720 of Bob Minor was successfully brought round. The ringers were unanimous in their opinion that the "go" of the bells was excellent.

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The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)***On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (R.C.)***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART.**

ALFRED E. FLOCK Treble.	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 5.
GEORGE LANGFORD 2.	FRANK I. HAIRS 6.
HAROLD BURTON 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
FRANK A. SMITH 4.	CHARLES CURRAN Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to King Edward VII.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.**

JOSEPH WAGHORN Treble.	JOHN H. BENSTED 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 1. Tenor 22½ cwt.**

WILLIAM KEATES Treble.	HARRY BARRETT 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. 6.
CHARLES H. WALKER 3.	*HARRY WARNETT, SEN. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	EDWARD F. BLACKWELL Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late King Edward.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.**

BERT MILLER Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5.
VICTOR PAVIER 2.	ALBERT E. GODDARD 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
HERBERT E. WHITE 4.	CHARLES H. MACKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,***A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK SQUIRES Treble.	GEORGE DAWSON 4.
JOHN MOULE 2.	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
GEORGE A. BLACK 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

The Provinces.**RIPON, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.**

W. PICK Treble.	J. G. HALL 5.
W. NEWTON 2.	S. T. WRIGHT 6.
J. BRETTILL 3.	E. BURNETT 7.
C. HOYROYD 4.	A. SIMPSON Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted and Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.**

GEORGE MARTIN Treble.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
PERCY WITHAM 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6.
ARTHUR WALKER 3.	THOMAS PRICE 7.
HERBERT COX 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

RICHARD POWELL† Treble.	ALBERT E. HURCOMB 4.
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 2.	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5.
THOMAS LEWIS 3.	*HENRY SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

†First peal away from tenor. *First peal.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

RICHARD WHITE Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6.
REV. HON. A. ERSKINE 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
FRANK BARRETT 3.	*J. H. R. FREEBOEN 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 9.
HARRY MILES 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.**

CHARLES H. AUSTIN* Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
JOYCELYN M. TURNER 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 4.	FRANK COLE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

*First peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

CALDER DANIEL Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLASS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
6720 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
JESSE J. MOSS 3.	JOHN TARTON 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. It was intended to have gone for a 10,304, but owing to illness the above was rung instead.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble.	† JOSEPH MORRIS 6.
THOMAS L. ALLEN 2.	CHARLES HARRIMAN .. 7.
LOUIS E. ALLEN* 3.	† RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 8.
FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES WARD* Treble.	*WALTER GERMAN 5.
FREDERICK PALMER 2.	JAMES GARRATT 6.
CHARLES KELLER* 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 7.
HERBERT HORN* 4.	† FREDERICK JONES Tenor.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

BURFORD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ROBERT HUDSON† Treble.	† FRANK SODEN 5.
THOMAS BOND 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
WILLIAM BRUNSDON† .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
HARRY BARRETT† 4.	GEORGE PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob by the last five men. First peal of Treble Bob on these bells by all residents, and the first peal of Treble Bob Major in the Sudbury Archdeaconry of the above Association by all residents. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 3rd and 6th ringers.

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SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

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

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	ALBERT C. FARNLEY .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 17, FITTON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS DICKENS 1-2.	JOSEPH H. WHITE .. 3-4.
WALTER MARTIN 5-6.	

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Umpire—Mrs. White. First peal on handbells by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 17, HAYDON PLACE,

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—James Hunt. This is the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BENBOW Treble.	JOHN M. BROOK 5.
JOHN HALL 2.	WILLIAM ALLSOP 6.
ARTHUR BENTLEY 3.	GEORGE PIPES 7.
SAMUEL PORTER 4.	FRED WATKINSON Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

GEORGE HICKLING* Treble.	ALBERT COTTRELL 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	HENRY LETTS 6.
FRED HICKLING† 3.	SYDNEY DAWSON 7.
WILLIAM BATES.. .. 4.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by F. HICKLING.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	SAM WARD 5.
WILLIAM BIRDS 2.	JNO. W. CORDINGLEY 6.
ERNEST HOYLE* 3.	CECIL BOOSH 7.
ERNEST MANN* 4.	HARRY WARD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by HARRY WARD.

*First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First muffled peal on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED STONE* Treble.	JAMES CLARKE, JUN. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE 2.	HERBERT CURE 6.
THOMAS DICKINS† 3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER.. .. 4.	*ALFRED HANCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

*First peal. †First peal on tower bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM.. .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	ALFRED PADDON SMITH 8.
FREDERICK DICKENS 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
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PERCY O. LAFLIN 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

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CHARLES LAVERICK* .. Treble.	*MATTHEW WM. POLLARD .. 5.
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JOHN HY. JONES 3.	*JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
JOHN WM. PASSMAN* .. 4.	*THOMAS LANCASTER.. .. Tenor.

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*First peal in the method.

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On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

E. E. FERRY Treble.	*E. J. REDFERN 5.
J. FREEK* 2.	*H. S. BATES 6.
A. G. SHOPTER* 3.	A. F. HILLIER 7.
A. M. C. FIELD 4.	H. D. DALL Tenor.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
ERNEST A. PARISH* .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	*THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	FRED TROTH Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

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

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6.
ALBERT MASON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in memory of King Edward VII. with bells half-muffled.

LEICESTER—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES HARRIS 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	JOHN W. BECEWITH.. .. 6.
JOHN A. TOMLINSON.. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
FRED W. HERBERT 4.	JOHN A. SMITH.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of King Edward VII., and during the burial of His late Majesty at Windsor. These bells were given in memory of Queen Victoria, and rung for the first time at the Coronation of the King.

Date Touches.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

GRASSENDAL (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, May 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Minor, 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 723 each of Woodbine, Kent, 360 Violet, and 110 Oxford. J. Keats, T. Jennions, G. R. Newton conductor, T. J. Morris, E. Caunce, J. Allen. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late King Edward.

Miscellaneous.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. *H. Lane, F. Hockaday, R. Dobson, R. Hornbrook, W. James, H. Bennett, E. Marsh, W. Hiscott, W. Marsh, F. Purse. *First quarter-peal.

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CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 8th, in the President's rooms on handbells. 1360 Bob Major. A. C. Blyth, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, E. M. Atkins conductor, E. W. Blyth. Also a course of Treble Bob, and 168 Grandsire Triples.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON.—On Saturday, April 3rd, at Chriet Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Caunce, W. Rimmer, J. Marsh, W. Fairclough, J. Park, J. Gardner conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Saturday, April 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Hitehman, T. Hughes, E. Cox, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor. H. Clack. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of the parents of the tenor-ringer.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On April 20th, for practice at the church of St. Barnabas, 243 Grandsire Doubles. H. Wills, F. Nickers, Miss Elsie Blake, C. Mayne conductor, A. Vickers, G. Holmes. First touch of Grandsire in North Bucks. by a lady ringer.

BEENHAM (Bucks).—On March 17th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Greetham, T. Bidmead, G. Woolford, A. Woolford, R. Hatto, J. Hatto conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich. R. Stone, A. Lewis, G. Selby, W. Fright, H. Selby, J. Steddy, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday morning, April 17th, for Divine Service, 336 Double Norwich. R. Darlow, R. Stavert, T. Scott, F. Smith, W. Oakley, F. Edwards, M. Hibbert, W. Whitehead conductor. Also a course of Superlative. M. Hibbert, J. Allen, T. Scott, F. Smith, B. Prewett, F. Edwards, W. Whitehead, R. Stavert. For evening service 240 Double Norwich. R. Darlow, T. Scott, W. Whitehead, B. Prewett conductor, W. Oakley, F. Edwards, M. Hibbert, R. Stavert. Also a course of Superlative. R. Darlow, M. Hibbert, B. Prewett, T. Scott, F. Smith, F. Edwards, W. Whitehead. R. Stavert.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Monday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 38 mins. Miss F. Phillips, E. Green conductor, A. Flowers, C. Forfitt, F. Phillips, A. Macdonald, W. Kerley, C. Merryfield.

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GREAT GLENN (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, April 30th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 1440 Bob Minor in 53 mins. D. Iliffe, J. Waterfield, J. Taylor, F. Staniforth, W. Hunwick, W. Adkinson conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 24th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Jones, W. Toft, H. Samuel, K. Peerd, E. Breeze, H. Martin, F. Barnes conductor, J. Haslam

SHENSTONE (Staffordshire).—On April 30th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Dickens, B. Leedham, H. Dickens, G. Swann, B. Claydon, T. Bloor conductor. G. Roberts, W. Painter.

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NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, May 11th, after a meeting held by the St. Andrew's society in St. Andrew's belfry, the unveiling of a peal-board took place, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung on January 25th, 1610, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. Wm. Micklewright, of Dudley. Mr. Prestidge, in asking the Vicar to unveil the board, said he had known the deceased for about thirty-five years. They learnt to ring at Netherton, and he was proud to say that the late Mr. Micklewright had made a successful ringer, composer, and conductor, and was ever ready to help any ringers, especially the above company.

The Vicar, in unveiling the board, said it was gratifying to see the way they had shown their respect to a departed brother-ringer, because when they looked at the board it would keep him in their memory. He always respected the late Mr. Mickle-

wright, and was sorry to see him in failing health. It reminded him how the deceased had told him he looked upon Netherton belfry as a second home, and was always glad to come to Netherton to ring. He said his last duty to perform for him was to get him a particular book from Dudley library, for he believed he was a lover of books. He was sure the ringers would sadly miss him.

The curate and Vicar's warden passed a few remarks, and votes of thanks being passed, the ceremony ended.

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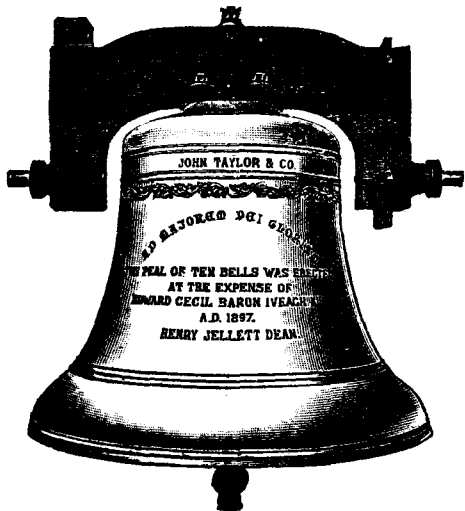
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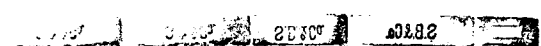
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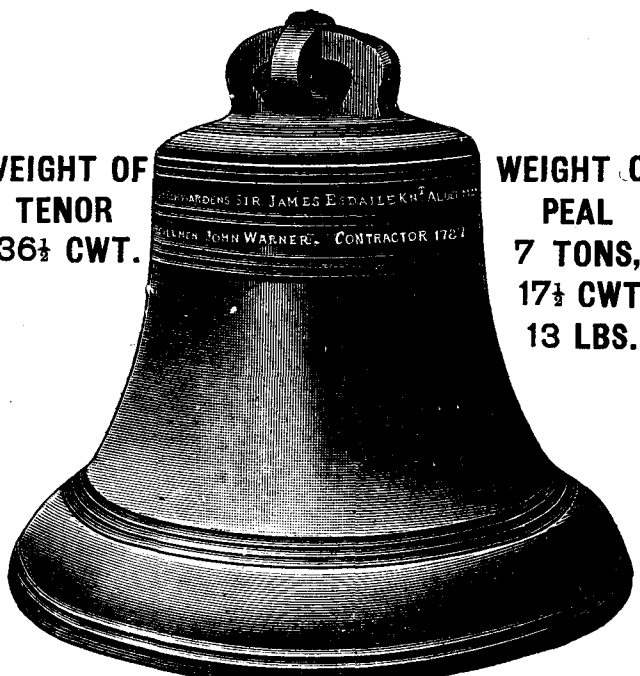
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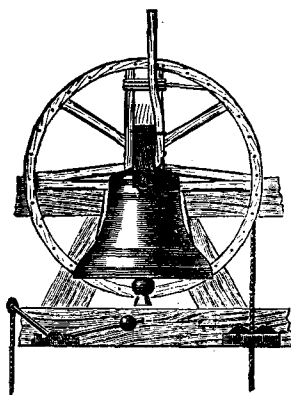
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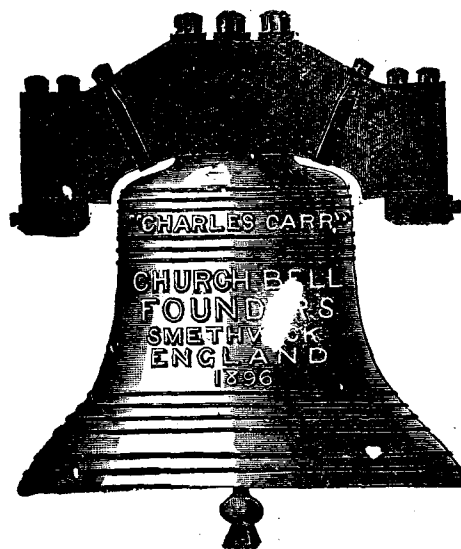
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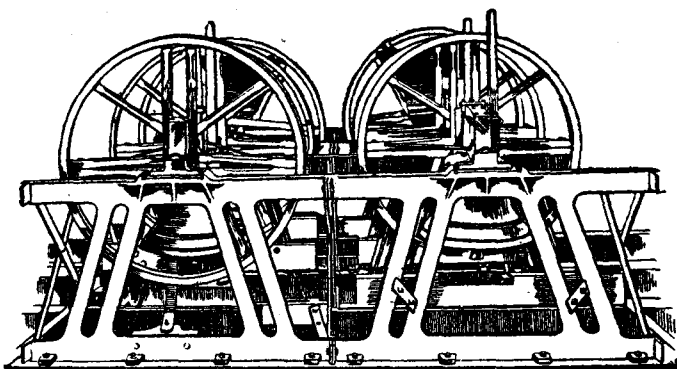
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PROPOSED RING OF BELLS FOR BOSTON, U.S.A.

I think your readers may be interested to know that the intrusive agitation by American bellfounders to prevent the installation of foreign bells upon a government edifice, continues; and is now assuming the form of protests to the Committee at Washington, all inspired, as is believed, from one central force.

Here in Boston the generous offer of a friend of the Exercise has been received with general favour; indeed not a discordant voice has thus far been raised.

It is evident, therefore, that this unexpected opposition has its sole origin in commercial jealousy, carried to an unprecedented and indecorous limit. The fact is, that this movement is directed not merely against the importation of a single set of bells, but rather against the introduction and extension of an Art which will create a demand for a commodity not within the power of our local firms to supply; an inability which, it should be added, implies no reflection upon American artisanship, for as regards mechanical apparatus for chiming, or tune playing, they excel.

A somewhat analogous attempt made a few years ago by the labor unions to prevent, under a misconstruction of our emigration law, the landing of Strauss's Vienna Orchestra encountered universal widespread indignation and prompt defeat.

It may be predicted, therefore, as the true inwardness of the present situation becomes disclosed, our citizens will not view with complacency this movement to deprive them of a valuable gift. Meanwhile, we are having assurances of support from prominent government officials at Washington to whom the matter has been explained. One of the letters addressed by a layman to a member of Congress put the affair so lucidly and concisely, that I venture to submit it for reproduction in your columns, omitting only the signature. A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

Boston, May 20, 1910.

"Honorable SAMUEL W. MCCALL, The Shoreham, Washington, D. C.

"There is a bill now before your Committee which is of interest to Bostonians, and although I have no concern in the matter other than that of any citizen, I am taking the liberty of writing this note to you to make plain, if I can, a few facts connected with it which may not be known to you.

"The bill in question is one to enable the new Custom House of the City of Boston to accept from Mrs. Arthur C. Wheelwright a peal of bells which are to be hung in the tower arranged expressly for that purpose. The bill, as you know, went through the Senate without difficulty, but is meeting, I am told, with opposition in the House,

owing to protests of certain American bellfounders, because the bells offered by Mrs. Wheelwright are to be imported from abroad and not manufactured in this country.

"Now, as I happen to know, Mrs. Wheelwright has no desire whatsoever to discriminate against American bellfounders. She would be glad to employ them if she could find it possible to secure a fine set of bells in this country. But the plain fact is that such bells have never been made in this country; nor is there any American foundry which has at present the facilities or knowledge to cast them.

"The art of making bells reached its height, I believe, about a century and a half ago in England, and at present only three or four foundries in that country have preserved the methods and skill which would enable them to turn out a peal of the highest quality.

"There is, you must understand, a clear distinction between chimes and peals, chimes being rung mechanically, while in a peal of bells each bell is pulled by hand by means of a separate rope, a man to each bell.

"I believe I am strictly within the facts in saying that no peal of bells has ever been successfully cast in this country. Two attempts have been made, but the disproportion in the weight of the metal rendered the smaller bells inaudible on account of the heavier or cathedral bells in the same octave. The firm of Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York, which the papers mention as the most prominent opponents of the bill, have never, I think, even attempted to cast a peal. In fact, they could not possibly do it if they tried.

"These facts, as you may imagine, could not be gathered from any catalogue issued by American bellfounders. For instance, the catalogue of the Meneely Bell Company speaks of peals, but their definition would be totally different from that applied by the best English houses. The relative difference between the two definitions involves both the weights of the bells and the methods or mechanical appliances for ringing them. The bells manufactured by the Meneely Bell Company are suspended in curved yokes, or headstocks, as they are technically called. Their movements, therefore, are like a cart wheel or grindstone, and they are rung by brute force; whereas a bell properly hung after the English method, with a lower centre of gravity, is managed by skill and with the expenditure of a minimum of force. Such bells as these alone can encourage skilful ringing.

"The experience of two centuries has developed the fact that the sound of bells is most pleasing not when employed in producing hymn tunes, but in the rapid production of musical changes, the effect of which upon the ear is similar to the every varying picture of colors presented by the kaleidoscope. This latter is what constitutes scientific ringing, and to produce it bells cannot be either manufactured or hung after the present American plan.

"Mrs. Wheelwright offers a set of heavy bells attuned to the diatonic scale, suspended in such a manner as to be swung like a pendulum, not to revolve like a grindstone. In the former case only are the over-tones or harmonics of the instrument fully developed. You can readily see

that Mrs. Wheelwright's position is eminently reasonable. She wishes to give Boston a really beautiful instrument; she is unable to get it in this country.

"Only two alternatives are before your Committee; to give her this opportunity to benefit Boston, or to decline to do so for entirely irrespective of where the bells may be made, Mrs. Wheelwright will not consent to giving an inferior instrument as a memorial to her husband. Her decision on this point is final.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

Last year this ancient church of St. Peter, was thoroughly repaired and re-fitted in every way. The building was in need of general repairs, and the interior was meanly furnished with high deal pews, etc., and the massive oak timbers of the roof were hidden behind a plastered ceiling. The church consists of Norman nave, two fine doorways of about 1100 A.D. are in an excellent state of preservation, with Early English and Decorated windows, and a handsome embattled western tower containing a good peal of six bells by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, all dated 1673, without a tenor about 14 cwt. in E. Owing to the generosity of parishioners, neighbours, and past inhabitants, the sum of nearly £2,500 has been raised, which made it possible to do all that the Rector and churchwarden desired. The whole building was well and carefully repaired, and all features of interest preserved and shown up. A handsome chancel screen has been erected, and pulpit in carved oak; new oak open seats throughout the church, and carved choir stalls; the old small organ has been enlarged to a two-manual, and a heating apparatus and chamber provided. In the tower the old bells needed no work, as they were overhauled by Blackbourn in 1894, but a new clock, striking the Cambridge quarters, has been fitted by John Smith and Son, of Derby. The whole result is very satisfactory, and a complete transformation, as far as the interior appearance of the church goes. The ringing-room is now open to the nave, on the floor inside the handsome 15th century tower arch.

The church was opened for use, and re-dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester on December 21st last, and it was intended to ring a peal the following day, but it fell through and was postponed. However on Saturday last a capital seven-method peal was rung by members of the Worcestershire Association, particulars of which will appear in due course. The peal was safely brought round, and the band adjourned to the rectory for refreshments with the Rector, the Rev. James Hastings, who had rung the treble. This was A. Rowley's fiftieth peal, and was rung on the bells of his native place where he learned to ring, and for several years was the leading spirit in the belfry. A pleasant chat on matters campanalogical followed, and a photograph, taken before the peal, was submitted to view, much to the general surprise. Mr. Rowley and Mr. Short were able to stay over-night, and take part in the Sunday morning ringing.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 23rd, the members of the above Guild held their annual festival. A most successful day was the result. The service was held in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral at 12.30, when excellent arrangements were made by the Precentor, and at which the Bishop of the diocese gave a most instructive and interesting address. The lesson was read by Archdeacon Buchanan, the Canon in residence. After service the Bishop added to his kindness by presiding at the lunch at the Church House. This was specially acceptable to all present, since the President of the Guild, Earl Nelson, was prevented by ill-health from undertaking the duty which he always has accomplished with such vigour and ability.

Then followed a business meeting, at which Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart was elected Master of the Guild in the place of Captain J. E. Acland (a ringer of great repute during the last forty years), whose resignation was accepted with great regret.

Other interesting business was also transacted.

It is needless to say that the royal toasts were given by the chairman (the Bishop), with unusual solemnity and received in like manner.

After the meeting all the towers of the city were kindly thrown open to the Guild, and also the towers of Fisherton, Berwick St. John, and Amesbury. Touches of Grand-sire Triples were rung at St. Thomas's, and Kent Treble Bob at St. Martin's.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

On Friday, May 20th, previous to the memorial service being held at St. Peter's church, at which the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and other officials attended, the bells were rung deeply muffled with the exception of the tenor and the usual whole pull and stand was rung, also touches of Grandsire both before and after the service. In the evening touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled were rang by Messrs. Burch (3), Button, Bumpstead, Pye, Chalk, Rivers, Schofield, and Stannard. In the afternoon the members of the above company rang at All Saints church several 120s of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, two of the local band taking part.

TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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23564	2	2	2
32465	2		2
26435		2	
32654	2	2	2
23456	2		2

Composed 1886.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 7th and 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Meeting.—Owing to the lamented death of the late King, it has been decided to postpone till a later date (due notice of which will be sent)
C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the annual meeting is postponed.
C. H. HOWARD, *Master.*
H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Owing to the death of King Edward, the annual meeting which was to have been held at St. Nicholas, Deptford is postponed.
Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The meeting that was to be held at Northallerton is postponed to a future date, owing to the death of the King.
T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby, Yorks.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at North Wingfield to-day, Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Free tea at 5 o'clock.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro, to-day, Sat., June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested.
JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley to-day, Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m.
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham to-day, Sat., June 4th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. 5.0.—Service with an address by the chaplain (Rev. W. W. S. Fleet). 6.0 Tea at The Running Mare hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.
JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Hill to-day, Sat., June 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock with address by the Vicar.
HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*
52, Constitution Hill, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stone to-day, Sat., June 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Service in church at 6.15 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m.
REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, can be arranged for those who kindly notify me a few days previous. The new Rector is expected to take the chair.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Rickmod Terrace, South Woodford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald), at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing will commence at 4. Tea provided free on the rectory lawn at 6. Members and friends heartily welcomed.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea 1s. each, at 5. Will all those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. F. Watkinson, Park Street, Alfreton, not later than first post on Thursday, June 16th. The church is within easy distance of both Alfreton and South Wingfield stations.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ribchester, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.
E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Wellington, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m.
R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on Saturday, June 18th. General meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. E. N. Lovett, Rector of Farnham. Meat tea at the Guildhall at 5 p.m.; 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Travelling expenses of members up to 2s. 6d. each, will be paid by the Guild. Representatives of bands should have a list ready for their district secretary, who will arrange for payment.
JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 4.30.
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 2nd. Full particulars later.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tea at The George and Dragon inn, and the usual arrangements. Further particulars will be duly announced. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—E. G. Buesden has removed to 3, Hackington Terrace, St. Stephen's, Canterbury.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

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This peal has the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th in the tittums, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

* Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge Branch of the above was held at Westerham, on Saturday, April 30th, and was attended by nearly forty members from different parts of the county. At five o'clock a special service was held in the church, and was well attended. The choral part of the service was well rendered, the organist and choir very kindly attending, and a capital address was given by the Vicar. At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the public hall, where an excellent tea was provided jointly by the Vicar and Mrs. Griffiths. The business meeting followed, nine new members being elected, and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Chiddingstone, the method to be Stedman, the conductor Mr. Wright. Owing to the death of his late Majesty the King this has been postponed. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr. J. Preston, of Edenbridge, and the district secretary was requested to forward the same to the widow. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for arranging the service and for kindly providing the tea; to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service, and to Mr. G. B. Selby and the rest of the local company for making the arrangements. The Vicar and Mr. Selby replied. During the afternoon and evening some excellent ringing in the standard methods was accomplished on the beautiful ring of bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (the Twentieth Annual Meeting), was by kind permission of the Feoffees of the Chetnam's Hospital, Manchester, held in the schoolroom of the Institution on Whit Tuesday, May 17th, at which fifty-one members whose names appeared in our issue of May 21st, were present.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the President, took the chair at eleven o'clock.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read, the President said there was one matter arising out of the minutes to which he would briefly refer. At the last meeting he undertook to write to the Church Press in connection with the action of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. It was understood that he would do this if particulars of the cases where the Society had injuriously interfered, were forwarded to him. The only case he had received details of was one that had occurred fifteen years ago, and he thought under those circumstances he had better leave the matter alone.

ABSENTEES.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received letters expressing regret that they were unable to attend from the Revs. H. A. Cockey, M. Kelly, A. H. F. Boughey, and C. E. Matthews; and Messrs. C. E. D. Bouflower, C. E. Borrett, J. Clark, J. R. Sharman, J. W. Jones, F. B. Tompkins, and J. A. Trollope. He was sure, Mr. Davies continued, that the Council would share in the regret of Mr. Cockey, that he was for the first time unable to be present.

THE DEATH OF KING EDWARD.

The President said he desired to explain that when the news came of the death of King Edward, he had at once to decide if the meeting of the Council should be held or not. He communicated with the Hon. Secretary to the Council, and the President of the Lancashire Association, and it was decided, as this was purely a business meeting, and could not very well be postponed to another time of the year, that the meeting should stand. But as Churchmen, owing due respect to His late Majesty, they could not fitly hold the social gathering, and so notice to this effect had been given in "THE BELL NEWS." He felt sure that the omission of the social gathering would be considered a proper act of respect.

THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The President moved the following resolution: "That the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers desire to place on record the great loss which the Exercise has sustained by the death of the Rev. Francis E. Robinson, who consistently, throughout a long life, set before ringers an example of high integrity and unflinching energy, and that the Council respectfully tender to Mrs. Robinson their deepest sympathy." The President desired to move the resolution as a mark of respect for one of the greatest ringers the world had ever seen. At last year's Council meeting Mr. Robinson was present, apparently, after a trying illness, in good health, and only a week before the rev. gentleman's death, he, the President, had a letter from Mrs. Robinson, in which she wrote that he appeared much better; and yet within a week his almost sudden death had taken place. He, the President, was sure it was unnecessary for him to speak of the great good that had been done by the rev. gentleman, or of the noble example that he had set them as Churchmen throughout the length and breadth of the land; or that he should refer to the many virtues Mr. Robinson possessed. His whole life was a pattern set before the Exercise. He had a definite purpose in him, and always did his ringing to the glory of God, as was shown by his always offering previous to commencing a peal, and at the close, a short prayer in the belfry. The whole Exercise had sustained an irreparable loss by the death of one who was affectionately regarded everywhere, and whose high example would have effect upon the lives of many ringers. He, the President, was sure that the Council would desire to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Robinson in her sorrow.

The Hon. Secretary seconded the resolution. He said he had lost one of his oldest ringing friends by the death of Mr. Robinson. His companionship, if he might so speak, with the rev. gentleman, extended over many years. He believed it was as far back as 1876 when Mr. Robinson called the first long touch of Grandsire Triples in which he, the speaker, took part. Since that he had rung with the rev. gentleman in 6, 10, and 12 bell towers. He had visited many places with the rev. gentleman, Squire Proctor's among others, and had always met with unflinching kindness. It was Mr. Robinson's thoroughness in everything that one could not but admire. He, the speaker, mentioned an incident showing how thorough he was in keeping of his accounts, and so it was in everything in which he was concerned. To him, the speaker, the loss was a great one, and so it was to the Exercise at large. It was unnecessary for him to refer to the noble example that the rev. gentleman had set the whole Exercise. He knew that within a very short time of the end he was arranging for peals, which, alas, the hand of death had prevented from taking place.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said that on behalf of the Lancashire Association, he wished to be associated with the resolution. Mr. Robinson was remembered as a great and sincere friend by everyone. He recollected that upon one occasion, in preaching, the rev. gentleman remarked that he always thought that in his capacity for ringing he had received a special gift from God, and he trusted that he would leave that gift better than he received it.

The resolution was carried, every member of the Council standing.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The item No. 7 on the Agenda was taken next. This read as follows:—

"The Central Council desires to place on record its sense of the great services rendered to the cause of change-ringing by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and hopes that the members will further in their several Guilds and Associations the scheme for erecting a worthy memorial in Drayton Church."

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge in moving the resolution, said he was sure no words of his were necessary to show the sterling work that had been done in the ringing world by their dear old friend, now no longer with them. After the death of the rev. gentleman, a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held, and a desire was expressed that a permanent memorial should be erected. The question was raised whether it was to be carried out by the Oxford Diocesan Guild alone. As there were so many Associations and Guilds in England, of which the rev.

gentleman was a member, it was thought that many ringers might desire to have the opportunity of subscribing, especially as there were so many of the Exercise to whom the rev. gentleman was so well-known. Mr. Robinson was one who was appreciated throughout England. He was at all times willing to assist by preaching at anniversary services and always willing to give advice when asked. He was looked up to and admired as a friend by all. Under these circumstances could it be otherwise than that many would desire to take part in the erection of a permanent memorial? He, the speaker, might also mention that the rev. gentleman had done some excellent oak carving in Drayton Church. The beautiful oak choir stalls, organ case, and bench ends were all done by him. It had been Mr. Robinson's intention to complete the whole by the erection of a carved oak chancel screen, for which it was found, after his death, that a design had been prepared. An architect had been consulted, and it was estimated that the cost would be £300. The Oxford Diocesan Guild had come to the conclusion that the screen would be the most worthy permanent memorial of the rev. gentleman's great work for the Exercise, as it was a memorial which met with the approval of the family. The Oxford Diocesan Guild was desirous of having the opinion of the Central Council upon the matter, for they considered that the sum was too large to be raised without help, and as Mr. Robinson had also many friends who were not ringers, it was thought that if an appeal was made to them and to all the Associations and Guilds, there would be no difficulty in raising the amount required.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in seconding, said there had been many inquiries from different parts of the country to know if it was intended to erect a memorial. He had no doubt that those making inquiry would be pleased to contribute, and that all would agree that Drayton church was the right place for the memorial. He did not himself know of anything so fitting. It might be said the cost was large. So it was, but there must be a large number desirous of contributing besides the many friends of the rev. gentleman. With the support of the Council he had no doubt that the sum would be raised.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said that he was sure the sum required could be collected with the help of the Exercise without difficulty. As a ringer he personally was indebted to the rev. gentleman for everything, and in this he did not stand alone.

Canon Papillon said he should be pleased to give the resolution his support, and had no doubt that the various Associations and Guilds would take the matter up when it was brought before them, especially as the object was so worthy. He had been much struck with the thoroughness of the rev. gentleman. As most of those present no doubt were aware, every sheet of "Among the Bells" had passed through his hands, and he, the speaker, could not but admire the extraordinary manner in which Mr. Robinson kept a true account of everything that he did.

The Rev. J. M. Clarkson asked the object of appealing outside the Exercise.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it was not only because of the amount that would be required but because of the many friends of the rev. gentleman who might wish to contribute. If the idea was carried out it was proposed to affix a plate stating that the screen was erected by the ringers of England and friends.

After a few words from the Rev. W. W. C. Baker,

The President said he did not think the sum at all excessive, neither did he think there would be any difficulty in raising the amount required, as so many would be desirous of giving something. It should however be borne in mind by those present that in voting for the resolution it would be their duty to bring the matter before their Associations and Guilds.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary read the accounts, of which the following is a brief summary: Balance last year £43 4d.; Affiliation fees, £11 17 6; sale of Publications, £2 15 9; making a total of £57 13 7. The expenditure included expenses of last year's meeting £4 2 0, postages, etc., 13s. 6d., leaving a balance of £52 18 1. This, with the value of Publications on hand estimated at £95 2 7, after deducting the commission for sales, would bring the total assets to the value of £148 0 8. The

Publications on hand with Messrs Geo. Allen and Son, Ruskin House, 44 and 45 Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, were as follows: On the Preservation of Bells, 306; Report on Catalogue of Peals and Calls (1894) 17; Glossary of Terms, 1915; Model Rules for an Association (1902), 75; Model Rules for a Company (1902), 461; Collection of Peals (sec. 1), 686; do. (sec. 2), 798; do. (sec. 3), 934; Collection of Legitimate Methods, 857; Rules and Decisions of the Council, 338; Bells and Belfries, 23.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. F. Coleridge, the accounts, which had been audited by the Standing Committee, were passed, the seconder bearing testimony to the perfect order in which the accounts were kept.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary said in 1906 by an oversight Mr. C. H. Hattersley's name was omitted from the Standing Committee, and last year the Committee as elected in 1906 was re-elected. He now desired to add Mr. Hattersley's name to the Committee. Mr. G. Bolland seconded, and the motion was adopted.

HON. MEMBERS.

The President said that there were three retiring hon. members, viz.: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. T. Richardson, with Mr. W. H. Thompson. These the Standing Committee recommended for election. He understood that the name of Mr. Joseph Parker, of Sunderland, had been suggested as an hon. member by the Rev. H. S. Richardson, if so it would be well to hear Mr. Richardson on the subject.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had met Mr. Parker and knew something of the work that he was doing. Mr. Parker was deeply interested in composition, and would, he considered, be a useful man on the Council, which he would strengthen.

Dr. Carpenter asked if it was known whether Mr. Parker would be willing to act if elected.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had not had the opportunity of asking Mr. Parker, but he had no doubt if elected that Mr. Parker would be pleased to act.

The President said it was better that consent of any one to act should be first obtained, but there was no rule to that effect.

Dr. Carpenter proposed, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, the re-election of the three retiring Hon. Members, and the addition of Mr. Parker.

This was agreed to.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	100	9	8
The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough)	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Mase (Norwich)	0	2	0
	£100	16	8

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Friday, May 26th, at St. Modwen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. J. Hicklin, W. Smith conductor, H. Hendrick, T. Dickin, W. W. Worthington, C. Draper, L. Bullock, F. Shepherd.

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

Peal Tablets.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d. Also for same bells, selection containing march Semiramide, songs—"The Young Recruit" and "Old Folks at Home." No. 333, price 2s. 3d. Both pieces for six ringers, from Wm. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,****A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

Handbell Peal.**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Monday, May 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,***IN THE BELFREY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM A. WOODROW* 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 5-6.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. 3-4.	†GEORGE B. EDSEER .. 7-8.
LOUIS ATTWATER .. 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE B. EDSEER.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. Umpire—Wm. J. Troughton.

The Provinces.**LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. 6.
RICHARD HOLDER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	GEORGE TOMSETT Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BATHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Lichfield, Worcester, and Killamarsh Surprise, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

JOHN F. RYLEST Treble.	†WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE .. 4.
WILLIAM C. TAYLOR† .. 2.	†BERTRAM PEGG 5.
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 3.	FREDK. T. DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PEGG.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the twenty-first birthday of F. T. Dawson.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY W. CORDEN Treble.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE 2.	PERCY H. DOICK .. 6.
ARTHUR B. CORDEN .. 3.	JOHN NETLEY 7.
GEORGE H. LEE 4.	PETER KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, April 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble.	REV. HON. A. ERSKINE .. 5.
RAYMOND JUDGE 2.	FREDK. WEBB 7.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
WILLIAM JUDGE 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, April 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 6.
EDGAR HANCOX 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

WICKHAM, SKEITH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent. and Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	*LEONARD LAST 4.
THOMAS DAVY 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal; aged 13 years.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Thursday, April 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

THOMAS H. BURKITT .. Treble.	JOHN H. JONES 5.
WALTER E. BRITTAN .. 2.	GEORGE HUGHES 6.
THOMAS HUGHES 3.	ALBERT BLUNDELL .. 7.
MOSES B. SMITH 4.	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Belcher and Miss Lees, the band wishing them much happiness.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, April 28, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD J. BOOT Treble.	J. CHARLES DICKEN .. 5.
ALBERT COPPOCK 2.	*THOMAS HORTON 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM 3.	*H. ROBERT CORBIN .. 7.
T. ROLAND FLINT* .. 4.	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since 1836. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING Treble.	*ERNEST THOMPSON 5.
NORMAN BAILEY 2.	FREDK. SMITH 6.
JAMES BAILEY 3.	F. GORDON THOMPSON .. 7.
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

*First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. P. BURTON, of Norwich.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLYOAKE* .. Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
RUPERT CALCROFT 2.	HAROLD S. L. SLATER .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEERSTON .. 3.	CHARLIE WHITTAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WHITTAKER.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for Thomas Johnson, recently deceased, an old ringer at this church.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED CLEMENTS* .. Treble.	*GEORGE ABLITT 4.
DAVID LEGGATT* 2.	CHARLES E. FISHER 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK 3.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal in seven methods. This is believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble.	EDWARD H. KING 4.
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
FRED WILLIAMS 3.	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

WICKHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM .. Treble.	*FREDERICK CASHMORE .. 4.
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2.	†CHARLES J. TYRELL 5.
ALBERT J. GREEN 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. H. C. Edwards was elected a member previous to starting.

SOWERBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LAWSON* Treble.	*CHARLES E. STEWART .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	*ALBERT JAGGER 6.
GEORGE NAYLOR* 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

*First peal in the method.

PENTRE, RHONDDA, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIS'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY PAGE Treble.	JAMES CROSS 5.
TOM PAGE 2.	GEORGE WINES 6.
GEORGE CROSS* 3.	THOMAS HAMLIN 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor.

Conducted by T. PAGE.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES DOWNING .. Treble.	WILLIAM STOWELL 5.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 2.	HENRY HOWELL 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
FREDK. WADE 4.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sunday Schools at Christ Church.

HARROLD, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being four 720s of Oxford Bob, and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON* .. Treble.	P. INSKIP 4.
C. W. CLARKE 2.	HENRY W. GAYTON 5.
W. T. FINEDON 3.	*GEORGE THEW Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

*First peal.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

WARWICK.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN AMBROSE* Treble.	T. FRANK SMALWOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM MALE* 2.	†JOSEPH STANDLY .. 7.
THOMAS MALE* 3.	*WILLIAM COLLETT .. 8.
JOHN PINFOLD, JUN.* .. 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 9.
REV. C. C. COX 5.	†GEORGE LAPWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by EDWARD H. ADAMS.

†First peal. *First peal on ten bells.

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SHEAFF .. Treble.	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 5.
HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 2.	CHARLES TURNER .. 6.
LEWIS J. ROBER* .. 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 7.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 4.	CHARLES SHEAFF .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

*First peal.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED J. STEELE .. Treble.	SYDNEY D. HODD .. 4.
JOHN W. BARKER .. 2.	FREDK. W. BENSON .. 5.
HORACE W. COOPER .. 3.	EDWARD WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal by all except the conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

FRED ADAMS* .. Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE† 2.	HERBERT CURE .. 6.
JOHN F. CLARKE, JUN. .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal on any bell; aged 13 years 7 months.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH W. PARKES'S SIX-PART.

EDWARD A. HERN .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. 5.
JOSEPH ROWELL .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. 4.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS RICHARDS .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKINS .. 6.
JOHN JENNINGS .. 2.	JOHN CARTER .. 7.
W. HENRY JONES .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 8.
JAMES JONES .. 4.	PETER LAFLIN .. 9.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 5.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th seven courses before the 9th and twenty-four courses behind the 7th in the inverted tittums position, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD PARISH† .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. 5.
ISAAC CAVILL .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. 6.
BENJAMIN COFFING .. 3.	JOHN CORDELL .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. 4.	HARRY BOTTEILL .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 5.
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WILLIAM V. NEWMAN ..	4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ..	Tenor.

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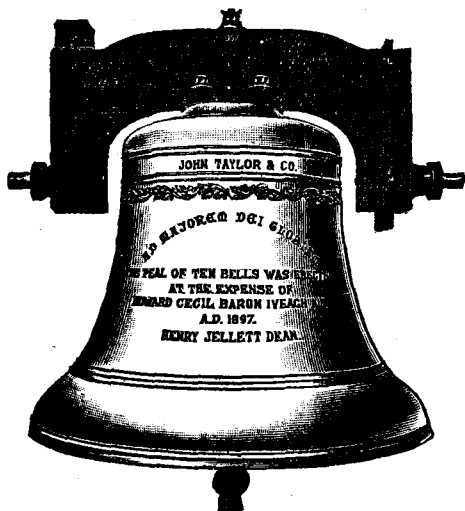
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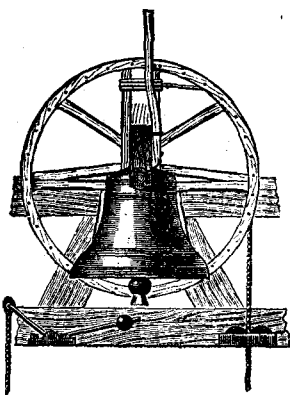
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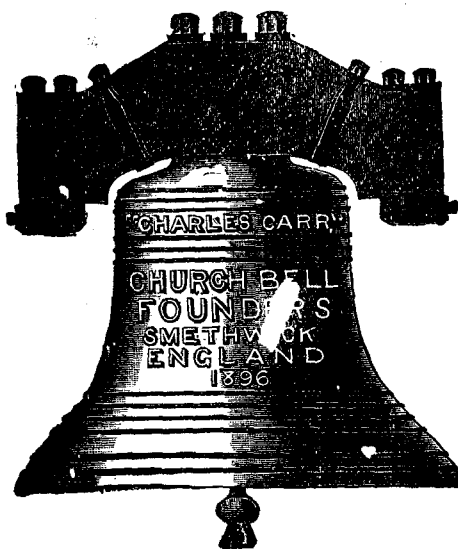
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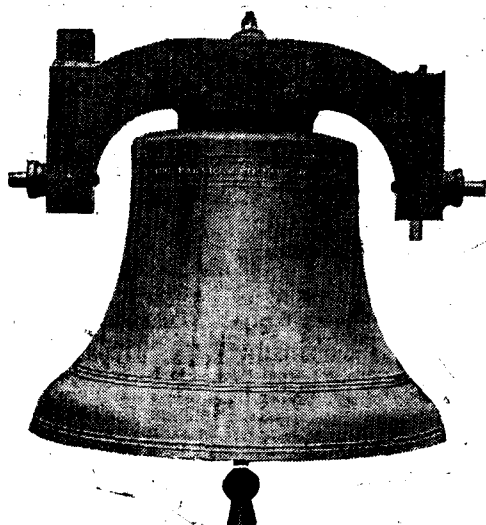
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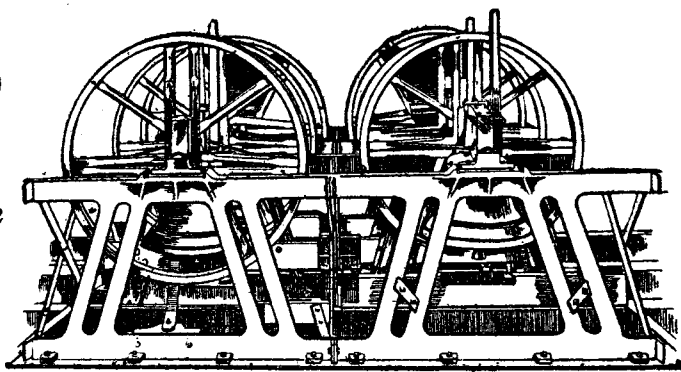
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery of this Guild was held at Leafield. It is usual at these gatherings for ringing to be indulged in both afternoon and evening, but on account of the lamentable death of His Majesty the King, the order of proceedings was modified, and the ringing was confined to several muffled touches in the evening, and altogether the King's death cast quite a gloom over the meeting.

A service was held in the church and was fairly well attended. It was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Lee. The lesson was read by the rural dean, and the hymns sung were "Thou art gone up on high" and "O God, our help in ages past." The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. C. Brookes, who prefaced his remarks with a touching reference to his late Majesty. In speaking to the assembled ringers he referred to the great service rendered to God and to the promotion of bellringing in God's service by the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

After the service the organist played the Dead March in Saul, the congregation standing. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, nearly forty sitting down to an excellent repast. Following this the business meeting was held, the Rev. W. Collingwood (chairman of the branch) presiding. The Secretary read the balance sheet for last year, which shewed a balance in hand of £3 13s. 10d., and indicated that the branch was now able to pay its way. Several new members were elected and presented with certificates.

The chairman said that he, with the secretary, took it upon themselves to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Robinson and family on the death of the late Master. He hoped the members would approve of this action, and that it should be recorded on the minutes. A communication was read from Mrs. Robinson acknowledging the letter. With regard to the proposed memorial to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the following letter was read from the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis: "Dear Mr. Barlow,—Before the Master died he had got from an architect a design and had obtained a faculty for a screen for the chancel at Drayton. An architect's estimate puts the cost at £300, but experience leads one to think this sum would be exceeded. There is no doubt that this form of memorial would be in accord with the Master's wishes and very acceptable to the family. In acknowledgment of our resolution of sympathy, Mrs. Robinson wrote this to me: 'We are most grateful to hear that the idea of the completion of my dear husband's work in Drayton church may be carried out as a memorial to him. It would be a most beautiful one, as I know how much he longed to see that screen up in the chancel. I think it is the only piece of work begun by him and not finished.' The Guild committee recommend the screen, and will meet again on Saturday, June 11th, with regard to it. Our Guild can only start the scheme. There must be outside help if it is to be carried out. It will appeal, I believe, to many others besides ringers, but I hope every branch of the Guild will do its best.—Yours truly, R. H. Hart-Davis."

The Secretary said that Mr. Hart-Davis had it in his mind that each of the towers in the Guild might be asked to guarantee £1. This would be something towards starting this great scheme, which they would all like to see carried out; but of course, unless there was something considerable coming from outside it could not be entertained.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Shipton-under-Wychwood, and it was announced that the annual meeting of the Guild would take place at Wantage on July 16th.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Leafield for so kindly receiving the branch, and also for his arrangements with regard to the organist and choir. Mr. Lee suitably responded.

The Rev. C. Walford moved a vote of thanks to the chairman of the branch, which was briefly acknowledged. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Barlow, was also thanked for the able assistance rendered by him. The following towers were represented: Leafield, Chipping Norton, Enstone, Chastleton, Spelsbury, Ascott, Shipton, and Todenham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the above was held at Cobham, Surrey, on Saturday, June 4th, and was well attended by ringers from Woking, Guildford, Ewhurst, Shalford, Merrow, Leatherhead, Hersham and other towers. The new chaplain (Rev. W. W. Strong Fleet) gave the assembled ringers a stirring address, his remarks greatly impressing his hearers. Tea was laid at The Running Mare, in the course of which the Rector, Canon Grane, welcomed the Guild to Cobham, and said that after the business, if the visitors would like to go and smoke in his garden he should be very glad to meet them. This offer was much appreciated, as the gardens cover several acres, and contain a number of unusual plants from foreign countries, in addition to the beautiful but more homely English flowers now in bloom.

The annual report of the Guild came in for some criticism, and Mr. J. Hunt was instructed to ask for an explanation at the forthcoming annual meeting. Hearty votes of thanks concluded the business. The handy ring of six were kept going in known and unknown methods during the afternoon and evening, and handbell ringing indulged in on the rectory lawn.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 7th. Owing to the death of His Majesty King Edward no ringing took place. The business meeting was held in the evening at headquarters, about seventy members being present. Mr. E. James, president, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. The accounts, which shewed a balance in hand of £11 6s. 3d., were passed,

The President gave a short address, enumerating the peals rang by the Society, the total amounting to fifty-three, being twenty-four tower peals and twenty-nine handbell peals. The silver cup in connection with the Sunday service ringing competition was presented to the Ranmoor company, who were declared the winners with the maximum number of points, 100 per cent.

Mr. F. Ward accepted and suitably replied. The election of officers resulted in Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, being made President, Mr. James losing his seat on a show of hands. Mr. J. P. Tarlton, of North Wingfield, was elected vice-president, Mr. James A. Dixon retiring in a similar manner. Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, was re-elected hon. treasurer. For the office of hon. secretary Mr. Thomas Riley of Bolsover was elected, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer also having to retire on a shew of hands. Messrs. G. W. Bemrose and G. Lewis were elected hon. auditors for next year.

On the proposition of Mr. Bemrose, seconded by Mr. Sam Thomas, it was resolved that the Hon. Secretary write the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, protesting against the proposal to form a branch in and around Chesterfield, as all the towers are in union with this Society, and the meetings would therefore clash. Moreover, it was the opinion that the credit of the high standard of ringing performed in this part of the district during recent years must always belong to the work done by this Society.

On the proposition of Mr. J. W. L. Cockey, seconded by Mr. J. Milner, a vote of sympathy with the Royal Family on the death of His Majesty King Edward, was passed in silence. A similar vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Arthur Worthington, of Staveley, in their sad bereavement was likewise passed. A vote of thanks to the past officers brought the business to a close.

The late Hon. Secretary wishes to give notice to those members not present at this meeting, that having been deposed from office for no reason forthcoming, all enquiries and subscriptions in connection with this Society should be addressed to Mr. Thomas Riley, Whaley Road, Bolsover, near Chesterfield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, but in consequence of the national mourning only muffled ringing was done. A service was held at St. Edmund's church, an appropriate sermon being preached by the Vicar of Yardley Hastings upon the words—"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar."

Luncheon was taken at The Plough hotel, presided over by the Rector of Islip, the Rev. W. St. George. The attendance exceeded a hundred. Immediately after the meal the Chairman made feeling reference to the death of King Edward VII., as a consequence of which the bells were that day silent, except for the ringing of muffled peals. He was quite sure that when they were ringing for the funeral they would bear in mind the desire of the Queen Mother for prayer in the national bereavement.

The Hon. Secretary reported that during the year successful meetings had been held in the Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, and Thrapston districts. Special ringing meetings had also been held with great

success. Special mention was made of the London Surprise rung by the Irthlingborough band, in which are a number of young ringers. Regretful reference was made to the decease of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a letter of sympathy having been sent to the relatives. The report and accounts were received with thanks.

Handsome gold medals were presented to several members for completing their 100 peals. Mr. Henshaw proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and officials of St. Edmund's church for arranging the service, and to the Rev. A. C. Ranger for his excellent sermon.

The Rev. Evan J. Hopkins acknowledged the compliment, and suggested the drafting of a special form of service for use at church at annual meetings.

The Rev. A. C. Ranger also acknowledged the vote of thanks, which had been heartily accorded. Acknowledgment was also made by Mr. Perkins (churchwarden of St. Edmund's) and Alderman W. Tomes, J.P. The last-named made feeling allusion to the pathetic sound of the muffled peals heard on every side in mourning for the dead King.

Mr. J. C. Shalford proposed an alteration of rule to make subscriptions payable on January 1st in each year, instead of at the annual Whit-Monday gathering. Mr. W. Newman seconded, and it was carried. The next annual meeting takes place at Irthlingborough and Higham Ferrers.

THE PRIORY CHURCH, GREAT MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

It may interest many ringers to know that this fine ring of eight was rung on the day of the late King's funeral. Fifteen years ago the tower was overhauled, but for some reason the authorities considered the tower unsafe, and these bells were therefore doomed to silence, much to the regret of the townspeople.

The Rev. Anthony Dene, who has lately accepted the living, and being one who thinks that all things in connection with his church should be used in the best and proper manner worthy of the church, immediately got to work to find out the possibility or otherwise of having the bells rung. The architect, after examination and consultation, decided that with several minor repairs, the tower would be safe. The lamented death of the King hastened proceedings, and invitations were sent to the ringers of St. Matthias, Malvern Link, to open them. The bells were half-muffled, and several touches of Stedman were rung, the "go" being excellent. Many of the parishioners lingered in the vicinity and on the hills during the ringing, and were highly delighted to once again hear their mellow voices. No more fitting occasion could be found than this; when some 23 years past this peal was augmented from six to eight in memory of the fifty years reign of "Victoria the Good," their voices should be heard again after many year's silence mourning the death of "Edward the Peacemaker." May their voices long be heard in times of national rejoicing and sorrowing, and for ever proclaim the Christ our King.

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Rung on the Proclamation of King George V., and is believed to be the first and only peal ever rung in the City of Bristol on the day any Sovereign has been proclaimed.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Lavenham on Saturday, April 23rd, 1910, should be 5088 not 5008 as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 28th, 1910.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On a recent Sunday evening, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. F. Miles, T. Tutte, W. Ives, A. Mann, J. Crawford, E. Miles, A. A. Gower conductor, T. Goff.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. Waite, P. Wild, C. Rollings, H. Hancox conductor, H. Gosden, P. Jones, A. R. Macdonald, F. Smith.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Sunday, April 10th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Luckman, A. Roberts, W. Maund, A. Flowers, J. Heron, J. F. Smallwood, F. Pervin conductor, G. Webster.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 10th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob in 47 mins. J. Harrison, J. Hexter, J. Ward, W. Hexter, N. Widdowsen, R. Drage, W. R. Hexter, J. Bailey.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On March 14th, at St. Luce's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled, as the late Mr. J. Millington (churchwarden), and Sir Alfred Hickman, late member for Wolverhampton West. D. Jones, F. Fallon, J. Shepherd, H. Farlow, R. Cartwright, W. Brant, H. Knight conductor, A. Jones.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, March 30th, at St. Mary's church, Grassendale, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Keates, C. R. Newton, T. Jennions, J. Turner, W. Davies, J. Allen. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, Cheshire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On February 3rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fenwick, J. Allen, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell, A. Martin, P. Hayes conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. J. S. Price (curate).

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUIDENHAM.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. E. Kemp, J. Cunningham, F. Burrows, A.

Macro, A. Newson, H. Hayleett, T. Fitzjohn conductor, A. Kemp.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, April 10th, after service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Duncan, J. Cunningham, A. Macro, W. Ringer, A. Newson, T. Fitzjohn conductor.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Sunday, April 3rd, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. J. Barton, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, J. Dixey conductor. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Fryer, H. Gibson, H. Mfner, T. Warmby, A. Coates, J. Barton, A. W. Brighton, H. Ferguson conductor.

CLAPHAM.—On Wednesday, April 13th, at St. Mary's church, 1056 Bob Major. A. Fluck, J. Town, G. Clarke, F. King, J. Lee, J. Lovell, F. Terry, W. Smith conductor.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, April 10th, after evening service at the parish church, 1280 Superlative Surprise. W. Watson, G. Buggs, T. Loosemore, G. R. Pye conductor, A. J. Carter, H. Dawkins, J. Dale, E. Pye.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Belton, J. Feist, R. Holder, G. Tomsett conductor, A. Tomsett, J. Parsons, H. Tomsett, H. Attree.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, April 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 514 Stedman Cinques. E. Mullins, F. Smith, A. Hardy, C. North, W. Matthews, W. Hazel, F. Bennett conductor, J. Parker. W. Nudds, W. Berry. W. Shimmans, C. Rolt.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	100	9	8
The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough) ..	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Mase (Norwich)	0	2	0

£100 16 8

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE TREBLE BOB COLLECTION OF PEALS.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had thought that as Mr. Trollope was not present, a report would have been sent in. In Mr. Trollope's absence he could only report that the third and fifth parts of the collection of Treble Bob peals had been proved, and there was no reason why one of the instalments should not shortly be published. Some twelve or fifteen peals, not more, had been thrown out by Mr. Trollope, who had done much of the work. It had not been possible to find out in every case to whom a composition belonged, but the Committee had not failed to make every effort in this direction.

The Hon. Secretary said he could assure the Council that steady progress had been made. He thought it desirable that the Council should say if the date and place of the first performance of a peal should be given or not, which might be some

guide in some instances as to whom the peal belonged, not that he thought the Committee or the Council should be held in any way responsible for correct authorship. At present he thought the work was sufficiently advanced to make it to make it fairly complete. The President had reminded him that proving peals was decided on last year. The only questions still undecided were those of inserting first performances. Upon this point Mr. Trollope had written him a letter in which he said: "So far as the peal collection goes, we have only to report steady progress, but I should the Council to say whether the first performances are to be given or not. As you know, the materials exist pretty fully, but we cannot guarantee either that the performances we have are really in every case the first, or that the list is complete. All that we can say is that we have enough to make it fairly accurate if the Council wish them given. I should be sorry if the Council decided to make the Committee in any way indirectly responsible for settling disputes as to the authorship beyond expecting that we should take all possible precautions that the proper names appear below the compositions in our collection."

Mr. W. Snowdon said the aim of his late brother was to show the age of a peal. Would it be too much to trespass upon the time of the Peal Collection Committee to give the date, as far as possible, of the first performance, which would assist somewhat in arriving at the date of the composition. This, so far as he could see, need not take up much time, and would prove valuable to many members of the Exercise who took an interest in the date of a first performance. This was a point his brother was very keen upon. If it was no great additional trouble it would greatly assist in tracing the authorship, and from that point of view was of importance.

The Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. Watson seconded, that where possible the first performance be given.

The President said it must be distinctly understood that the Committee were not to be brought to book if the information given was not correct. That appeared to him the crux of the whole question. He had no doubt that the Committee would take every care in securing reliable information, but it might not be possible to obtain it. He was sure the Council was greatly indebted to the Committee for the work they had already done.

The resolution was adopted.

CHURCH PRESS.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the work of this Committee was still in hand, and progress was being made.

Canon Papillon asked what the work of the Committee was?

The Hon. Secretary said it had now resolved itself into the preparation of a short descriptive Catalogue of Books on Bells and Ringing.

Canon Papillon said matters of interest to the Exercise did sometimes appear in *The Guardian*, and it was encouraging to find the press taking an interest in church bells, which sometimes resulted in getting ringing matters of importance brought forward. There had been a work issued, "The Church Bells of Essex," and not only *The Guardian* but two other papers had asked for copies. In one of the early editions of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* there was an article written by the late Mr. Haweis, which to some extent was a little misleading. In the new edition there would be an article in which the objectionable matter would have disappeared. This would make the work in regard to church bells a better authority than hitherto.

The President asked if the work in hand could be proceeded with, and be ready for the Council next year?

Mr. R. A. Daniell said he had the draft copy in hand, and should be able to get it round the other members of the Committee in time to be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary before next year's Council meeting. Already a portion had been sent on to Mr. Dains, who he assumed still had it, but there were other members of the Committee for it to be sent to, and he did not think it would be desirable to publish the matter at present, but would promise it should reach the Hon. Secretary without undue delay.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James reported that the Collection of Major Methods had been completed and forwarded to the next member of the Committee. It contained over 700 methods

(laughter). Asked if these had all received names, he replied that it had been felt useless to attempt to name them.

PEAL ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King said that by a coincidence as happy as it was rare, the Analysis for the past year had already appeared (laughter). He did not think that any one who had not attempted to do the work, could form any idea of the trouble that was given by some of the Exercise. These persons did not hesitate to send up to "THE BELL NEWS" belated peals, and the Committee hoped that the Council would agree with them that if peals were not published by the end of February, they should not be included in the Analysis. Again in some instances the same peal was sent by two persons, which no doubt was due to the desire to secure publication. It was only by chance that this was found out. Members of the Exercise should realise what an amount of trouble this carelessness caused. Much of the work had to be done over again as often such things upset what had been already done. By accident he found one error, and Mr. Griffin found two. Mr. Trollope had resigned from the Committee, as he was engaged upon other work for the Council, and it was impossible for him to give the necessary time. He (Mr. King), regretted this, for Mr. Trollope's assistance upon the Committee had been most valuable, and Mr. Trollope was at all times ready to put one right. He did not know if there was any one desirous of joining this happy throng (laughter). It was the custom of them to work in pairs. He had himself worked with Mr. Griffin, and he had pleasure in telling the Council that there were less errors in the Analysis this year than there ever had been, which he believed was due to the clear and excellent handwriting of Mr. Griffin. This he had no doubt enabled the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" to turn it out so correctly. With reference to filling in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Trollope, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter had expressed his willingness to assist, and he was sure the other members of the Committee would be pleased to be associated with the rev. gentleman in carrying out the work. He therefore proposed the election of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as a member of the Analysis Committee in place of Mr. Trollope resigned.

Mr. J. Griffin seconded, and Mr. Trollope's resignation having been accepted, the resolution was carried.

The Hon. Secretary produced a duplicate copy of the Analysis as published in "THE BELL NEWS," and in doing so said he was sure the members of the Council would all admire the very excellent penmanship of Mr. Griffin, who must have taken an immense amount of time and trouble in its preparation.

The draft copy was exhibited in the room, and met with universal admiration.

Mr. J. Griffin said the copy before the Council was prepared for that meeting so that in the event of the Analysis not having appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" the Council could have seen the result for the last year, and the Committee thought that if the Analysis did appear previous to the meeting the engrossed copy would still be interesting to the Council.

The President said he was sure the Council would desire to express its appreciation to the members of the Committee on their very extensive and valuable work. To go thoroughly into the Analysis would be found to yield a vast amount of interesting information. He had himself taken a long railway journey with the analysis, but he had not exhausted it when he reached his journey's end. He considered the Committee were perfectly justified in asking that peals should appear within a reasonable time, and would suggest a resolution bearing upon the matter be brought forward.

Mr. A. T. King moved, and Mr. J. Griffin seconded that the Council do not consider that the Peal Analysis Committee can be held responsible for any peals which do not appear in print before the end of February.

This was carried, and the President said he hoped those present would bring the matter under the notice of their Associations and endeavour to get them to conform thereto.

PEAL VALUES.

The Hon. Secretary said that during the year the Analysis Committee had referred the question of points to be allotted for Stedman Triples and Caters, and also Aston Major and

Royal, and Cambridge Maximus, and the Committee had also asked for further consideration of the points to be given for peals of Minor. These the Peal Values Committee had considered, as it had also the general scheme submitted by himself at last year's meeting; and the result was published in "THE BELL NEWS" for May 7th, together with the schedule.

Mr. G. Bolland said the table for Minor methods gave Plain, Treble Bob, and Surprise. He considered there should be four scales instead of three, and that a scale should be given for peals with "broken leads." The Committee might have done their best, but they did not appear to understand the value of six-bell peals with broken leads. There should be a scale between those for Treble Bob and Surprise.

Mr. W. Snowden said peals with broken leads came between those of Treble Bob and Surprise peals, for there were complications in such methods, and these ought therefore to be in some way recognised, but he saw a difficulty, for where are you going to stop? Those who rang peals with broken leads certainly found them more difficult than Treble Bob peals.

Mr. A. T. King said that after all one was only human (laughter), at least he found it so in the south (laughter). The difficulty he had was that few besides the Yorkshire ringers who rang them knew what peals with broken leads were. If those who rang such would indicate them, the Council could adopt a scale to which the Analysis Committee would of course work. The sliding scale as it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" required some explanation. The suggestion he had made to the Points Committee was intended to remove the anomaly that they had a sliding scale for Plain Methods, but nothing for Treble Bob and Surprise methods. He thought that the scale should be read horizontally, and that ringers of Minor peals should be discouraged from ringing, say six Treble Bob or Surprise methods, and making up the seven by ringing a plain method instead of repeating a Treble Bob or a Surprise method. He thought that in such a case it would be well to degrade the peal to the level of a peal in Plain methods, or that, if a combined peal in Surprise or Treble Bob methods were rung, the whole should be reduced to a sliding scale in Treble Bob methods. Passing on to Doubles Mr. King said he felt that some encouragement should be given to those bands who had only five bells to ring upon. They were doubtless as keen as any ringers to be found; but being limited to Doubles, he thought that a scale might be formulated which gave to ringers in fourteen different methods, an advance upon the paltry two points which under existing conditions were all that the Analysis Committee could award. At the same time he thought that the question should be dealt with as to whether when six bells were available for Minor methods, the same privilege should be allowed. As regards the Schedule formulated by the Hon. Secretary, he thought the suggested classification, though open to criticism, was a step in the right direction, and was a very fair attempt at first sight to deal with a very vexed question. At the same time there were ominous omissions, and the Schedule would not be complete until a classification had been found for Yorkshire, Peterborough, Gloucester, Oxford, Westminster, Champion, Birmingham, Loughborough, and Shipway's methods. If methods were provided for the proposed classification were again carefully revised, he felt that a great advance would have been made in dealing with a very difficult subject.

The Hon. Secretary said the "etcs." in the schedule referred to the rest of the methods in the list on page 28 of Rules and Decisions, 1904.

Mr. A. T. King said some had been taken out. On the whole he thought the scheme was very well worked out, but it was desirable that the whole should be classified.

The President said both Mr. King and Mr. Bolland suggested improvement. He would suggest that if any alteration was to be made it should be done at once.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he did not think that justice had been done to twelve-bell peals in comparison with peals upon smaller numbers, especially on eight bells. The facilities for travelling and the number of rings of eight had of late years greatly increased but rings of twelve had not, that there was a far greater difficulty in getting together a twelve-bell band and keeping them together than there was with an eight-bell band; besides which eight-bell bands had greater advantages

in going for higher methods than a twelve-bell band had. The risk of the loss of a twelve-bell peal was far greater than of an eight-bell peal. Under all the circumstances he thought something should be done to increase the points for twelve-bell peals.

Mr. W. Snowden said one of the points which was not known was what is Surprise. They knew what was Treble Bob, and where broken leads came in, but there was yet a great deal which wanted thrashing out. Some said that Westminster was a Surprise. He said it was not. He did not think that the question of what was a Surprise peal would ever be settled at a full meeting. There was yet a great deal to learn where "Surprise" came in and where it did not.

Dr. Carpenter said he agreed that the points given for a twelve-bell peal were not sufficient. He considered that not only the difficulty of the method should be considered but the number of ringers also. He thought the report should certainly be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Rev. H. L. James said he had protested against points several times, and did so still. If the Council would however keep to them, then the thing must go on. There were in his opinion some Treble Bob peals of Minor that were more difficult in ringing than some Surprise Minor. The fact that a peal was Surprise was not equivalent to its being difficult to ring. With respect to the question of points for twelve-bell peals, seven 720s of Cambridge Surprise Minor would take more ringing than a peal of Cambridge Maximus. The whole question of points was a wild chaos.

Mr. G. P. Burton said a twelve-bell peal was by far the most difficult, not only on the grounds he had previously stated, but there was also the extra length of time and the weight of metal, and the greater liability of a man making a mistake on the higher numbers, besides the extra number of men taking part.

Mr. W. A. Cave said he had experienced two failures on twelve bells in seven attempts, but he had lost far more of Stedman Triples, and he thought either a nine or twelve-bell peal was more easier than Triples.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said he remembered having a conversation with the late Mr. Henry Johnson, who said there were a number of men in Birmingham who could ring a peal of Stedman Triples, but could not ring Cinques without making a mistake.

Mr. S. Wood said in ringing Stedman Triples a ringer had three others to look after, whereas in ringing a twelve-bell peal he had seven. To say Triples was more difficult than a twelve-bell peal was ridiculous in the extreme (laughter). If they considered a little before they spoke they would not make such statements (laughter).

The Rev. H. L. James said a twelve-bell peal was as simple as ringing call-changes (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary said what the Committee wanted was a clear and definite instruction from the Council.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the question was one which would never have a satisfactory solution.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he thought the points allotted for eight and ten-bell peals might stand, but for twelve the number should be doubled or at least increased by half.

The President said Mr. Bolland had called attention to the question of points for peals with broken leads, Mr. Burton had advocated more points for twelve-bell peals, and Mr. Daniell had told the Council that perfection would never be attained. By going on from year to year and getting the views of different members the Council would get the nearest value attainable for a peal. Mr. James had again told the Council that he protested against points. It should be borne in mind that a great change had come about and there was no longer much ringing for money prizes, but Englishmen would have competition in some form, and this was the one way in which the Exercise could and did compete, and it was a healthy substitute for the ringing of church bells for money prizes. Let them look at the keenness there had been in the last twenty years in this matter and he was sure all would agree that there had been a vast improvement upon the old state of things. He was sure the Council would desire to thank the Committee for their labours, and he had no doubt that the various points that had been raised would be carefully considered by the Committee.

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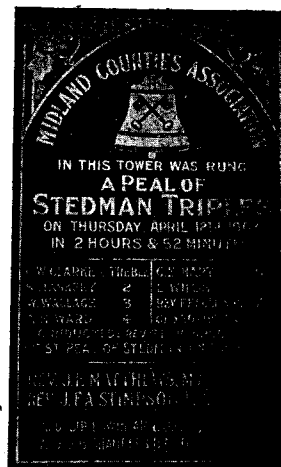
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SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1910.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Everything is now in readiness for the Dedication of the new ring of ten bells and the two western towers on June 21st. The service will commence at noon, and will be threefold, viz.: dedication of bells, dedication of two western towers, and thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral.

At the Benediction of the Bells rounds will be rung by a special band under the direction of Mr. F. Dunaway. Immediately after the service the special band will ring Grandsire Caters, and during the afternoon Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal.

During the interval of these touches, a band of Cornish ringers will ring, and also a mixed band of change-ringers. The Hon. Sec. of the Truro Diocesan Guild (Canon J. A. Kempe) has been most energetic in arranging everything connected with the bells, and it is hoped that his labours will result in the greatest success on the opening occasion.

The official souvenir for the occasion is now ready, and contains many photographs, including the late King Edward VII., King George V., Bishop Stubbs, the late Archbishop Benson, Bishop Wilkinson, Bishop Gott, and Canon J. A. Kempe and others. The cover will be a two-colour block of Truro Cathedral, and there will also be a block showing the process of casting bells at Messrs. Taylor's foundry. Included also is an article dealing with the history, casting and tuning of bells, with actual photographs of the ten new bells forming initial letters. The price is 4d. post free, and copies may be had from Canon J. A. Kempe, St. Veryan Vicarage, Grampound Road, Cornwall, or from Mr. Frank Dunaway, 36, Tavistock Place, Plymouth.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
CHARLES J. NORTH 2.	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	WILLIAM HEWETT 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
 Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH Treble.	EDWARD F. PIKE 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

The Provinces.**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5326 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 8.
SAM THOMAS 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

HERBERT W. CHAPMAN .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
ERNEST SPILLER 2.	THOMAS MANNERING 7.
WALTER MOORE 3.	*JOSEPH ROBERTS 8.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH 9.
GEORGE MOORE 5.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
 Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	C. R. LILLEY 5.
E. W. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
G. IRVINE 3.	R. J. HIBBERT 7.
A. D. CULLUM 4.	*J. HANDS Tenor.

Composed by CARTER, and Conducted by J. HANDS.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD .. Treble.	THOMAS WATTON 6.
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 8.
WILLIAM MILLS 4.	HARRY GOODMAN 9.
JOHN SMITH 5.	CHARLES FAULKES .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
 Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was the quarterly peal for the above Guild.

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

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

EDWARD J. ALEXANDER .. Treble.	JAMES FUSSELL 5.
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 6.
ALBERT E. SEERS 3.	CHARLES W. BELL 7.
JOHN TAYLOR 4.	CHARLES DENSLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,**

On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK J. BAILEY .. Treble.	*JOHN W. JONES 4.
FRANK BARTLETT 2.	DAVID THOMAS 5.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 3.	SIDNEY DAWB Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, the go being excellent. *First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE .. Treble.	JOHN W. STEDDY 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2.	GEORGE F. STOKES 6.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3.	JOHN RICE 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

*First peal in the method.

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED POULTON .. Treble.	*GEORGE WATTS 4.
HENRY FINCH 2.	CHARLES W. DYSON .. Tenor.
CHARLES COLDRICK 3.	

Conducted by CHARLES W. DYSON.

*First peal.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT Treble.	CHARLES DELL 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 6.
GEORGE SPENCER 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ferris Shepherd.

EAST WITTON, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBERT HANDLEY Treble.	HENRY PARRISH 4.
WILLIAM SYKES 2.	CHRIS. CLARESON 5.
GEORGE HANDLEY 3.	HENRY PAULI Tenor.

Conducted by G. HANDLEY.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who sailed for Ottawa, Canada, on the 5th, the Guild expressing their best wishes for his prosperity, and their regret at their loss of a good man.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODHALL Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
WALTER HUGHES 2.	JOHN TURNER 6.
JAMES MARTIN 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE 7.
THOMAS JENNIONS* 4.	JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT SMITH* Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
ALBERT J. E. HARFFEY† 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	ERNEST GOWER 7.
CHARLES J. E. HARFFEY 4.	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HOWSE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of A. J. E. Harfey, also the birthday of C. J. E. Harfey, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	*FREDK. EDWARDS 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT* 3.	†JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7.
FRANK A. SMITH 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MASSEY† Treble.	JOSEPH FAULENER 5.
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD* .. 2.	*WALTER PRESTIDGE 6.
HARRY HILL 3.	ALFRED DAVIES 7.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung on these bells by a local band.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS EDMUNDSON .. Treble.	EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 5.
JOHN WATSON 2.	MATTHEW KEARNEY .. 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON* .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
FREDK. HINDLE 4.	ESAU WALMSLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. SHOLICAR, and Conducted by WM. E. WILSON.

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

WESTERHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE EDWARDS* .. Treble.	HENRY J. SEEBY 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS* 2.	ALFRED A. JARRETT .. 6.
GEORGE B. SELBY 3.	DAVID WRIGHT 7.
WILLIAM FRIGHT* 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Ethel Wright, second daughter of the conductor, and as a welcome home to Archdeacon Vincent from South Africa.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2.	THOMAS PEERS 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
REV. C. H. HULTON 4.	JOHN PARKINSON .. Tenor.

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

Arranged for the Rev. C. H. Hulton, Rector of Turvey, Beds., who was elected a member previous to starting.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

JAS. RUMBLE Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 6.
JOSEPH LAMBERT 2.	JAMES WIGNELL 7.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	FRANK HOLDER 9.
ALFRED TRAPPIST 5.	CHARLES KIPPEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Rung as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the composer, the late Edgar Bennett, of Ceoydon, who was a member of the Beddington society from its formation in 1869, when the bells were placed in the tower.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES H. CLARKE* ..Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
ARTHUR S. BOAR* 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.. 8.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY* .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E

JOHN MATTHEWS* ..Treble.	JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 5.
WILLIAM THOS. HOLDING .. 2.	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6.
ARTHUR ALLMAN 3.	RICHARD THOS. HOLDING .. 7.
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4.	JOHN BRADSHAW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

*First peal.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Arnold's Victory, College Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure.

ERNEST MCWILLIAM ..Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ARBISHAW .. 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD REDSBOW ..Treble.	WM. BOLLAND 4.
T. LATIMER 2.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 5.
J. W. CHADWICK 3.	JAS. GUY .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

HUMBERSTONE, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GEARY ..Treble.	EDWARD GEARY 4.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 5.
VICTOR GEARY 3.	ERNEST MORRIS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells. These 720s have 200 singles and ten bobs.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th; all at 8 p.m. Paul's
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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Meeting.—Owing to the lamented death of the late King, it has been decided to postpone till a later date (due notice of which will be sent).
C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the annual meeting is postponed.
C. H. HOWARD, *Master.*
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The Kent County Association.—Owing to the death of King Edward, the annual meeting which was to have been held at St. Nicholas, Deptford is postponed.
Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The meeting that was to be held at Northallerton is postponed to a future date, owing to the death of the King.
T. MORTCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormsby, Yorks.

The Essex Association.—South Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton to-day, Sat., June 11th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, can be arranged for those who kindly notify me a few days previous. The new Rector is expected to take the chair.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald), at Norwood Green, to-day, Sat., June 11th. Kinging will commence at 4. Tea provided free on the rectory lawn at 6. Members and friends heartily welcomed.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the parish church, Wellington, to-day, Sat., June 11th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m.
R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ribchester, to-day, Sat., June 11th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.
E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea rs. each, at 5. Will all those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. F. Watkinson, Park Street, Alfreton, not later than first post

on Thursday, June 16th. The church is within easy distance of both Alfreton and South Wingfield stations.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on Saturday, June 18th. General meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. E. N. Lovett, Rector of Farnham. Meat tea at the Guildhall at 5 p.m.; 6d. to members, rs. to visitors. Travelling expenses of members up to 2s. 6d. each, will be paid by the Guild. Representatives of bands should have a list ready for their district secretary, who will arrange for payment.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 4.30.
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Cobham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Bolney on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea to let me know by Tuesday, June 14th.
R. J. DAWE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellindge (6 bells), on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing to commence at 4. The Vicar (Rev. H. Stevens), extends to all brother-ringers a very hearty welcome. There will be a short service in the church after the business meeting.
C. TRIBE, *Dis. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, June 25th. Free tea at 5.30. Will those wishing to partake of tea send names to the Vicar, Rev. F. Brodhurst, by June 20th, certain.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June 25th. The Aspley Guise and Husbome Crawley bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Woburn bells from 2 to 5. A cricket match between the Association and the Aspley Guise C.C. will commence at 1.30. Service in Aspley Guise church at 5.30. preacher—the Rev. J. H. Speck, Vicar of St. Martin, Bedford. Tea directly after service.
REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 2nd. Full particulars later.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tea at The George and Dragon inn, and the usual arrangements. Further particulars will be duly announced. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held (no date mentioned) at Tong (6 bells). Peal in the afternoon. Business 7.30 prompt at The Greyhound inn.
A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Lavenham.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at intervals on Tuesday, July 5th, instead of June 21st; also on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10.45, letting me know one day previous.
A. SYMONDS.

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LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples. J. Bailey, G. Berry, F. Smith, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, M. Bailey, C. Bailey conductor, C. Samson. On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Youngman, C. Samson, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, N. Bailey, J. Bailey, F. Smith, E. H. Bailey. On Tuesday, May 3rd, 960 London Surprise.

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rang a touch of Bob Minor. After the service 720 Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. Staines (2), Bacon, Doughty, Goodrum, Barker conductor. On Sunday evening, May 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Staines, J. Mardell, G. Day, W. Goodrum, O. Staines, E. Barker conductor. The ringers were unanimous in their opinion that the "go" of the bells was excellent.

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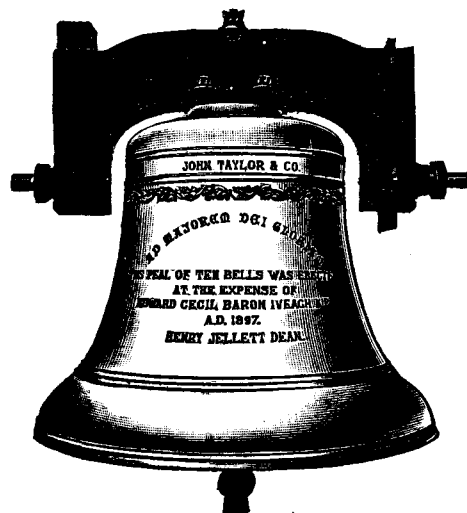
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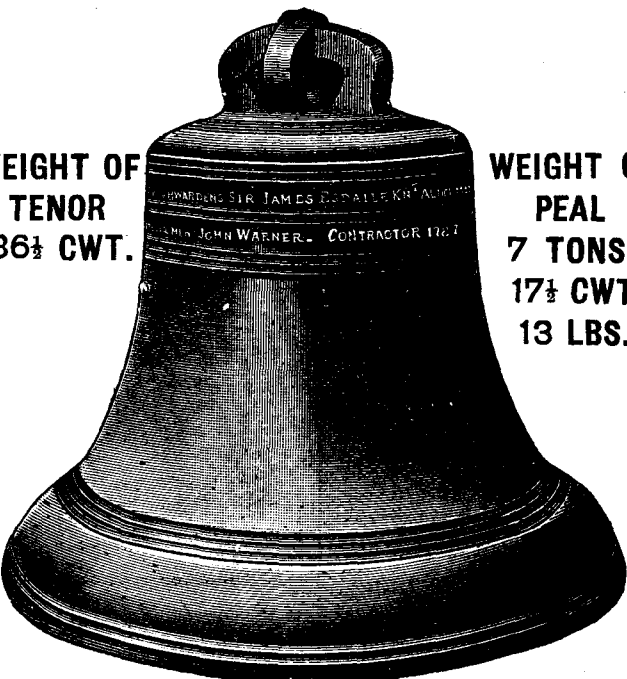
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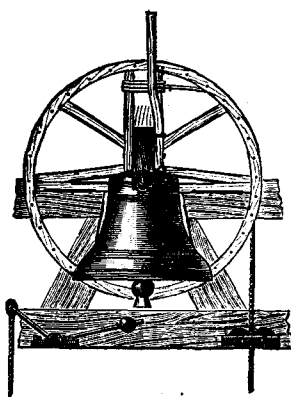
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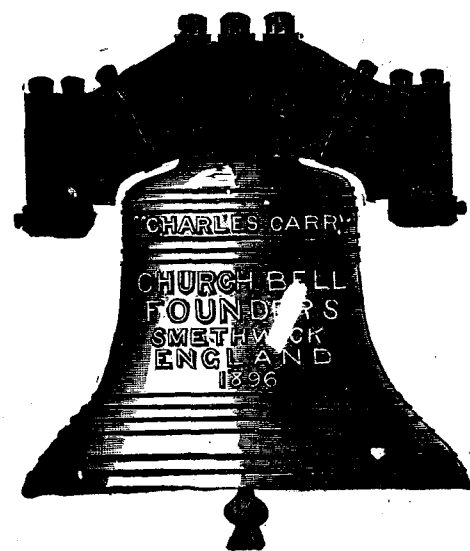
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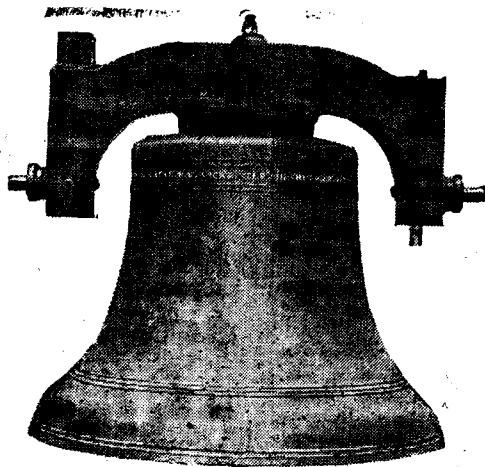
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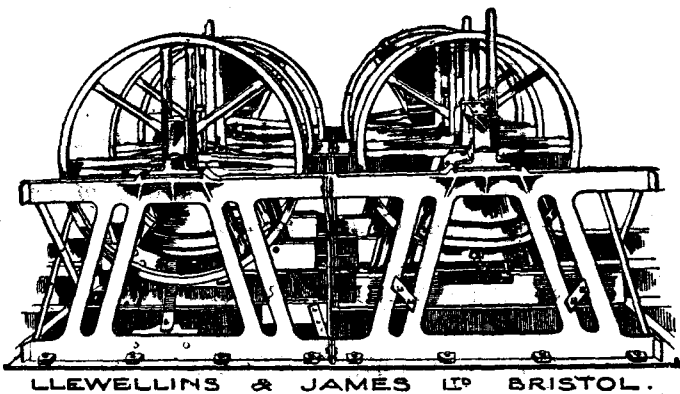
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OPENING OF A NEW RING OF SIX AT WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

Saturday, June 4th, will be remembered as a red-letter day at West Grinstead. It was the opening of the bells after a silence of several months. The bells, which had become out of tune, some cracked and some with pieces broken out, had become unringable, and a committee was formed and a bell fund started to see what could be done, and it was soon evident that the bells would soon be put in repair by the liberal response to the fund. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were instructed to report on the condition of the bells, and it was found that to thoroughly do the work it was advisable to recast the whole peal. This has been carried out most satisfactorily and to the credit of the firm.

The bells are now a musical ring of six, the tenor weighing a little over 8 cwt., and besides being recast all the bells have been rehung with iron headstocks and new fittings.

Two o'clock sharp Saturday was the order from the Shipley conductor to be at West Grinstead church, for it was the Shipley band to whom the honour of opening the bells had been allotted, and true to time they were welcoming some old friends who had come to join in and have a pull. Mr. Cyril Johnston, from the Croydon firm was busy looking over their work, and gave the ringers a hearty greeting which will not soon be forgotten. The bells were then raised and a start was about to be made when the word went round that his lordship the Bishop of Lewes had arrived, and the ringers soon knew it, for he was soon in amongst them shaking hands with one and all. The ringing chamber stands in the body of the church near the chancel and vestry, and the seats for the congregation are upon two sides of it and open to everything. Some seats had been removed, and when one stepped into the ringing chamber they were surrounded by beautiful palms and flowers and with ivy climbing up the columns.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rang before the service, which was of a special character. The Rector, the Rev. F. H. Campion, read the opening sentences, and the Rev. —. Goggs, of Partridge Green, and the Rev. —. Jackson, of Ashurst, the special lessons after the hymn No. 242. Then the Bishop, preceded by the choir, advanced to the ringing chamber and read the special prayers, after which six members of the Shipley band rang rounds upon the bells. As the clergy and choir returned to the chancel the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple" was sung.

The Bishop preached the sermon. In his opening remarks he drew attention to the beautiful tone of the bells, the credit due to the founders for their workmanship, and to the art and science of the ringers. (It was evident to the ringers that he knew something of ringers and bell-ringing, for at the tea in the rectory grounds afterwards it was declared to be the best address the company had had the pleasure to listen to).

While hymn No. 223 was being sung a collection was

made to clear off the £25 still required, and the result was the reduction of that amount by over £19. Immediately after the service the Shipley band rang the first 720 on the bells—Oxford Treble Bob. And 360 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. Denman. An adjournment to the rectory grounds for tea followed, where tables and chairs were found dotted about the lawn under the beautiful trees reaching down to the bank of the river, and tea was there in plenty for all who cared to partake of same. "Here come the ringers," came the cry as nearly twenty of them came chatting down the well-kept paths, and it was evidently the ringers' day out, for the ladies came fitting around and placing chairs at a long and well-filled table, and they soon found what waiting upon ringers meant, for plates of bread and butter, cake, etc., vanished in quick time, besides keeping one entirely upon the go at the tea urn. Pipes were next on the board, and the rector and friends joined in a walk and chat round the grounds. Then back to the belfry where a capital 720 of Violet Treble Bob was brought round.

Mr. Johnston now had to leave for home, and took a hearty farewell, expressing the pleasure he had felt in meeting the company, and hoped if the Association held a meeting at West Grinstead he would be able to see the old faces again. Need it be said that such pleasant company are always welcome here and at Shipley. Attention was turned to inviting the local ringers to have a pull, in which the Rector joined, he ringing rounds and queens, and having never before rung in company was so delighted at ringing with a band that he wanted to know how he could gain more knowledge of ringing and ringers. "Take 'THE BELL NEWS,' sir," was one ringer's reply, and straightway he ordered one to be sent weekly, and arrangements made to re-organise the local band. This closed the ringing for the day, and after wishing each other good night we dispersed to our different destinations, one and all agreeing that it was one of the most pleasant afternoons it had been our lot to enjoy.

A. C.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Exmouth, where the County Show was also taking place. It was feared that the lamented death of King Edward would curtail the ringing during the day, but the incumbents of Withycombe, Littleham, Woodbury, Lympstone, Budleigh and Otterton, to avoid disappointment, consented to the bells being rung muffled. A service was held in Holy Trinity church at 12.15, and was attended by the whole of the members numbering about 120. An excellent address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. T. McClelland, on the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit as the source and power of the ringer. After the service dinner was partaken of in All Saints' Institute. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, others present being the Revs. F. Molineux, hon. sec., W. G. Carew, H. L. Pigot, E. S. Powell, M. Shaw, and representatives from several towers in union with the Guild. The President moved a vote of thanks to the

Vicar for his address, to the organist, Mr. Steinhardt, and to the Rev. M. Shaw for placing the Institute at the disposal of the members.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the Hon. Secretary referred to the loss the Exercise had sustained by the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and drew attention to a quotation from one of his utterances embodied in the Report: "The clergy had to teach the ringers, not that they were fine fellows, but that they should become competent in their Art, and then dedicate that Art to the service and glory of God."

The condition of the Guild was flourishing, 74 members, including four new bands, and 12 honorary members had been elected during the year, and a total of 17 peals had been scored. The Committee suggested that in future a meeting should be held annually in each of the three Archdeaconries, to be organised by the Assistant-Secretary of the Archdeaconry, thus giving more opportunity for the members to meet together than had hitherto been the case. The financial position of the Guild was satisfactory, a balance of £40 being carried forward.

The election of officers was next on the agenda: the Rev. M. Kelly (President); the Rev. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer); Rev. A. L. Pigot, Mr. E. Shepherd, and Mr. W. H. Marsh (Assistant Hon. Secs). It was decided that the annual meeting next year should be held at Plymouth.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28th, the annual meeting of this Guild was held at Hindley, when over fifty members attended from Aughton, Crossens, Southport, Rainford, Widnes, Bootle, Wigan (parish church and St. James), besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was continued at intervals until 4.15 p.m., when a short service was held and a most able address given by the Vicar, every member attending. After service tea was partaken of in the schools, which was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar presided, supported by the Revs. W. T. Bulpit, J. E. Howson, Wellstead, and several honorary members. The Vicar gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Hindley, and spoke of the good work done by ringers. The accounts were submitted and passed unanimously. All the retiring officers were re-elected, and on the proposition of the Rev. J. E. Howson, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, curate and churchwardens and ringers of St. Peter's for their excellent arrangements; and to the unknown donor of the most excellent tea, brought a splendid meeting to a close.

DEATH OF A RINGER'S WIFE.

On Monday, June 5th, there passed away at the police-station, Wokingham, the beloved wife of P.C. Arthur Wiggins, who is one of the ringers at All Saints church. Deceased gave birth to a son on May 13th, and appeared to be going on well until Sunday, June 5th, when she became seriously ill, and the end came almost suddenly at 6 p.m. on the following day, thus bringing to a close three short years of happy wedded life. The ringers of All Saints will long remember her as one who was always ready and willing to help her husband to get away when he was wanted to do any special ringing, or to attempt a peal. The funeral took place on Thursday, June 9th, at

All Saints church, when many of her husband's brother-constables attended, six of them acting as bearers. The local ringers rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to her who they held in the highest esteem. I am sure that the sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to the bereaved husband and his two motherless little ones in their loss. Surely such a crushing trouble could never be borne, were it not for the hope expressed in the verses of the well-known hymn:—

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the South-Western division took place at Loughton on Saturday, June 11th. There were, with the exception of Romford and Dagenham, representatives from all parts of the district. The Master of the Association, Mr. C. Howard, the district master, Mr. S. Hayes, and Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley, were present.

Ringling commenced soon after three o'clock, Mr. T. Faulkner conducting. At five o'clock tea was served at The King's Head to thirty, the new Rector, the Rev. A. Montford, occupying the chair. At the conclusion of tea, the previous minutes being read and confirmed, Romford was selected as the place for the annual meeting in October. A proposition by Mr. J. Rann, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, that a bi-meeting be held in August at North Weald was carried. Then followed the interesting item—the proposition by the Secretary, that the Rev. A. Montford, Rector of Loughton, become a hon. member of the Association. Mr. G. Black had much pleasure in seconding the proposition. He trusted the rev. gentleman's election and interest in the bells would remove what seemed a permanent element of complaint at Loughton with regard to the use of the bells for practice.

This being carried amid acclamation, the Rector responded in complimentary and encouraging terms. The beautiful bells of his parish were ever an inspiration, reminding him of earlier days. The bells were an ornament devoted to the Glory of God. He trusted the future would bring the skilled and unskilled ringers of Loughton into unity, and give place to concord and progress in change-ringing.

Mr. C. Howard thanked the Rector for presiding, and granting the use of the bells, which brought the business of the meeting to a close.

At 7 o'clock the bells were again in full swing. Every method up to Superlative was rung, the conducting resting with Messrs. Howard, Faulkner, Bacon and Lucas. At nine the bells were ceased. Then followed an hour or two of conviviality at The King's Head, Mr. H. Hanbury ably presiding at the piano, while Messrs. Rann, Avery, Torbell and Margetson contributed each a song before the company finally separated, thus concluding, in every way, a most satisfactory meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 221.)

The following item was the next upon the agenda.

"To call attention to the scientific extension of Stedman from the original six-score, and to move that (i) Stedman with slow sixes as plain sixes, quick sixes for bobs, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the middle of a quick or slow six for a single be called Stedman in the Original variation; (ii) that Stedman with slow sixes only, and the bob and single on the last three bells be called Stedman in the Erin variation; (iii) that Stedman with alternate quick and slow sixes, and the bobs and singles on the last three bells be called Stedman in the Norwich variation; (iv) that Stedman Caters and Cinques with alternate quick and slow sixes, 5th place bobs, and 5th, 6th, and 7th at a single be called Stedman in the Painswick variation; (v) that Stedman with slow sixes for Plain in front and behind, double dodging in the middle where necessary, and quick sixes for bobs, and the first three or last three places in the middle of a quick or slow six for singles be called Double Stedman."

The Rev. H. Law James, who was called upon by the President, said he desired to make a small correction in the first section. He wanted the word "places" inserted in the second line of the resolution, so as to read 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and

after the word six in the following line to insert "for singles." So corrected the first resolution would read "Stedman with slow sixes as plain sixes, quick sixes for bobs and 1st, 2nd or 3rd places in the middle of a quick or slow six for singles be called Stedman in the Original Variation." Having before gone thoroughly into the whole question, he did not consider it necessary to go far into the question now. It had been already pointed out that Stedman produced a six-score which consisted of sixty changes, and with two singles the whole 120 changes were obtained. To extend Stedman to Triples, Caters, or Cinques they must go to the Original six-score. Stedman thus rung has the essence of music, which is never changed by either a bob or single. Having gone into the matter from a scientific and historical point, the rev. gentleman said he wanted for each extension of Stedman what he considered its proper title just as is done with Treble Bob, which appeared as either in the Kent or Oxford Variation as the case might be. At present he should only move the first section of the five resolutions which had been placed on the agenda. He had not much to say if the Council struck out "Norwich Variation," and did not think it would be desirable to proceed with the other sections of the resolution unless this first one was adopted. At present he was only asking that "In the original Variation" be placed against peals rung in accordance with the first section.

The Hon. Secretary formally seconded, in order to open discussion.

Canon Papillon said he should like to know from those who rang Stedman if it was desirable to introduce such compilations. He had not sufficient knowledge himself, and was therefore desirous of learning if this procedure was necessary.

The Hon. Secretary said he had seen the correspondence which had passed between Mr. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James. The Council could form some idea of the bulk, when he mentioned that it filled eight or ten copy books (laughter). Mr. Trollope wrote: "You know that I have gone pretty freely into the Stedman question. I think the method as we ring it is entitled to the name without any qualification, and if alone. Apart from any other reasons its historical position would justify this, but it is also proved I think to be a perfectly regular and legitimate extension of the 6-score. Mr. James's plan i.e. slow six for method and quick six for bob is perfectly probable, and is also a development of the original 6-score, but since there is no evidence that Stedman or any one else looked at the method in this way, I do not consider that it can be called original Stedman. I should not object to its being called a variation of Stedman, say Cambridge variation. Fifths place bobs in Caters and Cinques are totally irregular, and I hope the Council will not sanction them. The quick six, which has without any doubt the effect of a bob, is not at present strictly a regular bob, but the Council might make it regular."

The Hon. Sec. said that he agreed with Mr. Trollope. It was possible that the fact that the half six-score in Grandsire was produced by alternate plain and bob leads suggested to Stedman the alternate use of two different manners or ways of producing the rows, which in his hands took the form of slow and quick sixes, but this there was absolutely no evidence to show, and no ground whatever for supposing that he did not regard the alternation of slow and quick as of the essence of the method, in fact as of itself constituting the method. We all know that Stedman made the single on the bells in 2-3, but probably he himself would have been the first to acknowledge that the present plan was an improvement on his own. Unless we are to change the meaning of the English language, Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques in the form hitherto universally adopted are the natural and regular development of Stedman Doubles. Others may be possible, but are at the best more or less fanciful.

Mr. S. Wood said the proposal was one which might be very well for Mr. James, who was so well versed in mathematics, but to the ordinary layman it was not. He said: "I move that Stedman be the same as it was in my father's day (much laughter)."

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson complained of the strongly-marked disposition to reject Mr. James's theory without investigation, simply through objection to its novelty. Stedman as hitherto rung fell, as experts insist, into divisions twelve changes

long, which began and ended in the middle of a six; and in fact no other divisions were legitimate. But then all the bobs have to be called in the interior of the divisions. And in each division there were two bobbing-places (quite unconnected with each other), which were contrary to all rule and custom. But if the quick six were treated as a bob, then the sixes (slow) became the proper and recognised divisions of Stedman, just as they always were in practical ringing; and the difficulty vanished. The real question was this. Is the quick six a bob? It could not be denied that it was a bob in effect. It altered the coursing-order of the bells precisely as the familiar bob behind did; changing a b c to c a b. In a quick six three bells were doing quick work; and this left two of them just where they were at the preceding six-end, and ready to take up their normal (slow) work where they left it off. This was exactly parallel to a bob-lead in Plain Bob. It only remains to recognise the quick six as a bob. We were not concerned now with the consequences of that recognition.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he hoped the Council would carefully consider the points raised by the last speaker. This was not a question of what was done in their father's time, or their grandfather's time. The Council should legislate for the average ringer of the present day, but not for those who had fads.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said it was not the desire of Mr. James or himself to upset things, but the matter was one of fact, and should be considered upon its merits. The Council should see that new light had been brought forward, and should consider this before saying that it had no advantage.

The Rev. H. Law James said if other people were going to go on ringing Stedman as they did now, he should do the same, but it was not scientific.

The President said he had always held that Stedman ran in 12's, and from this came beauty of its music, and why it was desired to make any change he did not know. Mr. James told them that the present method was not the correct one, but it had always gone under the title of Stedman, and would continue to do so. He appreciated Mr. James's scientific discoveries, but not his wish to change the accepted title of the method.

Fifteen voted for Mr. Woods' amendment, and ten against. It was then put as the substantive motion, and carried.

The Rev. H. Law James said that under these circumstances he did not propose to proceed with the other sections of his resolutions.

REPRESENTATION.

Mr. W. S. Story moved that the representation of each Association on the Council be proportionate to the number of resident ringing members only. In moving the resolution Mr. Story said he claimed that each Association or Guild should have a fair representation according to the resident ringing members. There were a number of Associations which had a considerable proportion of hon. members at present. These helped to swell the representation of those Associations upon the Council. In a word he claimed there should be one man one vote, which would be only equitable. He was aware that it would reduce the representation of some Associations. Of others it would not; but there would be nothing but what was fair and just to all.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded.

The Hon. Secretary moved to leave out the word "ringing" so as to include also honorary resident ringing members. If this was adopted, he said, it would be on similar lines to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He thought it would be a pity to debar hon. members who might be present at the annual meeting or otherwise of an Association when the election of representatives to the Council took place from voting and also from representation upon the Council. Many hon. members did a great deal in supporting the Associations, and ought therefore to have a voice in such a matter. He was in favour of the spirit of the resolution with this exception. As to non-resident members he was himself a member of several Associations, but he should regard it as unfair on his part to vote for members of Council in any election except that of the particular county from which the Association within whose boundaries he was really resident.

Canon Papillon said the Essex Association had about 100

non-resident members, and from seventy to eighty resident hon. members who subscribed and took a local interest in ringing and in the Association. He seconded the amendment.

Mr. R. A. Daniell called attention to the position of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths, and asked whether if this amendment was adopted, London was to be considered as a place of residence for members of these Societies.

Mr. A. T. King said the term resident meant where a man slept. There were very many of the London ringers who worked in London, but slept in the country. If the resolution was adopted, it would disfranchise large numbers.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee thought that resident members would cover the question.

The President pointed out that the motion would reduce the number of members now returned to the Council.

The Rev. H. Law James said he thought the question had better be left where it was. The Council could do very well with the 2s. 6d. that is paid for each member.

Mr. S. Wood said there appeared to be some misunderstanding. In the Lancashire Association only resident ringers were counted for representation.

The President put the amendment, for which 17 voted and 7 against.

Mr. E. H. Lewis moved as a further amendment, that the motion should apply to territorial associations only.

The President asked how the term territorial was to be defined.

Mr. E. H. Lewis explained that the boundaries of a county would be taken as a territorial area.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson called attention to the Cambridge University Guild, and suggested that the proposal should not include either this society, or the College Youths, or Cumberlands. He seconded the amendment, which was carried.

The President said he failed to see how it would work. One thing it would do, would be to reduce the number attending the the Council as representatives, which he thought would be a pity. Mr. Wood had carried his point in respect to Stedman, which was still to be rung as his father rang it, and he thought that in the present matter it would be wiser to go on as they had satisfactorily done for the last 20 years.

The motion as amended, was then put to the meeting, and lost.

AUTHORSHIP.

"That in order to sustain an authorship claim the figures of all new compositions should be sent to the Secretary of the Peal Committee, and that their publication in local reports, or even in 'THE BELL NEWS,' will not be considered a bona fide claim, unless the above condition be fulfilled. If the figures were not for publication, a letter to this effect must be attached."

The above resolution was submitted by Mr. J. H. Banks, who said hitherto there had not been any system as to authorship. A man in the north of England might produce a peal, and some one in the south would produce the same, and there was a struggle between them as to which was the right author. By the adoption of the resolution he considered this might to a large extent be avoided in the future. If the scheme was adopted, the author could be told whether a composition was new or not. He would suggest that an appeal should be made through "THE BELL NEWS" to all composers to assist in the matter by sending in new compositions, which no doubt would save a great deal of trouble.

The resolution having been seconded,

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said much of the discussion in "THE BELL NEWS" upon the claims of authorship was not at all edifying. Fifty per cent of the compositions that appeared were said to be false. He was afraid however there would be a lot of work for some one if the motion was carried.

Dr. Carpenter asked what Committee it was suggested should take the matter in hand.

Mr. J. H. Banks suggested the Analysis Committee.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said the work would not only be considerable, but great care would have to be exercised to discriminate between variations and original compositions. He did not think there would be anyone found prepared to take so great a work in hand.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked if the Secretary of the Peal Collection Committee could not undertake and insert in "THE BELL NEWS" the compositions sent in.

The Hon. Secretary said some peals which had been sent in for the Collection had proved to be false. He would quote what Mr. Trollope, writing on this, said:—"If the resolution making it necessary for a composer to send his peal to us is carried, I do not think this would really do any good. If a man is first he is first, and if he can prove it by any means his claim must stand, whether he has complied with any arbitrary rule or not. We are always willing to give any information, and do give it, as to peals in our hands; but to make it possible that anyone should apply to us for information as a right would be, I think, asking too much. One has after all a limited time to devote to these things, and we should not be put in such a position that a man may expect as a right to have letters on authorship of peals, besides neither in this nor in the Methods Committee do I think we have any judicial function."

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said if the idea was adopted there would be a date put upon each composition as it came to hand, and in the event of another composer simultaneously sending in the same peal, it would be known which was actually composed first.

Mr. J. Griffin asked if it was suggested that the Secretary of the Peal Committee should prove such peals.

Mr. J. H. Banks replied in the negative.

Mr. W. Snowden said the question was one which he considered might be left to the Associations. If they put the work upon a Committee it would be too much. Let the Associations look after the matter as some of them were doing.

Mr. J. H. Banks said he had no desire to cast the slightest reflection upon any Association Reports, neither did he desire to put any strain upon any Secretary of a Committee. He had brought the matter up because he saw the necessity for something of the kind he had suggested.

The President said the Council had never taken upon itself any judicial work of this kind, and he did not think it at all desirable that they should do so now. Mr. Trollope was certainly correct in his view that whatever regulations might be made, adequate evidence of priority could not be overruled.

The resolution was lost.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the place for next year's meeting. Working upon the usual method, it was suggested that the meeting should be either at Leicester or Nottingham.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed, and Mr. Griffin seconded, that the meeting be held at Leicester.

An amendment was moved for the meeting to be held at Brighton. It was pointed out the Council had already held a meeting at Brighton. The amendment was lost. As between Nottingham and Leicester, the President said that while for several reasons he personally should prefer the former, yet he felt that the energy displayed by Leicester for a considerable number of years, entitled them to preference.

The resolution fixing Leicester as the next place of meeting was carried.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge in moving a vote of thanks to the President, said hitherto this had been done by their old friend Mr. Robinson, but now he was no longer with them, it was a duty he desired to discharge. The able manner in which Sir Arthur had presided over the meeting, needed no words from him to secure the hearty approval of the resolution which he had the pleasure and the privilege of moving.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The resolution having been carried with hearty applause, the President thanked the Council.

The Hon. Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. J. Elsee who had so greatly assisted in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting with such success; to the Feoffees of Chetham's hospital for the use of the historical buildings, and to the Lancashire Association for the kind invitation to tea.

The vote was seconded by the Rev. Canon Papillon, and carried with acclamation.

The Rev. J. Elsee, in replying, gave a short but interesting history of the ancient buildings, in which they were met, when

after the tea the Governor would be pleased to shew to any who wished to see round the buildings without the usual payment, leaving any who wished to subscribe to the ancient school to do so.

The company adjourned to the Old Schoolroom, where a substantial tea was provided and the wants of all most diligently attended to. A tour round the buildings followed, and thus was brought to a close one of the most pleasant gatherings it has been the privilege of the writer of these reports for the last seventeen years to attend.

Subsequently there was muffled ringing at the Cathedral, the Town Hall, and elsewhere; but the usual evening social gathering, as already stated, was, as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward, dispensed with.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

POINTS FOR TWELVE-BELL PEALS.

SIR,—Whilst reading the account of the Central Council meeting at Manchester in your issue of to-day, I see that during a discussion about points for twelve-bell peals the Rev. H. L. James goes as far as to say that seven 720s of Cambridge Surprise Minor requires more ringing than a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus; and also that twelve-bell ringing is more simple than call changes. What made the rev. gentleman make such a ridiculous statement I cannot think. To compare Minor with Maximus is absurd, as anyone with a grain of common sense will admit, and I am sure if Mr. James was to get two bands of six-bell ringers who could ring Cambridge Minor it would take them a long time to ring a peal in the same method extended to twelve bells. As regards twelve-bell ringing being as easy as call-changes, I must say that such a statement is quite devoid of common sense or reason, and had I been Mr. James I would have kept my seat if I could not have thought of something more sensible to have said before a representative body of ringers. I have never yet met a ringer who could ring Stedman Caters or Cinques who could not ring Stedman Triples, but I have met many ringers who have rung several peals of Stedman Triples who would never ring twelve bells as long as they lived, and in conclusion I advise Mr. James to put his ideas of twelve-bell ringing along with those ideas he has that the first peal of Stedman has yet to be rung, and bury them. W. PYE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In an old church book in the county of Somerset in the year 1657 the following entry is made: "Mending the great bell Cadry 4"; also in 1660 "2 iron Cadries." I should be glad if some one can enlighten me as to the meaning of the word "Cadry." T. D.

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.—I should esteem it a great favour if any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" can give me any information respecting rehanging or restoring church bells done by local tradesmen, and with what result; if the go of them has been satisfactory or otherwise. The town where I reside has a splendid ring of bells, but the go of them is bad. Three firms who advertise in your paper have already sent in estimates to rehang or put the same in good going order, but some of the church officials think that as the money will have to be raised locally the work should be given to local firms. I have already pointed out the absurdity of this to the Vicar (who is in sympathy with me), and have handed in copies of the Central Council's report on the preservation and repair of bell frames and fittings, and I shall not give up hope of having the peal restored by a competent firm of bellhangers, provided your readers will supply me with the information asked for as soon as possible. We are having a general meeting shortly to discuss the estimates of three or four local firms. I want all the evidence I can get, as I am going to be permitted to attend the meeting and give my views on the question and offer the most strenuous opposition. Will your readers help me by writing direct to this paper, or sending letters to the Editor addressed to X Y Z?

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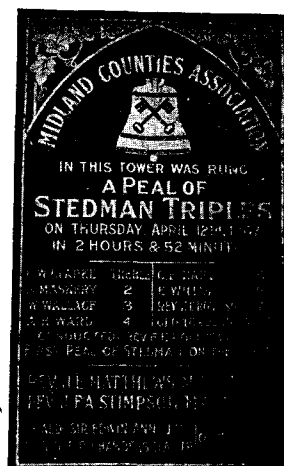
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1910.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Wellington on Saturday, June 11th. Members were present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Albrighton, Malin's Lee. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, but ringing had to be much curtailed owing to the severe illness of a lady living near the church. At the business meeting the Secretary resigned his office owing to his leaving the diocese, and the Rev. P. H. Green, of Holy Trinity, Shrewsbury, was elected to fill his place. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Shrewsbury in September.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes and seven feet dials has just been erected in the parish church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements and generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and is guaranteed by the makers to maintain time with great accuracy.

HEREFORDSHIRE.—Farmhouse Apartments, with a ringer; with or without board. Milk, Butter, Poultry. Lovely scenery.—Apply "Hereford," care of Editor

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The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	THOMAS MILES Tenor.

Conducted by Miss Edith K. Parker.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss G. Cornish and Mr. B. F. Dobb; and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. This is the first peal of Stedman ever conducted by a lady;

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by William Pye.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.*On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3.	WILLIAM HEWETT 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS 5.	CHARLES J. NORTH Tenor.

Composed by C. Charge, and Conducted by James E. Davis.

The Provinces.**KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING Treble.	NORMAN BAILEY 5.
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2.	HARRY THOMPSON 6.
THOMAS COOPER* 3.	F. GORDON THOMPSON .. 7.
PERCY MAY* 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by J. A. Trollope, and Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

*First peal. The ringer of the 4th is only 14 years of age.

CORRECTED PEAL.)

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Plain Bob, College Single, Woodbine, Oxford, Merchant's Return, and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLYOAKE* .. Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
RUPERT CALCROFT 2.	HAROLD S. L. SLATER .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	CHARLIE WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Whittaker.

*First peal; First peal as conductor.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No 2).

Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

JAMES BROAD Treble.	HENRY J. TRIMM 5.
WILLIAM S. DOBLE* 2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
ERNEST B. CROWDER .. 3.	GEORGE H. PRUEN 7.
THOMAS DOBLE 4.	WILLIAM CRANDON Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal, and attained his majority on the 14th inst., and at the finish of the peal received the hearty congratulations of the band.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, May 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED BLAKE* Treble.	GEORGE AGRO 5.
CHARLES RAWLINS* .. 2.	LEWIS MOORE 6.
JOHN ATHERTON* 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
WALTER RAWLINS* .. 4.	HENRY BRIDLE Tenor.

Conducted by John Thomas.

*First peal of Triples.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by William J. Croft.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. E. T. Carey, Vicar of this parish.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES BOWERS Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 8.
WALTER BROWN 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	BENJAMIN THORPE 11.
JOSEPH MELLOR 6.	JAMES GORGE Tenor.

Composed by John Cox, and Conducted by John H. Cheesman.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late King Edward VII. The visitors desire to thank Mr. Chapman and other Lancashire friends for their kind welcome.

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APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCE 2.	FREDERICK STEDMAN WHITE 7.
FRANK BARRETT 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
RICHARD WHITE 4.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 5.	J. ALLEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Francis William Tubb, a member of the Appleton Society.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	FRED J. SMITH 7.
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4.	ERNEST BAILEY Tenor.

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

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

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

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

TETTENHALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT PRICE Treble.	BENJAMIN DALTON 4.
HENRY DALTON 2.	GEORGE TUDOR 5.
ALFRED BUTLER 3.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TUDOR.

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

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH LANGSTROTH Treble.	WM. L. MASON 5.
JAMES GARLICK 2.	*WM. BILLOWS 6.
WALTER BAYLEY* 3.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH 7.
FRED METCALFE 4.	WM. D. HILLARY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WM. L. MASON.

* Rung on the occasion of the Scholars' Whitsuntide Festival. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. † First peal. * First peal of Double Norwich.

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NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5216 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
JOHN HOLMAN 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	*GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY'S,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

H. M. SMITH Treble.	H. R. BUTCHER 5.
E. BISHOP, JUN. 2.	A. MARTIN 6.
F. HAMMOND 3.	A. HARDING 7.
E. RUSSELL 4.	E. BISHOP Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

First peal by the local band. Rung with 7-8 covering.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

DANIEL RICHARDS Treble.	THOMAS BOTTBILL 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
R. HENRY BARTRAM 3.	RICHARD MOUNT 8.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
ALBERT MASON 5.	RICHARD W. BAKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in honour of the accession of King George V.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. YOUNG Treble.	J. P. HYETT 4.
A. G. ARNOLD 2.	LEON LEWIS 5.
EDGAR JONES 3.	GEO. HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Ellwood, who kindly supplied the ringers with refreshments after the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. BRION† Treble.	*JAMES HUNT 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	*FRANK BLONDELL 7.
MAURICE SMITHER 4.	ALFRED PULLING Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

† First peal of London Surprise. * First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Mary; also the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	*WILLIAM H. PRABODY .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	GEORGE SEWARD 6.
ERNEST GOWER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SYDNEY RYDER Treble.	JACKSON PALLISTER 5.
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On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	SYDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
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PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 14th, was Superlative, not Cambridge as published, and was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for His late Majesty.

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Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late King Edward VII.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

IDEN (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 3rd, after Evensong at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten 1208 each called differently, and a 60. W. Coke, G. Billenness, F. Clark, F. Wells, W. Wood, E. Bryant. Conducted by G. Billenness. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—Throughout Friday, May 20th, the bells of Charles' church were rung muffled in Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples and the whole pull and stand. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Hobbs, W. Hiscott, R. Dobson, W. James, H. Bennett, E. W. Marsh, W. Richards, F. Purse. Conducted by W. Hiscott, it being his first quarter-peal as conductor.

BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Green, W. Wilkinson, F. Greenwood, J. E. Eckley, J. Smith, J. George conductor, J. Crookall, J. Winter.

CHICAGO, U.S.A.—On Monday, May 31st, on handbells, 672 Bob Major. B. Cowling, F. J. Rumens, G. Barraclough, F. R. Barraclough conductor. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. F. R. Barraclough, F. J. Rumens, G. Barraclough, B. Cowling, W. Whitaker.

REIGATE.—On Monday, June 13th, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Dewey, H. Jordan, E. Harman, A. Missenden, H. Ewins, G. Hoad conductor, H. Hoad, H. Bennett.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Friday May 20th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after one hour's ringing, owing to a mis-call. E. Duntton, E. Poppy conductor, F. Brunning, F. Day, A. Howell, H. Day, G. Day, T. Turner.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 27th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKRELL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of this district will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Proctor. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which service it is hoped that all ringers present will attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea 1s. each, at 5. The church is within easy easy distance of both Alfreton and South Wingfield stations.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on Saturday, June 18th. General meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. E. N. Lovett, Rector of Farnham. Meat tea at the Guildhall at 5 p.m.; 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Travelling expenses of members up to 2s. 6d. each, will be paid by the Guild. Representatives of bands should have a list ready for their district secretary, who will arrange for payment.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Cobham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Bolney on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea to let me know by Tuesday, June 14th.

R. J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellindge (6 bells), on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing to commence at 4. The Vicar (Rev. H. Stevens), extends to all brother-ringers a very hearty welcome. There will be a short service in the church after the business meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Dis. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath on

Saturday, June 25th. Free tea at 5.30. Will those wishing to partake of tea send names to the Vicar, Rev. F. Brodhurst, by June 20th, certain.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June 25th. The Aspley Guise and Husbome Crawley bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Woburn bells from 2 to 5. A cricket match between the Association and the Aspley Guise C.C. will commence at 1.30. Service in Aspley Guise church at 5.30. preacher—the Rev. J. H. Speck, Vicar of St. Martin, Bedford. Tea directly after service.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, June 25th.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Annual meeting will be held at Warcopton on Saturday, July 23rd.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, on Saturday, June 25th, at 4.30.

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The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 2nd. Dinner at The Plume of Feathers hotel at 1.15 p.m.; meeting to follow. The following bells are available: Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6). Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, July 2nd. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Walker) at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (ten) will be available. Tea will be provided free for those notifying me before Wednesday, June 29th.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. A quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5. Tea in College Lane Schools at 6, free to those who send word not later than June 28th. Reports are ready.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tea at The George and Dragon inn, and the usual arrangements. Further particulars will be duly announced.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next

meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Tong (6 bells). Peal in the afternoon. Business 7.30 prompt at The Greyhound inn.

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The Saffron Walden Society. (Established 1623).—The 287th anniversary will be held on Monday, June 27th. Short service with sermon at 1 o'clock.

ROBERT STRONG, *Sec.*

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A quarterly meeting of the above guild was held on Saturday, June 4th, at Old Hill. A service was held in Holy Trinity church at 4 o'clock, at which the Guild service was used, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Brewer, who also delivered a suitable address. After service a bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom, which had been generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason, of Old Hill, Miss Brewer (daughter of the Vicar), Mrs. A. E. Parsons and Miss Pittaway presiding at the urns. After tea an adjournment was made to the large hall, where the business was held under the presidency of the Rev. E. Brewer, Vicar. The minutes of the last

meeting having been read, a question arose as to whether the award of a prize to one of the bands was in order, which after a heated discussion was referred back to the next annual meeting. After other routine business had been disposed of, several honorary and performing members were enrolled, and Sedgley was the place selected for holding the next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Ladies, the donor of the tea, and all who had assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one, brought the meeting to a close. The bells were kept merrily ringing during the afternoon and evening.

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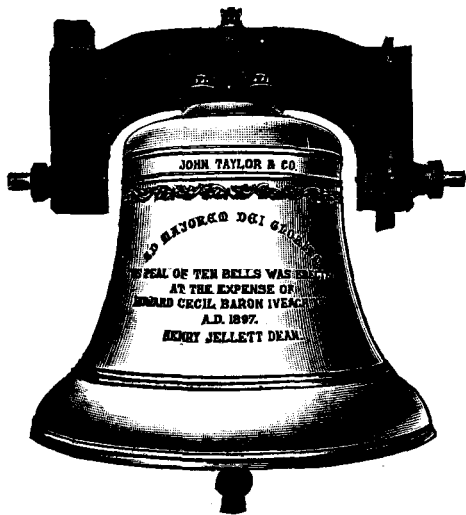
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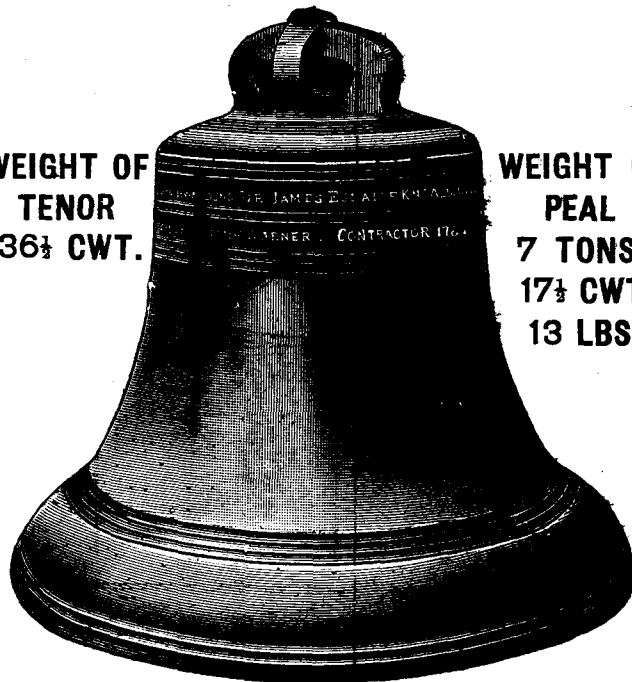
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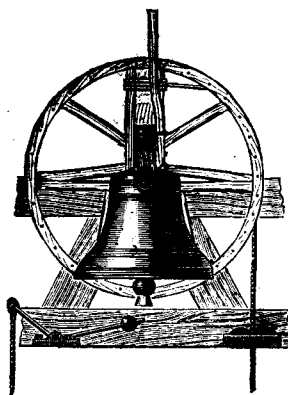
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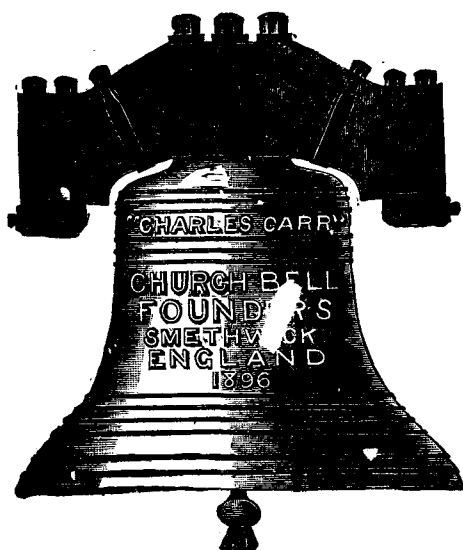
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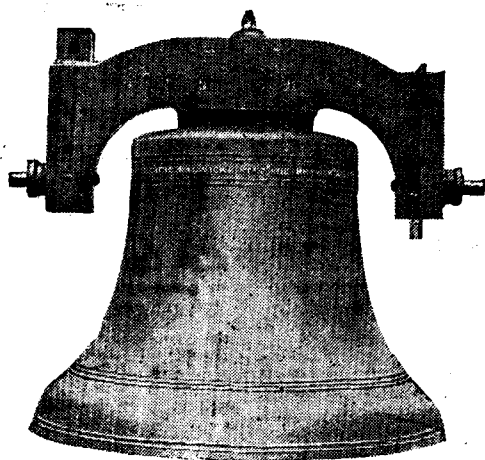
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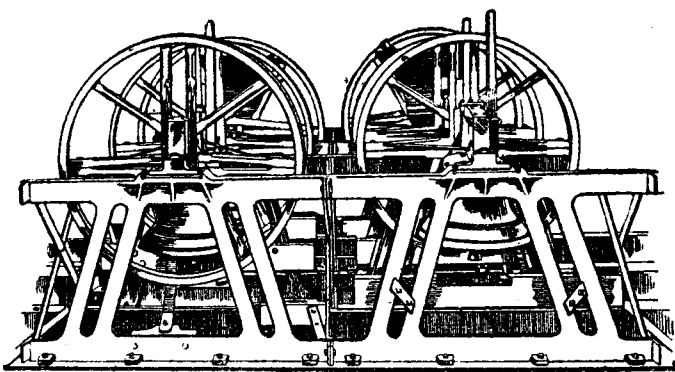
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held in the Cathedral city on Saturday, June 18th. The central committee met at St. Maurice's Parish Hall at 11 o'clock, when the President took the chair, supported by the Master and Hon. Secretary. The proceedings lasted nearly two hours, and resulted in the adoption of a model code of rules for bands in union with the society. The sum of £5 was voted from the Special Fund, towards the Cathedral Restoration Fund, which was subsequently handed to the Dean of Winchester at the annual tea in the Guildhall. The Master reported that he had received a charming note from Mrs. F. E. Robinson in acknowledgment of the vote of sympathy sent to her by the Guild on the death of her husband. He then introduced the subject of the memorial to the late Master of the Oxford Guild, and it was unanimously decided to print and circulate a notice to all bands affiliated to the Guild, inviting them to subscribe to this memorial.

The Annual General Meeting followed at 2 p.m. in the Guildhall, when some eighty or ninety members were present, including the President, J. P. Stillwell, Esq., and Mrs. and Miss Stilwell; Rev. Canon Madge, one of the founders of the Guild thirty years ago; the Master, Rev. C. E. Matthews (Titchfield); Rev. W. E. Colchester, Hon. Sec. (St. Maurice, Winchester); Rev. F. G. Hume (Oakley); Rev. G. Stapleton (Rotherwick); Rev. A. Saunders (Romsey); Mr. H. and Miss Alice White (Basingstoke); Mr. T. W. Fairey (recorder of peals, York Town), and others. After the minutes had been read and adopted, the various officers were re-elected, and returned thanks: included A. M. Kennett, Esq., Hon. Solicitor to the Guild, who had rendered valuable service in advising the insurance of the Guild's instructors under the Employers' Liability Act. It was resolved to discontinue the office of chaplain, as the local clergy were always willing to hold short services at the quarterly meetings of the various districts whenever they could be arranged. Notice was given of the abolition of the Standing Committee, which since the re-organization of the Guild and the appointment of the Central Committee, had not been called together. The Rev. Canon Braithwaite's name was added to the list of Patrons. The balance-sheet having been adopted as printed in the report, the business meeting terminated.

The annual service was held in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, and there was a full gathering of the members. The first lesson was read by Canon Vaughan, the second by the Dean, and an admirable and practicable sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. N. Lovett, Rector of Farnham, from St. Luke xvii. 21: "The kingdom of God is within you." He said that our church towers and spires were ever pointing upwards, they were the symbols in the midst of all human affairs of higher and eternal things. Did they as ringers seek to manifest the kingdom of God in their lives? They could by their regular Sabbath labours, assist to keep in men's minds in these days when people talked of the decay of public worship, the

thought of the capacities of the kingdom of God. They were ringers for God, therefore they could not forget things spiritual amidst things material; they must ever be workers with the parish priests of the church, and help them to make others realize the glory of the kingdom of God. They could by their sacred office help to keep the country for God, for surely one of the messages of the bells was—"Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden." Bells were rung at proper times, clearly, evenly, and in order, each bell taking its proper place. But what of the man behind the bell? What of the personality of the ringer? Cracked bells were practically useless, and spoilt the harmony of any peal, but a ringer with a damaged character was worse than a cracked bell, he was an influence for evil, and prevented harmony in any band. Let them remember that they had taken upon themselves to speak to churchfolk through the voices of the bells, and that they must show by their lives that the kingdom of God was within them.

The annual tea, at which 130 sat down, followed in the Guildhall. The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and for the arrangements at the special service.

The Dean replied that he was always anxious that the Mother Church of the diocese should be placed at the disposal of all Diocesan Guilds and Societies.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher for his helpful sermon, and the Rev. E. N. Lovett replied that he was glad to know they had in that Guild such a magnificent body of Church-workers.

The day's proceedings then terminated: the Cathedral bells were kept going in various Standard methods at intervals throughout the day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On the afternoon of Saturday, June 18th, an afternoon too warm for the purpose, the first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Alfreton, representatives being present from the following amongst other places: Bolsover, Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Ilkeston, Loughborough, Netherseal, North Wingfield, and Sandiacre. The bells were available from 2 o'clock, but owing to inconvenient trains, it was much later before the eight bells could be set going, and so the meeting opened with a touch of Bob Minor, afterwards Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, London and other methods were rung. A first-rate tea was served in the church room, about thirty sitting down, and after being cheered and refreshed by a cup of tea, which on such a afternoon was highly appreciated, a brief business meeting was held. The Vice-president took the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and twenty new members, including one honorary (the Rev. T. A. Lewis, Vicar of Horninglow) unanimously elected. Particulars of the peals by the Association published in "THE BELL NEWS" since the annual meeting, twenty-six in number, were read by the chairman, who said he knew more had been rung, but had not yet been published. Continuing

Mr. Taylor read a letter which had been received from the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association, in which exception was taken to the formation of a branch of the M.C.A. around Chesterfield, and pointed out that they were not opening any new ground, but only dividing the existing Derby district with a view to its more convenient management.

Mr. J. Griffin, who said he was present at the meeting for the express purpose, brought to the notice of those present, the suggested scheme for erecting a memorial in Drayton church to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and read extracts from "THE BELL NEWS" account of the recent meeting of the Central Council in which the scheme was clearly set out.

Mr. J. W. Taylor also spoke on the same subject, and it was decided to give the scheme all possible support.

A collection was taken for the benefit of the Ilkeston bell restoration fund, the proceeds of which have since been handed to the Rev. C. Mollan, Vicar of Ilkeston.

The Vicar of Alfreton (Rev. T. Allen Moxon), who was unavoidably absent, sent an apology, but both churchwardens were present during the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in placing the bells at their disposal, and to the Alfreton band who had made arrangements, was proposed by Mr. W. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried with applause, to which Mr. F. Benbow (churchwarden), briefly replied.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, terminated the meeting.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was recently held at Truro, the Bishop of St. Germans presiding. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (President): Viscount Clifden, Messrs. Wiliams, Bolitho, Daubuz and Coode (vice-presidents); and Canon Kempe (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), were re-elected. It was stated that greater interest was being taken in, and there was increased knowledge of, change-ringing in the diocese, and the meeting considered in what way they could best help towers that wanted instruction in change-ringing. There was only a small number of instructors at present, but it was agreed to endeavour to obtain more, it being suggested that it would be a good thing if there could be one in every deanery. It was decided to send the names of present instructors to the *ruidecanal* and diocesan magazines, with other information regarding instruction. It was resolved to hold the annual festival at Fowey on August Bank Holiday.

The Secretary reported that six new towers desired to be affiliated to the Guild: Gulval, Madron, Pillaton, Fowey, St. Dennis, and Truro St. Pauls. It was remarked that the latter only possessed tubular bells, and Dr. Symons (Penzance), proposed that they should not accept tubular bells. It was a disgrace to the county.

Mr. Seymour Pile (Truro), seconded,

Mr. Daubuz thought there would be no objection if they had handbells at St. Paul's.

Dr. Symons did not think they could admit a tower with tubular bells. They might admit them as a band of handbell ringers.

The chairman remarked that it was an important thing to encourage the training of young men in change-ringing with handbells.

Dr. Symons: To get the easiest way of teaching change-

ringing you must adopt handbells.

The Secretary of St. Paul's suggested that if handbells were made a condition of affiliation, it would be a good thing, as it would encourage young men.

It was stated that there were no handbells at St. Paul's. It was decided to inform St. Paul's that the Guild could not recognise tubes, but that assent would be given to the affiliation of a band of scientific handbell ringers.

The affiliation of the other towers was agreed to.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £6 8s. 2d., but the affiliation fees had not yet come in. The financial year did not end until August 31st.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Bolney on Saturday, June 18th, and was better attended than was expected, by the number of replies received to the notices sent out. The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock, and a touch of Grandsire brought round. Members from various towers then began to arrive, chiefly on cycles, and more ringing was done till 5 o'clock, when a shortened form of evening service was held, the Vicar delivering a very appropriate address. Service over, a move was made to the lawn at the back of The Eight bells, where host Ashford had provided an excellent tea. The Vicar being unable to stay to tea, kindly welcomed the ringers to Bolney, and invited them to look round the vicarage gardens, which were quite a picture of roses, etc. Mr. Brown, one of the churchwardens, was then voted to the chair, and between thirty and forty members, representing the following towers, very speedily took to clearing the tables of all the good things provided: Cuckfield, Lindfield, Burgess Hill, Horley, Burstow, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Crawley, Seaford, Bolney, with Mr. Ewins, of Reigate. Tea over, the minutes of the last meeting was duly read and passed. Mr. Gibson proposed and Mr. Walder seconded, that Messrs. Stevenson, Woods, and Rist, become members attached to the Cuckfield band. Mr. Castle moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, and holding the service; to Mr. Brown for presiding, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Brown very suitably replied. This concluded the meeting, after which more ringing was done, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major being rung till about 8.30, after which a pleasant hour was spent at host Ashford's.

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The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough)	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Mase (Norwich)	0	2	0
	£100	16	8

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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Peal No. 1 and 2 has the 6th its extent in 6th place, without the 2nd or 3rd being there; also the 4th and 5th are equalised as near as it is possible in sixth place. It will be observed that the bob before in No. 1 is located exactly in the middle part of the peal. The originality of fixing the 6th its extent (with the 4th also) is observed by the bracketed courses marked A, and were first utilised as an extended medium to a peal in this method by C.H.H. in 1888. The bracketed filling-in courses marked B have been used in peals of modern creation, but they have a deteriorating effect in curtailing the extent of the 4th, and are taken from a much older plan in the ordinary production of the twenty-one courses having the 4th and 6th their extent. It is for this reason that any peal having solely the B bracketed courses cannot be considered otherwise than second or even third-rate compositions.

No. 2 peal is based on the plan first used in this method by C.H.H. 1887. No. 3 peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place, and is also on a distinct plan first utilised in this method by N. J. Pitstow, 1888. It may be stated for general information, and with due regard to those who may hold different opinions, that there are several peals in the Yorkshire Association and Midland Counties Report, which only nominally belong to their respective claimants, as the key-note to such peals were originally produced in 1887 and 1888. There is documentary evidence in the possession of a well-known London composer, that these facts were commented upon, and pointed out by the writer in 1889. It will also be observed that in peals No. 1 and 2 the 6th (with the exception of one course) has its extent in 4th place also.

It may perhaps interest our readers to know that Messrs. Taylor have the order for a chime of ten bells for Woodstock church, Ontario, Canada, tenor 20 cwt. They have also in hand the recasting of the Mottram-in-Longdendale peal of eight; a new ring of eight with 20 cwt. tenor for Whittle-le-Woods, Lancashire; a new ring of eight with 11 cwt. tenor for Radyr church, near Cardiff; and the peal of eight for St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent, is to be fixed in a few week's time. The ring of six of Woodstock church, Leicestershire, is recast and will be rehung

shortly; Winterslow, Wiltshire, a new ring of six, except the 5th, is also ready for rehanging in the tower, besides much restoration work, etc.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Tuesday, June 14th, at All Saints church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. F. Dedman R. R. Jones conductor, W. Seabrook, G. Tomkins, G. Bonfield, J. Nicholls.

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."

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—In answer to your request in this week's "BELL NEWS" I wish I could just put in writing my feelings on your question. Our own bells and three other rings of bells which I know, some years ago were rehung by local so-called bellhangers, and the result is that one ring went worse after the re-hanging than before, and another ring after ten years cannot be used at all because of the shifting of the frame and pinching of all the gudgeons. Do you employ the local blacksmith to repair the organ because of spending the money in the place? Are your opposers endowed with any reason or understanding at all? If your Vicar takes the guidance offered by the Central Council and acts on it the safety of the bells is assured. No one but reliable bellfounders should be entrusted with the repair of bells, though there are some very reliable bellhangers, but even then you don't know where they buy their bells and fittings. I am sure all ringing clergy would say "be guided by the Central Council." Wishing you success,
H. C. PAULI,
Rector's Warden and Vice-President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—On April 30th of last year a 720 of No. 22 of the Central Council's Collection of Legitimate Methods was rung at Benfieldside, county Durham; and, with the consent of the Durham and Newcastle Association, this has now been named "Hexham Surprise." May I recall the fact that three other unnamed methods were rung last year in the above Association, viz.: Nos. 5, 23 and 25, which were named respectively "Newcastle," "Lightfoot" and "Wearmouth." It would be interesting to know what other Minor methods have been named by other Associations. Can any of your readers say if they have ever come across the following 21 bob peal of London Surprise Minor:—

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

Twice repeated.

If it has not been rung previously, I should like to claim it as original, being first rung at Benfieldside in December last. I say in its favor that the tenors never come up wrong.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD.

SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS.

SIR,—I would like to draw attention to a mode sometimes observed by 6-bell ringers of ringing seven different methods. A good many ringers know that if the bob lead of some Minor methods is used as a plain lead the plain lead may be used as a boblead. I will give two instances. Some years ago I was with a company who could ring College Single. I told them to ring the boblead as a plain lead, and when I called "bob" to ring a plain lead. The company did as instructed, and the two necessary singles made in 4th and 5th were made by myself and another without a call. We rang a 720. What was the method? All the company but myself were ringing College Single; I was ringing Single Court. Again, at another tower I told the ringers to go for Woodbine. I called bobs at all leads except the Out, In, and Out. The company were ringing Woodbine, my bell went to what is termed Merchants' Return. Which method did we ring? I do not wish to raise any dis-

cussion regarding illegitimacy of the methods in question. I wish to point out to the companies who ring them that without a terrible strain of conscience the two variations of any method that has those qualities should not be included in a peal as two separate methods. We in Bedfordshire have in the past rung them as such, but I do not think such will be the case in future. I hope this criticism will not give offence to any particular company.
JOHN W. BARKER.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES.

"Puzzle for the puzzler,
Brain power for the scientist."

The above words are quoted from your valuable columns—see issue July 21st, 1906, vol. 25 page 183, where the method and a peal of 5040 are to be found.

Owing to the intricacy of the method, for even London Surprise is simple as compared with it, the composer has been heard to say—"I do not think I shall live to hear that peal rung." However, Mr. John Carter, at Selly Oak, Worcester-shire, on June 12th heard something almost as astounding, when his friend, Harry Withers, tapped a course of the above on his fine dulcimer in a most accurate manner.

This marvellous performance, the masterpiece of the present day, was witnessed by the following twelve persons: John Carter, James E. Groves, Albert Walker, Thomas Russam, Arthur Chambers, Arthur W. Gardner, Samuel Grove, William H. Godden, Charles H. Woolley, all of whom heartily congratulated the talented performer. Since the figures of the full course—210 changes—were before the first four of these witnesses, who followed every change, the absolute accuracy is fully vouched for.

On the same evening, and previous to this performance, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for service at Selly Oak parish church, in 41 mins. H. Withers, J. Carter conductor, W. H. Godden, A. Chambers, T. Russam, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, S. Grove.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The postponed Whitsuntide meeting took place at Sunderland on Saturday, May 28th, when there was a good assembly from both dioceses. The bells of Holy Trinity, St. Ignatius, and Bishop Wearmouth were kept going all the afternoon and evening in various methods. Forty-two sat down to tea at The Grand hotel with the President, Mr. G. L. Routledge, in the chair, supported by Messrs. J. W. Parker and J. E. R. Keen, vice-presidents, Canon F. L. Cope and Canon Goldsmith. Before entering on the business of the meeting the chairman asked the company to rise in momentary silence as a token of respect to the memory of the late King, the loss of whom all ringers and churchworkers deeply deplored.

Subsequently the Association representative on the Central Council reported that Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, had been elected an honorary member of that body in recognition of his work as a composer, Mr. Parker being warmly congratulated by the members present.

Votes of thanks were passed to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells during the day, Canons Cope and Goldsmith both speaking of the great pleasure they felt in welcoming the Association and to assist its work by placing their bells at the disposal of the members. The Rev. S. Pater, of Holy Trinity, was unavoidably unable to be present at the tea, but desired the Secretary to thank the members for their invitation, and to express his pleasure in allowing the use of his bells.

The question of the memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that the towers and members connected with the Association should be asked to subscribe; the Rev. H. S. Richardson kindly offering to act as secretary and treasurer to the fund.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, the 27th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth. Tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be made heartily welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of this district will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Proctor. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which service it is hoped that all ringers present will attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Kent County Association—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellindge (6 bells), to-day, Sat., June 25th. Ringing to commence at 4. The Vicar (Rev. H. Stevens), extends to all brother-ringers a very hearty welcome. There will be a short service in the church after the business meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Dis. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath to-day, Sat., June 25th. Free tea at 5.30.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Aspley Guise to-day, Sat., June 25th. The Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Woburn bells from 2 to 5. A cricket match between the Association and the Aspley Guise C.C. will commence at 1.30. Service in Aspley Guise church at 5.30. preacher—the Rev. J. H. Speck, Vicar of St. Martin, Bedford. Tea directly after service.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge, to-day, Sat., June 25th.

A. T. BRISTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Bedworth to-day, Sat., June 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 23rd.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, to-day, Sat., June 25th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHORER, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at

Pentre, Ystrad, to-day, June Sat., 25th, at 4.30. REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOHN W. JONES,

The Midland Counties Association—Derby District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Spondon to-day, Sat., June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Wantage on Saturday, July 16th. Special service in the parish church at 11.30. Preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.20. Dinner in Victoria Cross Gallery at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 9th. One shilling will be refunded to ringing members present at the dinner, but any mem-failing to send for dinner tickets must pay 2s. and have nothing refunded.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*

5, Father-on Road, Reading.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Sat., June 25th, at Tong (6 bells). Peal in the afternoon. Business 7.30 prompt at The Greyhound inn.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Saffron Walden Society. (Established 1623).—The 287th anniversary will be held on Monday, June 27th. Short service with sermon at 1 o'clock.

ROBERT STRONG, *Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 2nd. Dinner at The Plume of Feathers hotel at 1.15 p.m.; meeting to follow. The following bells are available: Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6). Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, July 2nd. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Walker) at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (ten) will be available. Tea will be provided free for those notifying me before Wednesday, June 29th.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. A quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5. Tea in College Lane Schools at 6, free to those who send word not later than June 28th. Reports are ready.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 6.30. Please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton, how many intend to be present not later than Wednesday, June 29th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, *Hon. Secs*
J. JOHNSON.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Milnrow, on Saturday, July 2nd. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Armitage Bridge near Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Monday, July 4th.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.50 p.m. Business meeting in St. Mary's schools at 6.15 p.m.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tea at The George and Dragon inn, and the usual arrangements. Further particulars will be duly announced.

W. LATTEE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The first quarterly meeting for the above district will be held at Mereworth on July 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. through the kindness of the Rev. C. H. Cox Vicar of Mereworth. All members wishing to attend tea must notify to the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 12th, as only those sending word will be provided with a tea. No expenses paid.

G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*

2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

Lavenham.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at intervals on Tuesday, July 5th, instead of June 21st; also on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10.45, letting me know one day previous.

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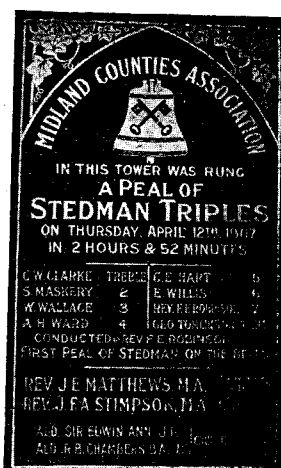
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The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
 A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
CHARLES J. NORTH 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 8.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL 9.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and in the metropolis; also the first peal of Forward Royal by the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
 A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ALFRED H. WINCH 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
 Rung on the ninety-fifth anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.

The Provinces.**ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of College Exercise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.*

ERNEST MCWILLIAMS Treble.	WM. ABBISHAW 4.
J. C. ABBISHAW 2.	GEO. STEEL 5.
G. H. ABBISHAW 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and 1/2 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lbs.*

ERNEST DUMPER* Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5.
WALTER G. ROWE* 2.	CHARLES J. FRAY 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
REV. E. BANES JAMES 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob; also first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,***On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

JOHN H. GILES* Treble.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4.
WILLIAM B. BISS 2.	EVAN COLES 5.
ALLAN ROWLEY 3.	*SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BISS.

*First peal.

CONSETT, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.*

GEORGE SURTEES* Treble.	*FRED T. FRAZER 5.
JOHN FREEK 2.	HARRY S. BATES 6.
A. GEORGE SHORTER 3.	ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 7.
EDWARD A. REDFERN 4.	HUGH D. DALL Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by H. D. DALL.

*First peal. First peal by an entirely local band. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung on Empire Day, in honour of the Proclamation of His Majesty King George V.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL.*

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	EDWARD JACKSON 5.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON 2.	ALBERT MASON 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN... .. 3.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich Major, Mr. Jones kindly taking the vacant rope.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, and Plain Bob; and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.*

ALFRED CLEMENTS Treble.	DAVID LEGGATT 4.
WILLIAM LEGGATT 2.	WILLIAM STEELE 5.
WILLIAM SAWYER 3.	CHARLES E. FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.***BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.*

PERCY SPICE Treble.	RICHARD S. STAINES 5.
JOHN EXELL 2.	WILLIAM TASSELL 6.
FREDERICK J. STAINES 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 4.	WALTER DOBBIE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD S. STAINES.

EYNSFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARTIN,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,***5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.*

FREDK. G. PERRIN Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	*CHARLES J. NORTH 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.*

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	JOHN RICE 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2.	GEORGE W. STOKES 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	ALBERT ELLISS Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 360 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.*

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 3.	J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association.

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.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble.	ERNEST LINCOLN 5.
REV J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD* 4.	JOHN C. SELF Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY WALTER Treble.	FRANK SHEPHERD 5.
GEORGE WOODIS 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
ALFRED WOODROW 3.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7.
GEORGE SPENCER 4.	JOHN HOWES Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

MONMOUTH.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK MORGAN Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN 5.
CHARLES GREEDY 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
JOHN BUTLER 3.	THOMAS H. JONES 7.
FREDERICK ATWELL 4.	JAMES PIPPIN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

It is twenty-four years since a peal was last rung on these bells.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being three 720s of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK TATE Treble.	THOMAS SMITH 4.
NORMAN SHORT* 2.	*JOHN D. BULLOCK 5.
JAMES CLARKE 3.	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by all. First peal on the bells. N. Short was proposed a member before starting.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4.
GEORGE J. MABBS* 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

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On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in D flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8.
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FRED G. MAY Treble.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6.
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WILLIAM STOWELL 5.	WILLIAM BEVAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

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On Tuesday, May 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES STEPHENSON .. Treble.	HERBERT WORMWELL 5.
WALTER MOUNCEY 2.	HARRY ENTWISTLE 6.
TOM REDMAN 3.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 7.
RENNIE HARTLEY 4.	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor.

Composed by J. PATRICK, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WALTER ROBINSON 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	WILLIAM H. TUNTON 7.
JOHN HOLMAN 4.	THOMAS BETTISON Tenor.

Composed by C. SEVERN, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

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On Tuesday, May 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 5.
FREDERICK CAUSEY 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
HUBERT HORN 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
FREDERICK PALMER 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

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A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

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

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.**

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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CARTER'S FIVE-PART No. 30. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.**

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
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FRANK G. BURLBIGH .. 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, May 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.**

ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. 6.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM C. WAXLEY .. 4.	REGINALD G. STONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBS.**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

G. KEFFORD Treble.	J. KING 5.
J. EDWARDS 2.	A. NEAL 6.
A. GOAKES 3.	G. SMITH 7.
S. GOAKES 4.	*F. MEDLOCK Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by G. SMITH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

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Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, City Delight, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent.**

FREDERICK WEBB Treble.	GEORGE WOOLFE .. 4.
GEORGE CROFT 2.	WILLIAM I. CROFT .. 5.
JOHN HARE 3.	CHARLES V. HARE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES V. HARE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

WILLIAM FLETCHER* .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
ARTHUR R. RUDMAN* .. 2.	RICHARD MORGAN .. 6.
GEORGE POVEY 3.	EDWARD AUDSLEY .. 7.
HENRY AUDSLEY 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
Tenor 10½ cwt.**

CHRIS. STEPHENSON* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. WAITE .. 5.
ALFRED HARDWICK .. 2.	WILLIAM B. SMITH .. 6.
FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 3.	THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 7.
STANLEY WALKER* .. 4.	JOHN B. JACKSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

*First peal.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.**

BEN REED Treble.	ERNEST WILSON .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 2.	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 6.
RICHARD SUTTON* .. 3.	HENRY J. LARKINS .. 7.
LIONEL SHOEBRIDGE .. 4.	ALBERT GOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

*First peal.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.*On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.**

EDWIN TUCKER Treble.	JOHN WHEATON .. 4.
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Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE Treble.	ARTHUR R. MILES 4.
WILLIAM BROWN* 2.	WILLIAM BAGLEY 5.
WILLIAM G. PAINE† 3.	*ARTHUR GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenors 11 cwt.

HENRY S. BREALEY* .. Treble.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
JAMES F. GODFREY 2.	GEORGE BASELEY 5.
DAVID L. COTTON 3.	HERBERT HURDMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. HURDMAN.

*First peal. First as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Glastonbury, reported in our last issue, was conducted by Gabriel Chamberlain.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Friday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Seymour, E. P. Debenham, R. Rice, T. Hull conductor, R. Kirby, H. Lightfoot, H. Fewell, W. Howard.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

KENWYN (Cornwall).—On a recent Thursday, at the parish church, 1554 Grandsire Triples. F. Cawse, Dr. J. Symons conductor, E. Freund, A. Knight, F. Dunaway, W. Trestain, W. Sleeman, J. Gulley. Great credit is due to the Kenwyn ringers on the manner in which they rung the bells, the striking being excellent.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

CLEATOR MOOR.—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor on the back six. J. Hutchinson, E. Potts, W. Taylor, J. Baxter, G. Temby, J. Joyce conductor. On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, another 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. Hutchinson, E. Potts, W. Taylor, S. Lewthwaite, G. Temby, J. Joyce conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTAD (Surrey).—On March 21st, the last 746 of Holt's Original. C. Carter, A. Young, W. Corbett conductor, J. Crawford, A. Goldsmith, J. Wyatt, W. Cook, D. Anscombe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Friday, May 10th, at the parish church, after the memorial service to the late King Edward VII., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells deeply muffled. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, G. Brooks. It was the intention of the band to start for a peal, but time not allowing, a quarter-peal was rung instead.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, May 24th, at Great St. Mary's, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 9 mins. Rev. A. H. E. Boughey, T. Dennis, J. Taylor, E. M. Atkins, P. Taylor, F. Pitstow conductor, G. Taylor, F. Kempton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On May 20th, for the memorial service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Wilde, jun., A. Dennett, J. Wilde, sen., J. Witter, W. Johnson, R. Johnson conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On Friday, May 20th, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. L. Page, Miss W. Carden, C. Barton, D. Beer, E. Collins, G. Barton conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Friday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. J. Hough conductor, H. Brealey, H. Hurdman, F. Godfrey, D. Cotton, R. Allcock.

DITCHLING (Sussex).—On Wednesday, May 6th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 26 mins. G. Cillick, W. Horney, E. Bish conductor, J. Feist, J. Driver, J. Parsons.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).—On Whit Monday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 48 mins. H. Stoneley, A. Moore, G. Thompson, F. Cotton conductor, A. Clayfield. Rung as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII. First quarter-peal on the bells; also by the ringer of the treble.

WARGRAVE (Berks).—Recently at St. Mary's church for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. W. Elsley, P. Elsley, A. Guy, R. Fuller, W. Fuller conductor, C. Lawrence. Also shorter touches in the same method with G. Bayliss taking part on the tenor.

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The annual excursion of the members of this society took place on Saturday, June 18th, Mr. Short having secured the use of the bells at Clent and Hagley, kindly met seven of the ringers at Clent, and the bells being raised in peal, a touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Tea was the next item, the Vicar presiding, who said he was glad to be able to be with his ringers, and hoped they would enjoy the half-day's outing. He was pleased to have met Mr. Short, and thanked him for his trouble. Mr. Carrod, on behalf of the members, thanked the Vicar not only for his presence, but also for his generosity in providing tea. Mr. Short, in reply, said he was glad to have been able to be of use on these occasions. The ladies then betook themselves to the hills, and the ringers to the tower again. Mr. Barber then joined them, and a touch of Bob

Major was brought round. Mr. R. Small then put in an appearance, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Messrs. Short and Barber accompanied them through some magnificent scenery to Hagley. Here the bells were raised in peal, and a good touch of Grandsire Triples brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. Mr. Perry conducted the whole of the touches. The weather was beautiful, and the outing thoroughly enjoyed. The thanks of the ringers were tendered to the authorities at each church.

SEAFORD (Sussex). — On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service, 952 Grandsire Triples. F. Fears, C. Hicks, G. Piper, W. Clayton, H. Clark, J. Constant, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. Banks. J. Constant hails from Gravesend; and C. Hicks from Walsall.

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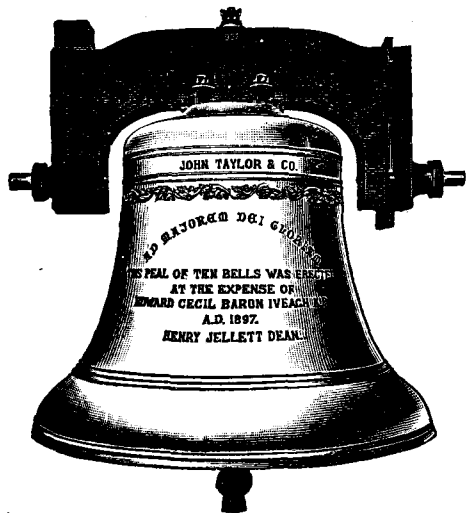
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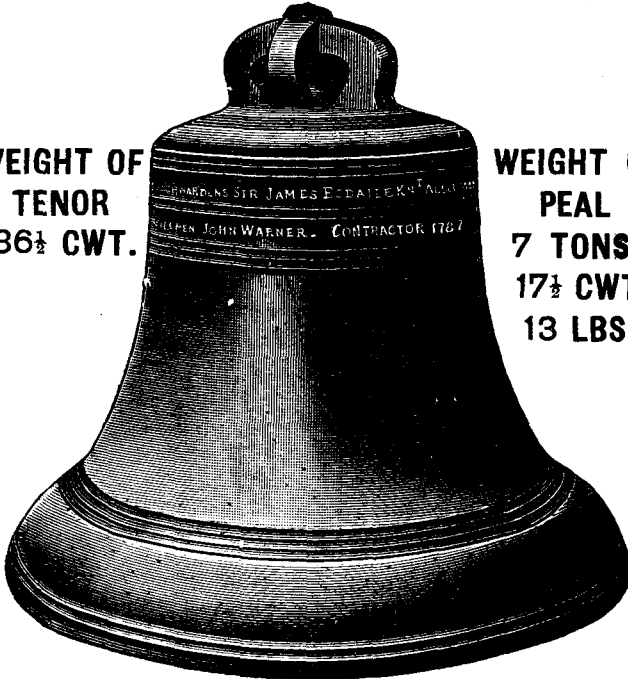
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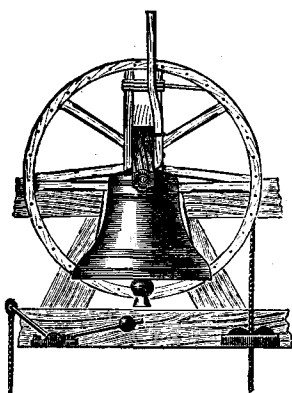
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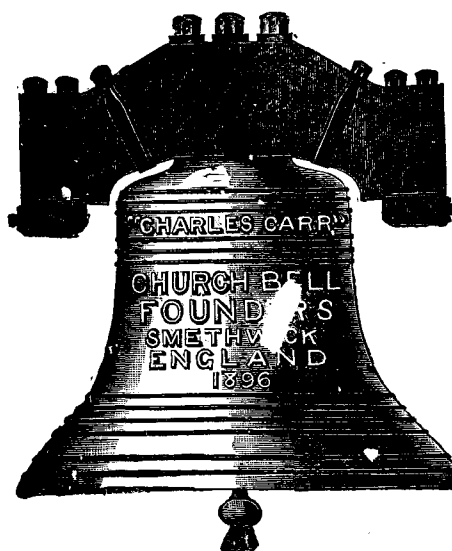
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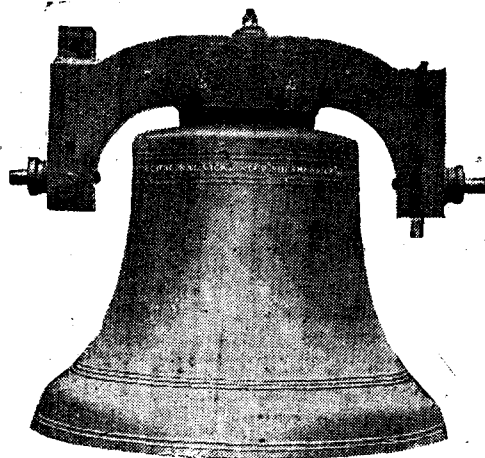
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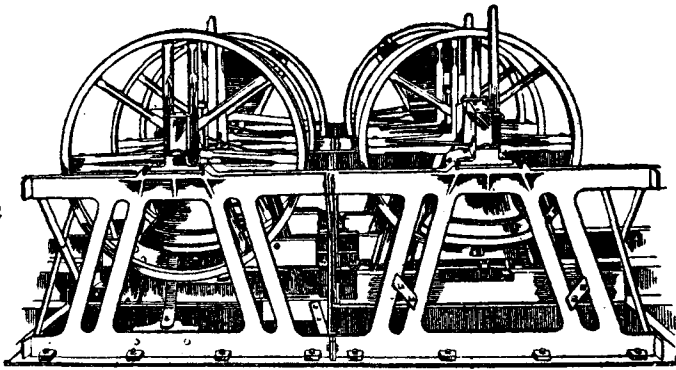
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TRURO CATHEDRAL.

BENEDICTION OF THE WESTERN SPIRES AND NEW RING OF TEN BELLS.

Tuesday, June 21st, was a red-letter day for Cornwall, in fact for the whole county, inasmuch, that on this day was celebrated the completion of the first Cathedral built since the Reformation. The consummation of this great work has been achieved in far less time than was thought possible by those originally associated with it, and even when the nave and central tower were completed in 1903, there was no anticipation that the remaining towers and spires would be built for a very long time. Yet all this has now been accomplished, and there are still several gentlemen who were identified with the building originally who remain members of the Cathedral Building Committee to this day. Exactly thirty years have passed since the foundation stone was laid, and during that time something approaching a quarter of a million of money has been raised for the Cathedral. It is a truly remarkable achievement, and a glorious tribute to Cornish church people, who have the privilege of "building and offering the first Cathedral that England has built since the Fire of London called for a new St. Paul's, and the first new foundation of a Minster since the time of our Norman forefathers." The late King Edward laid the foundation stone in 1880, and was also present at the consecration of the first completed portion of the Cathedral in 1887, whilst the present King George, as Duke of Cornwall (who accompanied his illustrious father at the ceremony twenty-three years before), attended the benediction of the nave in 1903, the Duchess being with him.

The ten bells which are hung in the Queen Alexandra or north western tower, weigh nearly $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and have been provided at a total cost of £1550 (including the chiming apparatus and the hanging). Each bell bears an inscription, approved by the donors, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, and the Bells Committee, a legend from a canticle being on the first band, the name of a saint on the second, and the rest of the inscription on the waist.

In three of the inscriptions a special motto is added. The names of the donors, together with the weights of the bells and the prices are as follows: Treble 6 cwt. 3 qrs., children of the diocese, £40 19s.; 2nd, 7 cwt. 0 qrs., Mr. J. C. Daubuz, £44 2s.; 3rd, 7 cwt. 3 qrs., the late Major Parkyn, £48 16s. 6d.; 4th, 8 cwt. 1 qr., Mr. A. P. Nix, £51 19s. 6d.; 5th, 9 cwt. 2 qrs., Anonymous, £56 14s.; 6th, 11 cwt. 2 qrs., Mrs. Moor (St. Clements), £72 9s.; 7th, 16 cwt. 0 qrs., Mr. and Mrs. John James, £100 16s.; 8th, 19 cwt. 0 qrs., Mr. S. M. Robins, £119 14s.; 9th, 25 cwt. 0 qrs., the Bolitho family, £157 10s.; Tenor, 35 cwt. 0 qrs., Mrs. Hawkins, £220 10s. Handbells have been given by the past and present pupils of Probus School at a cost of £36 7s.

For the Benediction Service people came from all parts of the Diocese and beyond. By quarter to 12 all ticket-holders had taken their positions, and then arrived the Mayor and Corporation of Truro accompanied by the Mayors of Penzance, Liskeard, St. Ives, Bodmin and

Falmouth, and were met by sub-dean Hassard, and conducted to their seats whilst the National Anthem was played on the organ. The clergy of the diocese and readers had assembled in the Cathedral School, together with visiting clergymen, where they were joined by the Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop of St. German's, Bishop of Crediton, Archdeacon of Bodmin, chaplains, officers and rural deans. The service, which was of a most beautiful character, characterised by great dignity, solemnity, and yet simplicity, commenced with the chanting of Psalms xxxiv. and lxxxiv. to a setting by Beethoven, as the very lengthy procession wended its way to the choir. Immediately after the Benediction of the towers, Mr. A. P. Nix, on behalf of the other donors of the bells, asked his Lordship to accept, offer and bless these bells now presented to the Glory of God and for use in the service of this Cathedral Church. The Bishop answered—"I am ready to do as you desire, and I pray God to bless His servants by whose piety this offering is now made, and those who shall now, or hereafter, ring these bells." The Bishop then read some prayers, concluding with the words "These bells are now committed to the charge and care of the Dean and Chapter of this Cathedral Church."

Immediately the following rang the opening rounds: F. Dunaway, E. W. Marsh, H. Bennett, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Ford, G. H. Myers, W. Shears. After an address by the Bishop, the Te Deum Laudamus was sung as an act of thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral. The ringing of the bells was under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild, with Canon Kempe as secretary, and for the occasion a special band (all members of the Guild) was organised and directed by Mr. Dunaway. Immediately after the service a touch of 305 Grandsire Caters was rung by F. Dunaway, E. W. Marsh, H. Bennett, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Ford, G. H. Myers conductor, and W. Shears. After luncheon a ring was arranged for visitors and others and included the following: Messrs. Hattersley (Sheffield), Dennis (Cambridge), Dr. J. Symons (Penzance), Rev. Maitland Kelly (Lifton), J. Hobbs (Plymouth), B. Prewett (London) R. E. Stavert (Bushey), S. Pile (Truro), R. Dobson (Plymouth), Rev. E. V. Cox (Tamworth), C. Eeles (Plymouth), and F. Dunaway (conductor). Two touches of Grandsire Caters were rung and was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors. A band of ringers drawn from Cornwall then rang a few rounds, after which the special band rang a beautiful touch of 658 Stedman Caters. F. Dunaway, Rev. J. F. Hastings, F. Hockaday, W. Hiscott, W. Rundle, E. W. Marsh conductor, W. H. Marsh, J. R. Newman, G. H. Myers, W. Ford. After an interval the same band rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, H. Bennett taking the place of H. Shears. After evensong a short touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by F. Dunaway, was rung, and then the bells were lowered. The ringing over the special band adjourned to Kenwyn church, where they rang touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Throughout the evening the special band were inundated with congratulations, and at

the station a crowd witnessed their departure and cheered as the train steamed out, and although the ringers were somewhat tired after their arduous day's work, they retaliated with a general cheer for Truro. Through the kindness of Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Dr. J. Symons (Perzance), and Mr. A. E. Spender (Plymouth), a supper was provided for them in a saloon car on their return journey. Mr. E. W. Marsh proposed "Our Hosts," who were accorded musical honours. Mr. G. H. Myers proposed the health of Mr. Dunaway, and in a neat little speech mentioned that the success of the day's ringing was attributed to the organisation and arduous work of Mr. Dunaway. This was supported by all the band with musical honours.

Mr. Dunaway in proposing "The Visitors," thanked the ringers one and all for their sympathy in the work which he had been called upon to perform, and attributed the success of the day's ringing to the unity of all the ringers concerned. The Rev. E. V. Cox and Mr. J. R. Newman responded.

On behalf of the special band Mr. Dunaway has had letters of congratulation from all parts of the county, including the Bishop of Truro, Bishop of St. German's, Chancellor Woolledge, the Dean and Chapter, Canon Kempe, Mr. J. C. Dabuz and many others. The Visitors also who were at the opening ceremony expressed their pleasure at listening to the beautiful striking in all the methods. After the arduous work of Canon Kempe (the Diocesan Secretary) no greater reward could he wish than the success of the day's ringing.

BELLS FOR BOSTON CUSTOM HOUSE.

Inasmuch as there is no new development in the project of the Boston bells, I beg to warn your readers that if they skip this communication nothing will have been lost. A telegram from the Committee on Ways and Means summoned me to Washington on the 31st ult., on which occasion I was accorded respectful attention, accompanied with some good natured chaffing, in an argument that lasted for over an hour. Government officials at Washington are uniformly accessible, courteous and good-natured. Senator Lodge who had introduced the Bill to the Senate, tendered helpful advice, while the Hon. Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, introduced me to the Committee and gave me many valuable points. By the architect I had been provided with a large design of the front elevation of the edifice, 500 ft. in height, the exact altitude, by the way of the shaft of the Washington monument, by which I was enabled to illustrate my remarks. Should the bells be placed in the belfry at an altitude of about 415 ft. they will be 192 ft. above the vane and finial of St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

I was somewhat staggered at the nature and extent of the opposition here at Washington to our project. This opposition has assumed the form of ridicule, than which no more powerful or effective agent can be resorted to in this country. Of this a striking illustration was afforded some years ago when a swarm of tramps, calling themselves the "army of peace," collected at Chicago and proceeded to march on Washington, headed by a self-nominated general. In the absence of any law to prohibit this novel procedure these ruffians reached the Metropolis in augmented numbers, and invading the capitol grounds, began riotous behaviour that led to grave apprehension. At this crisis the happy thought occurred to a policeman to arrest the leader under a municipal ordinance relating

to trespass on the grass. With the ignominious departure of their chief everybody laughed, the mob dispersed, and the whole affair subsided. Now this is the obstacle that we have struck here, namely, an exasperating tendency to treat our scheme humorously: hence, its introduction at any assemblage produces an effect not unlike the appearance of a fat man at a wake—everybody laughs. How many times, when directing attention to the sublime conception of installing a peal of bells at the highest altitude hitherto known have I had to listen to some idiotic allusion to "castles in the air." "How very amusing" is the not uncommon remark of ladies; while even poets conspire against us. Hark to this ridiculous effusion:—

I hear celestial changes in the Milky Way,
As if rung from the very key star of the sky,
Falling in cadence sweet, they seem to say,
Pray! how is that for high?

I think I may be pardoned for abstinence from quoting more of that bombastic doggerel. Indeed, I almost wonder how I have managed to listen to all this preposterous nonsense and not lose my temper. Meanwhile, this delay is positively serious; for until a decision is reached, no contract can be awarded for a certain portion of the tower, nor can even the plan of the upper stages be finished. It must be admitted, however, that certain protests advanced here by politicians are not altogether without weight, and for that reason are not always easy to reply to. The substance of some of these arguments presented at the hotels, or fired at me after the hearing, I will venture to state together with the answers.

First: The height and unique environment of this campanile, will afford to foreign firms a distinctly unfair advantage in advertising their wares. Injustice is obviously thus done by the Government to American manufacturers.

Answer: We do not wish to institute any comparison between the work of different artisans. The Government is merely asked to favor that mode of suspending and ringing bells deemed the best: and above all, to stamp its approval of an Art, the extension of which will increase the business of our local firms; as occurred in England in the seventeenth century, when the Art was first introduced there.

Second: Is it conceivable, for example, that the English Government would hang American or Belgian bells in the Westminster Clock Tower?

Answer: Yes, if they were looking for bells, and no others were available; and that is precisely our position. On this point you have the testimony of Col. Meneely, the founder and prominent protestant, who admits that bells for half-pull ringing are not made in the United States.

Third: (And here bobs up again the jocular element). We are at a loss to comprehend this mysterious Art that is more suggestive of mathematics than music. Does it involve any excitement or cause fatalities? You know we kill a man now and then at football?

Answer: We can do better than that. Why in Liverpool some years ago on a Sunday the ringers pulled down a church steeple, killing thirteen at one clip, hurting a lot of others, and starting excitement enough to last a week.

Fourth: But after all, will not the public think that in conceding to a foreign firm so superb an opportunity for display they are virtually discriminating against our own people.

Answer: The public are not likely to bother their heads about this business; or, if they consider it at all, they

will defer to the old adage—"It's a poor rule to look a gift mule in the hind heel."

Fifth: Protests have been received here from those agitating for the suppression of objectionable noises. This movement has already caused the disuse of the bells originally placed in the Christian Science Temple of Boston.

Answer: By no stretch of courtesy could those instruments be called bells. They were steel tubes, such as are not infrequently shoved off on unsophisticated church committees as "cheaper and better than bells of the old form." The neighbours combined in a request that these "tubular bells" might be subjected only to absent treatment. Not a voice has been raised, however, in protest against a heavy chime that has supplanted them, although it rings out the quarters day and night.

In common with your readers I deeply regret that I could not have been backed up at the hearing by abler representatives of the Art. We can imagine how under similar circumstances Arthur T. King, esq., or R. A. Daniell, esq., would have electrified a Parliamentary Committee, the one with his magnificent diplomacy, the other with his profound erudition.

One member of the committee has assured me that while there is every disposition to favour the Exercise, the bill has, unfortunately, run up against the prejudices of high tariff Republicans; and he was kind enough to add (doubtless disposed to flattery) that if it ultimately went through, it would be due largely to my presentation of the matter.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, M.D.

THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.

The annual outing of this society took place on a recent Tuesday in ideal weather. The route chosen this year was in the well-known ringing district of the Mundens, permission having been obtained to ring at the churches of Great and Little Munden, Bennington, and Standon. Starting soon after 9 o'clock in a brake and pair, Great Munden was reached about 11 o'clock, and after a short touch of Plain Bob, the bells were soon sending forth their music to the tune of London Surprise. The complete 720 failed, after which the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Langdon, joined the band, and was piloted through his first course in the same method. The musical abilities of the Rector here are well known in East Herts., and he also takes a great interest in his bells and bellringing generally, having taken part in several peals of 5000 changes. A well-struck 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob concluded the ringing here, after which a move was made to Little Munden, which was reached at 1 o'clock. Here the party were met by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, the captain of the local band, and ringer of two bells in a recent seven method peal of 5040 changes. An adjournment was at once made to the Captain's residence, where an excellent lunch had been provided by Mrs. Lawrence, to which it need hardly be said full justice was done. A visit was then made to the tower, and some good touches of London, York, and Cambridge Surprise were rung as well as Plain Bob, which brought the time to 5 o'clock, when the party partook of tea, again under Mrs. Lawrence's supervision, in fact too much praise cannot be given to the Captain's better half for the way she looked after the inner man. Tea over, the next on the programme was the splendid peal of eight at Bennington, and here the party arrived about 7 o'clock, being met by some of the local band, including such veterans as John Kitchener and

Samuel Page, who were members of the famous band at Bennington in the days of the late Squire Proctor, when their fame was known throughout the ringing-world, as the records in the belfry testify. Here the band acquitted themselves very creditably on the full octave, with the assistance of Messrs. Kitchener, Page, and Lawrence. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Bob Major, and Kent Major were successfully brought round, the party being so infatuated with eight-bell ringing, that no time was left for Standon. The falling of the bells in peal concluded the ringing for the day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the band, who reached home about midnight.

The members wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells; to the various captains who had everything in readiness, and to all those who helped in any way to make the outing such a success.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon.)—On Friday, May 10th, at the parish church, after the memorial service to the late King Edward VII., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells deeply muffled. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, G. Brooks. It was the intention of the band to start for a peal, but time not allowing, a quarter-peal was rung instead.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

CLEATOR MOOR.—On Thursday, March 17th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor on the back six. J. Hutchinson, E. Potts, W. Taylor, J. Baxter, G. Temby, J. Joyce conductor. On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, another 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. Hutchinson, E. Potts, W. Taylor, S. Lewthwaite, G. Temby, J. Joyce conductor.

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Some years ago it was noticed that rain was finding its way to the bells of Stroud parish church, causing them to rust. A careful examination revealed the fact that the upper portion of the steeple was defective, and this was answerable for the mischief. The churchwardens decided that the wisest thing to do was to replace the unsound upper portion, which was taken down. Some regard, however, was felt for it, and as a consequence it was erected in the churchyard, where it still stands in the midst of the tombstones.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pentre on Saturday, June 25th. The Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Canon Lewis, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary and accepted as correct. An explanation was given why the meeting arranged for Blenavon had not been held. Following this the Instructor's reports were next received, which shewed good progress being made. A welcome bit of news was next made known, namely, that the new tower which is being built at Radyr was soon to be possessed of a new ring of bells, the order for eight having already been placed with Messrs. Taylor. A discussion next took place on the advisability of bringing before the Cathedral authorities the question of increasing the present ring of eight to a ring of ten. Canon Lewis very kindly promised to bring the matter before the Dean and Chapter at the first opportunity. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chepstow. New members were elected, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting closed. Canon Lewis then invited all present to tea.

At the conclusion of tea steps were made for the tower and an attempt was made for Holt's Original, which failed after ringing 1 hr., the conductor being Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Tipton. Touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples were afterwards rung, which brought to a close a pleasant meeting. Opportunity is now taken to thank the Vicar for his hospitality and for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their very hearty welcome.

MARK, SOMERSET.

The bells of this fine old parish church have just been rehung in an entirely new frame and fittings. The second and third bells have been recast. The dedication services took place on Monday, June 13th, at 3 and 7 p.m. At the afternoon service the Ven. Archdeacon Brymer dedicated the bells. The services were largely attended. After the Mark ringers had rung the opening touches some of the Burnham ringers visited the tower and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The go and tone of the bells are excellent, and reflect great credit on the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have very ably carried out the work of rehanging and recasting. Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel firm, was present on the opening day and had a pull with the ringers. It is hoped the local company will join the Association and take up ringing.

CHICAGO, U.S.A.

The ringers now in Chicago intend meeting on July 4, Independence Day, when plans will be discussed for the formation of an Association of change-ringers now in America. Also the first meeting of the Chicago Guild, when the "Alice Freeman Palmer chimes" of the University of Chicago will be opened for ringing, followed by a business meeting. On behalf of the Guild,

F. J. RUMENS, Hon. President.
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

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

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—On no account should local men be entrusted with this most delicate work. I have in my mind the result of the rehanging of Eccles parish church bells by a local firm of Grate Makers, etc. The men sent to do the work had never seen a church bell, and you can imagine the job they made of it. They made them practically unringable. A ringer (a smith) then tried his hand with no better result, and it was not until Messrs. Taylor were called in that the bells were made ringable. Thus you see there were three expenses incurred, where one would have done, and upwards (I believe) of £80 wasted. I had relinquished the conductorship of this tower some time before, therefore I had no voice in the matter, but had I been still in office there is no doubt about it that a practical bell founder would have been entrusted with the restoration. By all means drive it home to all concerned that skilled bell hangers are not only more competent to do the work, but will be cheaper in the long run. I am writing as a practical ringer of forty years' standing, and may say have no interest in any of the bell-founders: only my experience during all these years proves to me that none but bellfounders should be allowed to act as bell-hangers. I hope you will carry your point to the benefit of present and future ringers, as well as the preservation of the bells themselves.

J. R. FRITCHARD.

P.S.—There was at the time (1904) considerable discussion in "THE BELL NEWS" about the bells I quote.

SIR,—Referring to the request in a recent number, I beg to say we have a splendid example of local bellhanging carried out in a tower situated midway between Newport and Cardiff. Some years ago it was carried out, and at the completion a band was invited to open this ring of six (there being no local ringers), after it was stated being thoroughly rehung; but lo, when a start was made to raise the bells it was discovered no such a thing could be done, the frame being so constructed that there was no room for the mouth of the bell to come up, so no ringing took place. As such they hang to-day, no ringing being possible on them. In the same parish there is also another tower which contains a ring of six. These too had been idle for many years, until eighteen months ago a gentleman kindly undertook to pay for the rehanging of them. There was no conferring with the local bellhanger this time, but the order placed with one of the recognised firm of bellhangers whose advertisement appears in your paper, with the result that at present a band has been taught half-pull ringing, and the bells are rung regularly every Sunday for service.

Hon. Sec. Llandaff Diocesan Association. J. W. JONES,

(We have received other letters on this subject, all strongly protesting against employing local talent for the rehanging of church bells.)

BELLFFOUNDING OPERATIONS.—It may perhaps interest our readers to know that Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Limited, Bellfounders to His Majesty the King, Crescent Foundry, London, have the order for a peal of twelve bells, together with a semitone bell for Buckfast Abbey, Devon, tenor 27½ cwt.) This famous old Abbey is being rebuilt by the Monks themselves, and when completed promises to be one of the finest examples of architecture in the kingdom. Messrs. Warner have also in hand the recasting of the bells at Wareham parish church, Dorset (tenor 16 cwt.); a new peal of eight with 12 cwt. tenor for Eastwood church, Rotherham, Yorks; a new peal of six for Docking church, Norfolk (tenor 13 cwt.); and bells for India. The bells at St. Mary's church, Bishopstoke, Hants., have just been rehung in a iron and steel girder frame and two new trebles added. The new peal of bells for Grayshott church, Hants., will shortly be ready for hanging in the new tower.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 5th and 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 7th and 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 11th and 25th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth. Tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be made heartily welcome.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Bull inn at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who inform me by the 21st inst.
F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of this district will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Proctor. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which service it is hoped that all ringers present will attend.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 2nd. Dinner at The Plume of Feathers hotel at 1.15 p.m.; meeting to follow. The following bells are available: Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6). Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, July 2nd. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Walker) at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (ten) will be available.
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bransford, Worcester.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. A quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5.
H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 6.30.
REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Milnrow, on

Saturday, July 2nd. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested, as business is important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Monday, July 4th.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Mary's schools at 6.15 p.m.
A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Wantage on Saturday, July 16th. Special service in the parish church at 11.30. Preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.20. Dinner in Victoria Cross Gallery at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 9th. One shilling will be refunded to ringing members present at the dinner, but any mem-failing to send for dinner tickets must pay 2s. and have nothing refunded.
ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*
5, Father-on Road, Reading.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, July 6th. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members. It is hoped that as many members as can possibly get there in time, will attend the service, which is being specially arranged.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word by Tuesday, July 5th, to
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The first quarterly meeting for the above district will be held at Mereworth on July 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. through the kindness of the Rev. C. H. Cox, Vicar of Mereworth. All members wishing to attend tea must notify to the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 12th, as only those sending word will be provided with a tea. No expenses paid.
G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*
2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

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

held at North Stoneham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at The Cricketer's Arms at 5.15. JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Woolwich, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5.30. with address by the Rev. —. Pickering, Rector, who has also kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names not later than Tuesday, July 12th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to, but not exceeding 2s., paid at this meeting.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, Ad-laide Road, Chislehurst.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Lavenham (8 bells), Preston—2½ miles—(6 bells). Bells ready at 2. Tea at 4.30.
EDWARD J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on August 1st. Divine Service with address by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.15. Members intending to be present should acquaint the Hon. Secretary not later than July 28th.
H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

Lavenham.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at intervals on Tuesday, July 5th, instead of June 21st; also on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10.45, letting me know one day previous.
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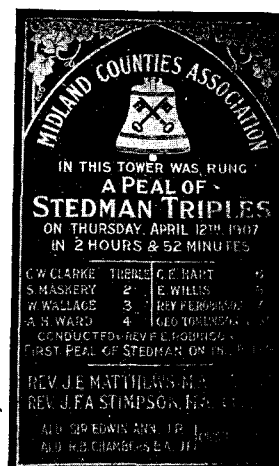
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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE
REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The Assistant Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild sends us the following:—

"Mr. Robinson had with his own hands carved a north aisle screen, organ case, choir stalls, and oak bench-ends for Drayton church, and his heart's desire was to crown the work by the erection of a carved oak chancel screen in his lifetime. To this end he had obtained a design from a skilled architect, and a faculty. Such a memorial will be most agreeable to his family, and will generally be thought appropriate. The cost has been estimated by the architect at £320, inclusive of architect's commission, but not of incidental expenses. The Guild may be trusted to make every exertion and sacrifice in order thus worthily to perpetuate a respected and beloved memory. The Committee, therefore, have every confidence in appealing to the members through the Guild Secretaries, the Branch Chairmen and Secretaries, and the foremen of towers, to take up the work of collection.

"The Guild desire also to place this circular in the hands of ringers and friends throughout Great Britain. They infer from what passed at the late meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers that the scheme will be heartily supported, and they feel assured that there are many outside the borders of the Oxford Guild who would wish to contribute to the Memorial of one who was so well known and esteemed in the Church and in so many of her bellfries.

"Subscriptions may be paid to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Deputy Master, 22, Church Green, Witney, Oxon; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Vicarage, Crowthorne, Berks.; W. Pole Routh, Esq., Oakfield, Redlands Road,

Reading; the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, Guild Secretary, The Ridge Field, Caversham, Reading, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. A. E. Reeves, Assistant Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading, Hon. Secretary; or to R. C. Cullum esq., Manager, Lloyd's Bank, Limited, Reading."

The Provinces.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT PAGETT Treble.	ELIJAH PAGETT 5.
FREDERICK BENDALL 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
WILLIAM PEART 3.	ALBERT MILLS 7.
STAMFORD WOODHALL 4.	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

*First peal.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD NELMES Treble.	HOWARD REID 5.
WILLIAM BISHOP 2.	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN HARPER 3.	JOHN WILOR 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JAMES BISHOP Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor and the ringer of the 3rd, being his first with a bob bell.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, (no time mentioned),

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE GROVES Treble.	JOHN EAMES 4.
HARRY SEAR 2.	SIDNEY SMITH 5.
THOMAS BEST, JUN. 3.	ALBERT GOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE Treble.	HARRY SEAR 5.
FRANCIS HEDGES 2.	HARRY HOPKINS 6.
JOSEPH MARKS* 3.	WALTER SEAR 7.
THOMAS BEST, JUN.† 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble.	FREDK. HUNT 5.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. 2.	EDWARD TRENDALL 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK 7.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	MARTIN HARRIS 5.
SAMUEL JONES 2.	FRANK MILTON 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 4.	JOSEPH GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALBERT PRICE Treble.	BENJAMIN DALTON 4.
HARRY DALTON 2.	*GEORGE H. TUDOR 5.
ALFRED BUTLER 3.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. TUDOR.

*First peal as conductor. First peal by all except the conductor,

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Single Court, Double Court, and Oxford Bob; and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS COPELAND Treble.	ARTHUR E. CAMPING 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

WILLIAM LAW* Treble.	FRANK ROLLINGS 3.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MERRINGTON* .. Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING.. .. 5.
TOM DAY 2.	WILLIAM SAUNDERS.. .. 6.
JAMES YORK.. .. 3.	WALTER LAGO 7.
JOSEPH DAY 4.	WILLIAM JONES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty 6-scores of Grand-sire. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. BAYLES Treble.	SYDNEY A. BOAR 3.
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Conducted by ARTHUR S. BOAR.

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On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. HINDLEY.. .. Treble.	CHAS. SEDDON 5.
GEO. MORRIS 2.	ALBERT WALLWORK 6.
THOS. LINGARD 3.	THOS. HOWARD 7.
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Conducted by GEO. MORRIS.

First peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JAMES WARD Treble.	WALTER GERMAN 5.
CHARLES KELLER 2.	HUBERT HORN 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. 7.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4.	FREDK. PALMER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES SPENCER* Treble.	ERNEST GEARY 4.
VICTOR GEARY 2.	†GEO. H. GEARY 5.
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Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2.	FREDK JAMES STEELE .. 6.
JAMES BARRATT.. .. 3.	JOHN BAGULRY 7.
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Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

BERTIE R. BUCKLE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.
HARRY HALL 2.	JOHN W. MALLETT 5.
JOHN HALL.. .. 3.	GEORGE BALLS Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First peal.

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SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD J. WICKES.. Treble.	HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.
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Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

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On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 5.
SAMUEL LORD 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt

HARRY PRICE Treble.	GEORGE PIGOTT 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
ALFRED DAVIES 3.	*CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by C. MATTHEWS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN DOLPHIN† Treble.	†GEORGE DOLPHIN 5.
SIDNEY ANNIS† 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	*ERNEST GIBBS 7.
WILLIAM NEED† 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

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GEORGE MORRIS 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
ALFRED CROSS 4.	JOHN EDGE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	JOHN S. DANIELS 5.
JAMES D. DEBWEET 2.	CALEB DANIEL 6.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 7.
ALBERT CALVER 4.	WALTER J. ANSCOMB .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

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Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Monday, June 27th, at The Antones, on handbells, touches of 672 and 209 Grandsire Triples. F. Martin conductor, G. Shipp, C. N. Leman, J. E. Rootes. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Martin, G. Shipp, C. N. Leman, conductor.

Handbell Peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 7-8.
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Miscellaneous.

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BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1280 Bob Major, composed by G. F. Williams, and 720 in the same method after service. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Hammond, H. E. Hammond, S. R. Roper, F. Eley, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Jordan, curate-in-charge, who preached his farewell sermon at this service. On Sunday, evening, June 26th, 1264 Bob Major, composed by H. Johnson. F. J. Fuller, S. R. Roper, W. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, F. Eley, H. Coote, W. J. Collins. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Eddleston, who preached his first sermon as Vicar at this service.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 720 London Surprise. J. Neal, J. W. Lake conductor, A. E. Larkinson, J. Osborn, F. Blood, A. S. Allen. First 720 in the method ever rung by a local band in the county of Lincoln.

PENCOMBE (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hamer, W. Clements, A. Tomkins, W. Watkins, L. Longney conductor, C. Jones. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. On Tuesday, May 31st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Watkins, W. Clements, A. Tomkins, L. Longney conductor, S. Clements, C. Jones.

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23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Omit the six H in brackets for 5280 Maximus. March 1910.

5040 ROYAL.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Repeated.

Rung at St. Stephen, Bristol, on April 12th, 1910, conducted by the composer. Omit the 3M in brackets in both parts for 5280 Maximus. This is the first two-part ever composed in the method. 6th extent in 6ths. April 1910.

5040 ROYAL.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Repeated.

6th the extent in 4ths. April 1910.

6480 ROYAL. 9504 MAXIMUS.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-

M W H

62345	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Repeated.

The extent of two-part composition, and 6th extent in 4-6. April 1910.

BOB MAJOR.

BY N. J. PITSTOW.

5024.

23456	W	B	M	H
53264	S	-	-	-
26534	-	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-	-
26453	-	-	-	-
42653	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-	-
35624	-	-	-	-
63524	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

Rung for the first time at Lavenham on Saturday, June 18th, 1910.

GILLINGHAM, NEAR BECCLES.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of the parish church had an outing, on the invitation of Mr. Jonathan Nobbs. Driving to Bungay, Ditchingham, and Loddon, a stop was made at each of those places, and touches of Grandsire were rung, conducted by H. Ling (Beccles). At the cafe, Loddon, hostess Goate had made ready a meat tea, and full justice having been done to the bountiful spread, Mr. Hopson (captain), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donor, who had made the outing so enjoyable. Thanks were also conveyed to the several Vicars for so kindly granting permission to use the bells.

The General Steam Navigation Company are offering, as usual, every facility for reaching the various seaside resorts on the South East coast. The fast new saloon steamer "Golden Eagle" leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join the boat at Tilbury. The popular Husbands' Boat on Saturday afternoons may be reached by train from St. Pancras at 2.12 p.m., and Fenchurch 2.40. On Mondays and Thursdays the new turbine steamer "Kingfisher" makes trips to Boulogne and back, leaving St. Pancras at 6.50, and Fenchurch 7.32 a.m. Full particulars of the above trips, as well as the Company's Continental sailings may be obtained from the offices, 15, Trinity Square, E.C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and the bells were kept going to various touches. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. was attended by all present, and was very much brightened by the attendance of the organist and choir. The Rev. W. Lord (curate), read the prayers and first lesson, and he also delivered a very stirring and impressive address. A move was then made to the Parish Room, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the local band, was awaiting them, and to which nearly seventy sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rector in the chair. The minutes of the previous

meeting were read and confirmed. One new member was elected, and Woolwich was selected as the place of the next meeting on July 16th. This concluded the business, and Mr. F. Thornton proposed in appropriate terms, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and his excellent address, also for presiding; to the Rev. W. Lord, the organist and choir for their kind assistance; to the local band for so kindly providing such an excellent spread; and to the ladies who had so kindly waited on them. This was seconded by Mr. Carter, and carried with applause. The Rector replying on behalf of the clergy, organist and choir, said it had given them all the greatest pleasure to meet them and be with

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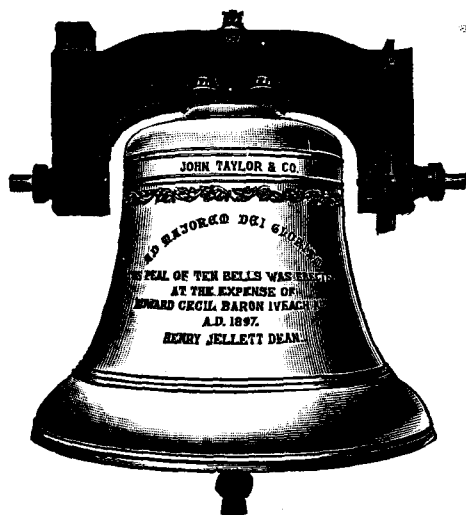
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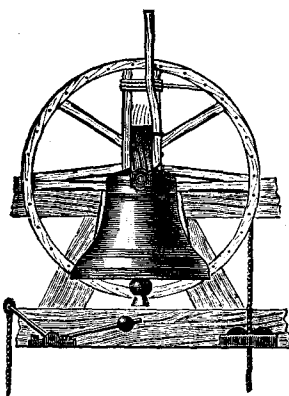
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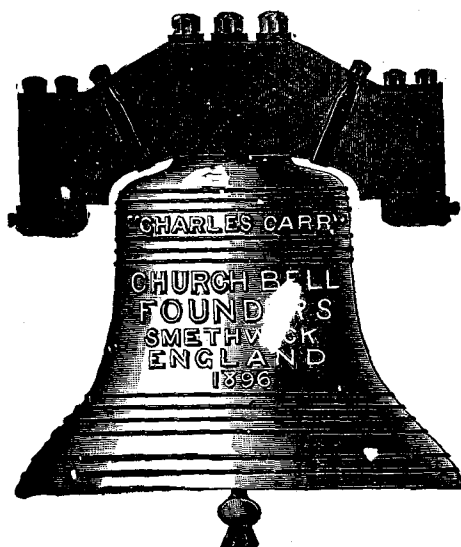
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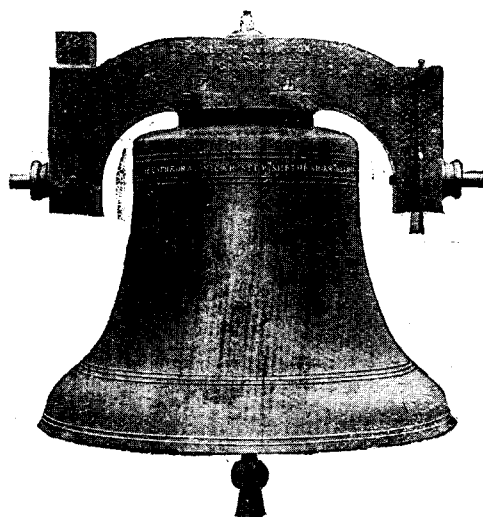
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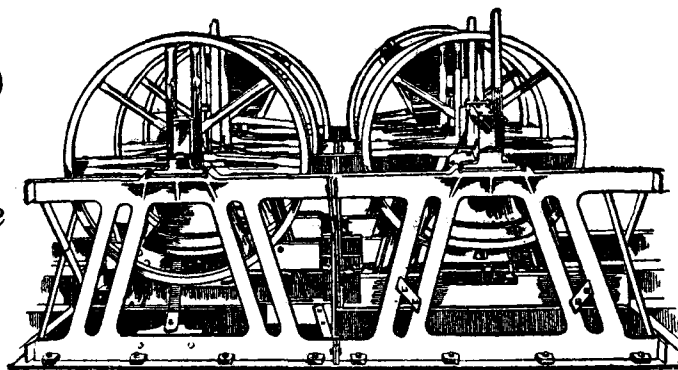
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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The work of rehangng the bells in the Abbey Tower has now been completed, and two new bells have been added to the original peal of eight. The work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. James Barwell and Co., Ltd., of Great Hampton Street, Birmingham, and was commenced early in November last. The old timber frame, which had become very unstable, has been removed, and a modern steel frame substituted. The timber frame was erected in the year 1875, the work then being evidently carried out in great haste, in order that the bells should be ready to ring at the time of the opening of All Saints' church (after restoration.) The addition of the two new bells has placed Evesham in possession of one of the finest peals of ten bells in the county. There are only three other places in the county where there are peals of ten bells, these being at Bromsgrove, Dudley (St. Thomas), and All Saints, Worcester. The new treble bell has been given by Mr. J. Bracher, Mrs. E. B. Whalley, and Mr. E. A. Barnard, in memory of Mrs. Ellen Ettwell, who died on September 26th, 1907; and the second bell by Mrs. Alfred Espley and Miss Espley, in memory of Mr. Alfred Espley, who died on March 17th, 1908. The total cost of the restoration and additions was estimated at about £600, towards which the sum of £232 was raised by the Old English Fair, and £100 was given from the proceeds of the Swiss Fete at Abbey Manor last summer. The committee also undertook the restoration of the ninety-eight worn-out steps in the tower, and the screening of the bell-chamber from the steps, thus preventing access to the bells except to those concerned with the care of them.

On Saturday, June 25th, the Lord Bishop of Worcester visited Evesham for the purpose of formally dedicating the two new bells. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a service was held in All Saints church, conducted by the Vicar, the other clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, being the Rev. E. Havergal, Vicar of Hampton, the Rev. C. W. Preston (Offenham), the Revs. H. A. Holmes, and C. W. Whitacre. The combined choirs of All Saints and St. Laurence led the singing, and there was a very large congregation. The service opened with the singing of the Old Hundredth. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer and Psalms 84, 122, and 150. The lessons were read by the Revs. H. A. Holmes and C. W. Whitacre. At the conclusion of the second lesson the choir and clergy left the church in procession, headed by the cross-bearer, and singing the hymn "When morning gilds the skies." The congregation remained in the church, and during the absence of the choir, the organist played several selections of music. The procession marched through the churchyard to the bell-tower, and the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar, the churchwardens of both parishes, and some members of the Bells Committee, ascended the tower to the bell-chamber, where he dedicated the two new bells, the ropes of which were handed to him by Miss Espley and Mr. J. Bracher on behalf of the

donors. The Bishop spoke a few words as to their use, expressing the hope that they would be used for religious purposes, and alluding to those in whose memory they were given. He then handed the ropes to the Vicar as their future custodian. He then descended the tower, and the procession marched back to the church singing the hymn "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving." The service in the church was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Bishop delivered a short address. He said they were that day dedicating to God, in memory of the holy persons passed away, two beautiful bells, completing a peal of ten in the belfry of the old Abbey tower erected by their forefathers, to the glory of God and the Blessed Trinity. He thought there were very few accessories of holy worship so popular as bells, and yet they were comparatively modern. There was a curious custom in ancient Roman days to call people together to the great baths by the sound of a bell. Possibly in some cases the bell was not much more than a piece of resonant wood, clanging on chains. Then in later days—certainly not before the beginning of the fifteenth century—bells began to be used in this country to gather the people together for public worship. Possibly the idea of this originated because of the old tradition of the Roman bell summoning the people to the baths; because the clergy wished to gather the people to the spiritual washing of their souls, and afterwards to bring them to that feast which brought them back to that purity which was once ours at our baptism. Their English custom of bell-ringing, he thought, had been especially beautiful. If one travelled abroad (especially in Spain), one would find in many places very fine peals of bells, but when heard these were little better than a discordant clanging. In England it was their special pride to ring their bells in beautiful melodious cadences, and that very ringing, accomplished by a man pulling on the rope with all his might, served to convey to their minds no mere mechanical voice, but a voice calling them to look up to more glorious things than these of earth. And so it was that their poets referred so often to the bells. At their marriages, when the young couple stood together at the altar, the bells rang out a message of hope and joy to them. When the body was carried to its last earthly resting-place, with a sure and certain hope of eternal life, the bells tolled out solemnly, seeming to tell that death was not death at all, but only a step from this earth to greater glories beyond.

At about 4.30 the bells were raised, and ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who attended by special request, rang a peal of Stedman Caters, which will be duly announced. This is the first peal on ten bells, and the second complete peal of any description ever rung in the town, the previous one (on the old eight bells) being a peal of Stedman Triples, rung about twenty years ago. As may be imagined, the peal occasioned no little excitement in the quiet old town, and on descending the tower, the ringers received quite an ovation at the hands of a considerable number of enthusiastic townspeople. Previous to the peal the ringers were entertained to a cold luncheon provided by the Committee at the

Parish Hall. They were welcomed by Mr. E. A. Barnard, Hon. Secretary of the Bells Improvements Committee. After the ringing they were entertained on behalf of the Vicar, by Mr. John Averill and Mr. Spies. The ringers expressed themselves delighted with the bells; they go excellently, and the two new ones are in perfect harmony with the old peal.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.

The pretty and interesting church of St. Mary's now possesses as fine a ring of bells as any church of similar size in the county. After having been recast and rehung the bells were re-opened at a largely attended service on a recent Thursday evening. Some time ago it was found that the old bells, several of which dated from the sixteenth century, required tuning and rehanging, the oak beams and frames having decayed. Expert advice was obtained, and it was found that the bells could not be properly tuned unless they were recast. It was decided to do this, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon. The work has been excellently carried out, and the church has now a most melodious peal. The bells are hung on well designed iron frames, supported on steel girders. A new floor has also been put in the bellchamber. In the recasting the old inscriptions on the bells have been retained. The cost of the work is just over £240, but the bulk of the money has been provided by the Hulcote Charity Trustees, who have a certain amount to lay aside yearly for the repair of the church. Owing, however, to the fact that the bells have been recast the additional expense has had to be met by donations. Mrs. Storer has presented to the church a nice hymn board and alms dish made from one of the old oak beams from the belfry, which will serve as an interesting memento.

Between five and six o'clock a goodly number of people from Hulcote and Towcester climbed into the belfry and had a look at the bells, in which a great deal of interest was taken.

There was a large congregation at the re-opening service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Collins. Special psalms and hymns were used, and Mr. E. Hunt ably presided at the organ. An appropriate and much appreciated sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Barry (Rector of Blisworth), President of the Towcester and District Association. As a simile the preacher took the building of the Temple of Solomon, for which everything was prepared in the forest of Lebanon. He compared the churches to the forest of Lebanon, in which souls were made ready for the Temple of God in the future life. After speaking of the way art and skill and craftsmanship had been devoted to the beautification of churches, the preacher said that a very high place was taken by the bells, whose office it was to call people to be prepared for the life to come. The invitation and message of the Easton Neston bells, he thought, were very aptly described in the inscription on No. 4 bell—"Pray attend to what I give, that so you may for ever live."

After the service several touches were rung on the bells the ringers representing many neighbouring towers being delighted with the ease with which the bells can now be rung; whilst outside the church an admiring congregation lingered to marvel at the sweetness of tone of the new bells in comparison to the old peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

The Annual meeting of the North Bucks. Branch of the above Guild was held in beautiful summer weather at Shenley on Saturday, June 4. Nearly 120 members took advantage of the kind invitation of the Rev. J. R. Vincent (Vicar of the parish and president of the branch) to be present. The rev. gentleman did everything to promote the enjoyment of his guests. The beautiful gardens and grounds of the vicarage were thrown open, and during the afternoon a capital tea was served on the lawn. To the regret of all Mrs. Vincent was unable to join the ringers, she being away from home. From 2 o'clock to 3.30 the countryside rang with the music of the fine peal of bells which Shenley church can boast, and subsequently Divine Service was held. The Rev. J. R. Vincent intoned the service, and the hymns sung were, "Set them nobly in the steeple," "We are soldiers of Christ," and "Onward, Christian soldiers," sung as a processional following a very appropriate sermon by the deputy master of the Guild. After prayer, in which God's blessing was invoked for the ringers, two verses of the National Anthem were sung. During the service the solo, "O rest in the Lord," was beautifully rendered. The annual meeting of the branch was held after tea, when Mr. F. W. Booth presented the annual report and balance sheet. The latter showed a balance to the good of £10 19s. 5d. as against £8 17s. 2½d. at the end of last year. The Fenny Stratford and Stoke Goldington towers had been admitted into membership, and since the last meeting fifteen peals had been rung by the branch members.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the recent death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, to whose initiative it was due that the Guild was formed, and who had been Master from its inception. On the motion of the Rev. J. R. Vincent the branch decided to support the proposal to place a screen in Drayton church to the memory of the late Master. It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at North Crawley on the first Saturday in September, at Stony Stratford on the first Saturday in December, and at Padbury on the first Saturday in March.

The Rev. J. R. Vincent, who was unanimously re-elected President of the Branch, extended a cordial invitation to the members to again hold their annual meeting at Shenley. This was accepted with thanks. The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. F. W. Booth for his valuable services as hon. secretary. This was heartily endorsed, and Mr. Booth was again elected to that office. The meeting closed with thanks to the Rev. J. R. Vincent for his hospitality. During the early evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Court.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the above Guild, visited Charles Church, Plymouth, and the following touches were rung: 210 Grandsire Triples, 375 Grandsire Caters, 653 Stedman Caters, and a course of Treble Bob Major. Arrangements were made that evening to again meet the President, and pay visits to Tamerton and Bere Ferrers on July 2nd. The bells at Tamerton have just been overhauled by H. Stokes, and were found to go beautifully. We started with 120 Grandsire Doubles, and then 120

Stedman Doubles. We then rang a well-struck 720 Treble Bob Minor. F. Hockaday, Rev. M. Kelly, F. Dunaway, H. Bennett, W. Rundle, E. W. Marsh conductor.

At Bere Ferrers we started with 120 Grandsire and 360 Bob Minor, and then adjourned for tea, after which the Rev. M. Kelly had to leave us to catch a train. After tea 720 Treble Bob Minor was rung, which is believed to be the first on the bells. F. Dunaway, H. Bennett, E. W. Marsh conductor, E. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. H. Marsh. The rest of the evening was spent in ringing Grandsire and Stedman with the local ringers. The other members additional to the above who went were—Rev. S. Powell, F. Purse, J. Hobbs, and A. Newcombe. M.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

A special general meeting of the above society was held at the headquarters on Saturday, June 25th, to consider the report of the sub-committee which had recently been appointed to re-organise the existing rules that had been in force since the formation of the society in 1883.

Owing to a large influx of new members, it was quite apparent that the majority of the rules could not be applied to the altered conditions of the present day, therefore with a view of forming a sound basis in building up the interests of the society, it was decided at the last meeting to extend the area, institute regular practice meetings, and re-organise the rules to govern the advanced requirements.

Through the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. F. Willey was elected to take the chair.

At the outset Mr. Willey explained that the object of this special meeting was to give consent to the adoption of the proposed new rules, and he hoped all present would express their opinions in open discussion before they were passed.

The proposed rules were then read out, and each in turn thoroughly discussed. The whole were carried without dissent, having secured unanimous approval.

The next business was to elect the officers, and this resulted in Mr. C. H. Hattersley being re-elected President; Mr. F. Willey was elected vice-president; Mr. W. Lomas was re-elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Sidney F. Palmer was elected Hon. Secretary, vice Mr. J. T. Rew, resigned.

The latter stated it was with regret that he was compelled to tender his resignation, owing to his inability to give the necessary time to carry on the increased work for the full benefit of the society, and he desired they should elect someone else to take up the duties.

Mr. Palmer thanked the company for the honour conferred, and said that so long as he held the confidence of the members, he would endeavour to work to the best of his ability in the full interests of the Society.

Messrs. Gledstone, Chown, Evinson, Cutsforth, Bugar, and Rew were elected on the committee, with power to add to their number should occasion arise.

For the new office of Ringing-Master to control the ringing at all practise meetings, Mr. Clement Glenn was elected, together with Mr. J. Thorpe to act as deputy.

Messrs. Glenn and Lewis were elected hon. auditors.

The fixtures were left in the hands of the Committee, and these will be announced in the columns of this paper.

A vote of thanks to the late Hon. Secretary for services rendered, and to the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

LATE NOTICES.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting (postponed from Whitsun Monday), will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Monday, August 1st. Particulars next week.
Canterbury FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, July 23rd.
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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next monthly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, July 23rd. Peal attempt in the afternoon. Business at 7.30.
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TRIPS TO SEA.—The sailing season has now begun in real earnest, and the ever-popular Belle Steamers are making daily trips to the many resorts on our bracing East Coast. The fast saloon steamer "London Belle," or other vessel leaves Fresh Wharf, London Bridge, at 9 a.m. daily (Sundays excepted) for Southend, Clacton, Walton, and back the same day; whilst the trip can be extended by the "Walton Belle" to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, Gorleston, and Yarmouth by changing at Walton. Through steamers to the latter places are run on Saturdays and Sundays at 9.30 a.m. There is also a daily service to Margate and Ramsgate at 9.30 a.m.; and the favourite Nore trip on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. An early boat to Southend, Herne Bay and Margate will leave Greenwich at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays from July 9th. Boat trains in connection leave Fenchurch Street on week-days at 8.54., and on Sundays at 8.52. Tickets are available for the season, and the luggage is conveyed at most reasonable rates. Fares are moderate, and the catering, at popular prices, is first-class. All particulars of the above, and many other trips, as well as convenient connection with the railway systems, may be obtained from the Coast Development Corporation, Fish Street Hill, London, E.C.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Mr. G. Lindoff writes: "All the peals of Cambridge composed by the Rev. H. Law James in your last issue are false; as also the peal of Double Norwich by H. Dains on June 18th."

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

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—Mr. Pritchard has made a few mistakes with regard to the Eccles bells. No local smith ever interfered with them. On two occasions I met the churchwardens. I told them when the job was finished the bells should be as easy to work as the keyboard of a piano; they looked at me as if I were talking Dutch. At the so called reopening I tried to make myself more clear. I asked them if their boots wanted repairing if they would take them to the chemists. I am the only smith in the Eccles district who takes an interest in church bellringing. I do not wish my friends to think I had a hand in making a bad job worse.

R. RIDYARD.

REPLY TO MR. A. M. C. FIELD.

SIR,—Replying to your correspondent I would like to say the Wragby (Yorks.) company have for some time past rang No. 12 page 16 of the Central Council's Collection of Legitimate Methods, and have named it "Wragby Delight." As names to these methods seem to be more popular than numbers, I hope other companies who have rung them will reply to your correspondent's request. No doubt there are several methods included in this work which have been rung before its publication. For instance No. 4 page 8 is known in this district as "Burton Treble Bob." Are the numbers 5, 23 and 25 Surprise methods? It would be better if future correspondents on this subject would insert the page as well as the method number. J. E.

Date Touches.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, May 30th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1910 Double Norwich Major, in 1 hr. 22 mins. A. Coleman, S. C. Small, W. Malins, J. A. Fenton, H. O. White, C. W. Wheeler, J. W. Chandler, J. B. Fenton conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BURSTOW (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 29th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, in 43 mins. J. Sherlock, T. W. Bond, A. Harman, F. Sadler, F. M. Butler, F. Carman. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BREESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, June 12th, at St. John's church 1280 Stedman Triples. A. Coppock conductor, E. J. Boot, W. Clifford, sen., F. S. Price, J. Ward, sen., J. C. Dicken, A. Lowe, P. Price. And 400 Double Norwich. G. Oldham, E. J. Boot, W. Clifford, sen., A. Coppock conductor, F. S. Price, Dicken, A. Lowe, P. Price.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Friday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. J. Cooper, G. W. Ayres, C. J. Bartlett, W. J. E. Jones, H. Rumens conductor, E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull, H. Hanbury. On Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins. G. Cooper, C. J. Bartlett, G. B. Lucas conductor, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull, H. Rumens, H. Rumens, H. Hanbury. And two 504s, in which the following took part: A. Bullock, G. W. Cooper, W. J. Cooper, G. W. Ayres, E. D. Lillywhite conductor H. F. Hull, W. J. E. Jones, H. Rumens, S. E. Townsend, H. Hanbury. Rung with muffled bells in memory of the late King.

ISLEWORTH.—On Thursday, March 17th, the last 700 of Holt's Original. E. Webb, G. Ransome conductor, C. Dell, A. R.

Macdonald, F. G. Goddard, W. Lidbetter, G. Spencer, A. Sheard. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. T. Beadle.

NORWOOD.—On Saturday, April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. W. Emmett, G. Ransome conductor. A. R. Macdonald, J. Steams, H. Parslow, W. Watson. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late C. Birch, who was a ringer at Norwood for forty-three years.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH.—On May 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Charman, R. Whittington, G. Fairfield, H. Tidey, T. Worsfold, A. Charman, J. Knight, W. Charman conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, May 15th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the King, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. S. Williams, H. Day, W. B. Biss, J. Harris, W. G. Miller, F. Chamberlain, S. Dawe, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley conductor, S. Barker.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 24th, at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. B. Cuff, G. Perkins conductor, L. C. Ferrige, P. A. Coard, A. Clayton, W. Wood, C. Gordon, J. Warwick. On Sunday, May, 29th, at All Saints church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Cuff, G. Perkins, S. Rayner, P. A. Coard, G. Rayner, J. Webb, L. C. Ferridge, J. Warwick.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 8th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. S. Coley, G. Taylor, J. T. Perry conductor, A. Scrivens, R. Hackley, W. H. Carrod, W. Webb, J. Collett. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late King.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, T. Best, H. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, W. Crane. On May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, T. Best, J. Marks, L. Meager, S. Smith composer, J. Higgins, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear. On May 15th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, T. Best, J. Marks, A. Crane, L. Meager, S. Smith, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, A. D. Mills, H. Bisb, G. W. Stokes, J. Rice conductor, H. C. Castle, P. Tyler.

EMSCOTE (Warwick).—On Saturday, May 14th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late King, was lost after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. J. Pinfold, J. F. Smallwood, J. Ambrose, J. Pinfold, jun., T. Male, Rev. C. C. Cox conductor, Rev. E. V. Cox, J. H. R. Freeborn.

FENNY STRATFORD.—On May 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. G. Groves, F. Stanton, T. Best, J. Eames, S. Smith conductor, W. Cranwell. On May 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. G. Groves, F. Stanton, S. Smith, J. Eames, T. Best conductor, W. Cranwell.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 12th, at Charles' Church, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. Dobson, F. Dunaway, H. Benett, F. Hockabay, W. Rundle, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Ford, E. W. Marsh, G. H. Myers conductor.

SUTTON (Yorks).—On Friday, June 10th, at St. James's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Rodmell, C. H. Jackson conductor, H. R. Passmore, A. Naylor, A. West, W. H. Passmore. And 120 Stedman Doubles. The ringers were entertained by Mr. A. West afterwards, and with the addition of Messrs. L. and R. Rodmell a pleasant time was enjoyed with the very musical peal of handbells in Mr. West's possession. Mr. Jackson gave some tunes and a recitation. Great interest was also displayed in inspecting some of the numerous clocks which Mr. West has collected.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney on the 11th and 25th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth. Tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be made heartily welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Bull inn at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who inform me by the 21st inst.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of this district will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Proctor. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which service it is hoped that all ringers present will attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Mary's schools at 6.15 p.m.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members. It is hoped that as many members as can possibly get there in time, will attend the service, which is being specially arranged.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Wantage on Saturday.

July 16th, Special service in the parish church at 11.30. Preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.20. Dinner in Victoria Cross Gallery at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to ringing members present at the dinner, but any member failing to send for dinner tickets must pay 2s. and have nothing refunded.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The first quarterly meeting for the above district will be held at Mereworth on July 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. through the kindness of the Rev. C. H. Cox Vicar of Mereworth. All members wishing to attend tea must notify to the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 12th, as only those sending word will be provided with a tea. No expenses paid.

G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*

2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at The Cricketer's Arms at 5.15.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. —. Pickering, Rector, who has also kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names not later than Tuesday, July 12th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to, but not exceeding 2s., paid at this meeting.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Nicolas church, Guildford, on Wednesday, July 20, from 7 to 9. Mr. J. Hunt will arrange methods according to those present.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Lavenham (8 bells), Preston—2½ miles—(6 bells). Bells ready at 2. Tea at 4.30.

EDWARD J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 23rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending being present kindly give three day's notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

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

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on August 1st. Divine Service with address by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.15. Members intending to be present should acquaint the Hon. Secretary not later than July 28th.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT MARTLEY.—A Rowley's 50 Peals.—In 7 Minor methods 1; Grandsire Triples 12 (one silent), conducted 6; Caters 6; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 2; Caters 2; Canterbury Major 1; Bob Major 9, conducted 6; Royal 1; Kent Major 7, conducted 3; Royal 1. Total 50; conducted 17.

A REQUEST.—Will Mr. A. M. C. Field please send his address to W. Keeble, 78, Selwin Street, Hillstown, near Bolsover.

Mr. J. W. Lake, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, writes;

"Mr. W. Pye's letter in a recent issue is very interesting, but to a poor Minor ringer, a very unintelligible attack on the Rev. H. Law James. The gist of his attack is the rev. gentleman's remarks at Central Council meeting were sheer nonsense. The old saying "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," seems to me to suit this distinguished ringers' palate, and if the rev. gentleman's remarks deserve this condemnation, I should have thought they would have received their just desserts at that gathering. But we behold as is often the case in this as in all matters, "Pride goeth before destruction." I would remind my humble friend the one that is greatest amongst us, is generally the least."

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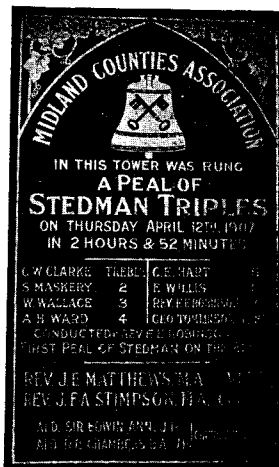
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1910.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Society held their summer festival at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June 25th. Members attended from all parts of the county, more than forty sitting down to tea. A cricket match between the Aspley Club and the Society had to be abandoned owing to the storm which passed over the district. This did not damp the ardour of the ringers, who had the bells to fall back upon, and the inhabitants of Aspley, Crawley, and Woburn were treated to many touches on the bells in various methods.

At 5.45 p.m. the members gathered together and took a very hearty part in the service at Aspley church, the Rev. J. H. Speck, Vicar of St. Martin's, Bedford, being the preacher, giving an excellent address from the text—"A good soldier of Jesus Christ." Four of the essentials of a good soldier are discipline, endurance, devotion and courage. He showed how necessary these qualities are for the soldier of Christ; the discipline of oneself, the endurance of wrongs and of toil in the service of God, the devotion to our Saviour, the courage to show that devotion, and the courage to carry on the work of the Master. He concluded with a touching appeal for the ringers to prove themselves good soldiers of Christ.

After tea, on the proposition of the Rev. A. Rust, seconded by the Rev. C. B. Hulton, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. Speck for giving such an excellent address. Several new members were elected, including two ladies who are learning the Art, also the Rev. Collins, of Oakley, as hon. member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, and to his helpers, the Aspley and Woburn companies, for making such excellent arrangements. It was

announced that the next general meeting would take place at Bromham on October 1st.

The ringers then dispersed to the various towers to ring, each member with a feeling of thankfulness that they had, through the Society, been permitted to again renew many happy friendships.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. FYE 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM FYE 3-4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7-8.
ERNEST FYE 9-10.	

Composed by G. Lindoft, and Conducted by GEORGE R. FYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Umpires—R. E. Stavert, C. T. Coles, W. Lawrence, and A. T. King.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
WILLIAM BELLAMY 4.	JESSE GILLET Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

These bells have been thoroughly overhauled and placed in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor, the go of them being perfect.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE COOPER Treble.	JAMES STARLING 4.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK 5.
ALDERMAN LING 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

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

On Tuesday, May 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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HERBERT HOLLIS† Treble.	*FRED WHITE 6.
THOMAS BULL 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
HENRY BROOKS 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
ALBERT BROOKS 4.	†RICHARD KEEN Tenor.

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MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.
W. RANFORD 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the church. This is A. Rowley's first seven-method peal; also his 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5.
CECIL O. SAYER 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
ALBERT T. MITCHELL .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKER, SEN. .. 5.
JAMES D. DEEWETT 2.	EDWIN L. MILES 6.
WILLIAM A. J. IVES 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
AMOS W. CLARK 4.	ROBERT ETHERINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor about 7 cwt.

DANIEL REDHEAD Treble.	WILLIAM HAYO 4.
LEONARD J. WYMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK ARNOLD 5.
BERT PERRETT 3.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. 2.	RICHARD BEVAN 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	FRANK SMITH 9.
EDWARD F. COLE 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. It was also the birthday of W. J. Nudds, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, Killamarsh, Islington, London Scholars, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Treble.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	JAMES FERNLEY .. 5.
HARRY LANGLEY .. 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL .. 4.
GEORGE J. MABBS .. 2.	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM .. 5.
ALBERT J. DAY .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS,

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Kitchingham, and is believed to be the quickest peal rung in seven methods.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. 2.	*TOM A. BURNHAM .. 7.
FRANK JACOBS .. 3.	THOMAS W. GORE .. 8.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
BART MITCHELL .. 5.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

*First peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY .. Treble.	JANES M. BAILEY .. 5.
EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
FREDR. W. BAILEY .. 3.	FREDK. J. SMITH .. 7.
CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 4.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

HEBBERT MORTIMER .. Treble.	PEARL INSKIP .. 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON .. 2.	FRED MORTIMER .. 5.
CHAS. MORTIMER .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

Longborough, Gloucestershire.
THE FOUR SHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

F. BIRD .. Treble.	W. COMPION .. 4.
E. RANDALL .. 2.	W. LARGE .. 5.
F. A. CASE .. 3.	T. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. LIDBETTER .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE .. 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 6.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 3.	GEORGE SPENCER .. 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 4.	*ALBERT BECKENSALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. RANSOM.

Rung on the birthday of King George, the ringers wishing him a prosperous and peaceful reign. First peal.

FLITTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHAS. A. ROBINSON .. Treble.	C. W. CLARKE .. 4.
WALTER T. FINEDON .. 2.	PEARL INSKIP .. 5.
CHAS. STAPLETON .. 3.	WM. STAPLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. STAPLETON.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers 1, 3 and 6 were proposed members before starting.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 11.

ROBERT H. YOUNG* .. Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. 5.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL* .. 2.	*EDWIN J. HOOPER .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 3.	*RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 7.
REV. HON. A. ERSKINE* .. 4.	JAMES BLACKMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of King George V.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BARBER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE T. POTTER .. Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. 6.
ROBT. W. FALCONER .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 4.	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
FREDERICK PRECEY* .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
LEONARD HARRIS .. 4.	*ALBERT SOUTHEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

THORP MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE T. FOSTER* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BIRD .. 4.
ROBERT TURNER .. 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
MATTHIAS HOBBS .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PAYNE.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL .. 5.
RAYMOND J. H. WILKINS 2.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

CHARLES PIDGEON .. Treble.	JOHN DENTON .. 4.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. 2.	GEORGE STANNARD .. 5.
JOHN R. BALLS .. 3.	GEORGE ORFORD .. Tenor.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOSEPH H. WHITE .. Treble.	*SIDNEY C. SMALL .. 5.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 2.	HERBERT CURE .. 6.
THOMAS DICKIN* .. 3.	†J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 7.
WALTER MALINS* .. 4.	HARRY ARGYLE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH LORD† .. Treble.	†WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 3.
SIDNEY ROCTON† .. 2.	†ALBERT C. DARNELL .. 4.
*ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 4.	.. Tenor.

†First peal. *First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since they were hung in 1889.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 2.	HENRY DEW .. 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE .. 3.	ERNEST CHANNEL .. 7.
JOHN SCONCE .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Treble.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of King George. First Surprise peal by the Association.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	ERNEST GOWER .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HART .. 3.	KEITH HART .. 7.
GEORGE HOWSE .. 4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRADNINCH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DISEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK DAVEY .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
REV. E. V. COX .. 2.	EDMUND M. SARGENT .. 6.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
LEWIS GREEN .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS, SEN. .. Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, and College Single, and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	*FREDK. WHITE 4.
CHARLES J. MANN 2.	*GEORGE H. NEVILLE .. 5.
PERCY C. SAYER 3.	*ARTHUR APPLETON Tenor.

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Tuesday, June 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOBBS† Treble.	*HAROLD BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM D. JAMES* .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
FRANK HOCKADAY 3.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 8.
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON .. 4.	WALTER H. MARSH 9.
REV. ERNEST V. COX .. 5.	*FRANCIS PURSE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

*First peal on ten. †First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, June 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRED HAYES Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS 5.
J. ARMIGER-TROLLOPE .. 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
RALPH COLES* 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 4.	†FRANK W. BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

PCLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.*On Wednesday, June 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT EVERITT Treble.	ALBERT YOUNG 4.
ARTHUR J. MARKS 2.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3.	JAMES PRATT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal on the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

IN THE VESTRY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpire—C. H. Hattersley.

HERSHAM, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, May 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT WEST CARRS LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW 1-2.	GEORGE EDSEER, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Ferris Shepherd. First handbell peal in the method by a local band in the Guild.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLERBORO .. 3-4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by A. KNIGHTS,

Umpire—G. A. Thompson.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 16, 1910, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s.

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 1-2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 3-4.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 5-6.	

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal on handbells by all, and first ever rung in Kettering.

HERSHAM, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, June 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

IN THE SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW 1-2.	GEORGE B. EDSEER .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Douglas A. Rowe.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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meeting were read and confirmed. One new member was elected, and Woolwich was selected as the place of the next meeting on July 16th. This concluded the business, and Mr. F. Thornton proposed in appropriate terms, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and his excellent address, also for presiding; to the Rev. W. Lord, the organist and choir for their kind assistance; to the local band for so kindly providing such an excellent spread; and to the ladies who had so kindly waited on them. This was seconded by Mr. Carter, and carried with applause. The Rector replying on behalf of the clergy, organist and choir, said it had given them all the greatest pleasure to meet them and be with

them. The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 9 p.m.

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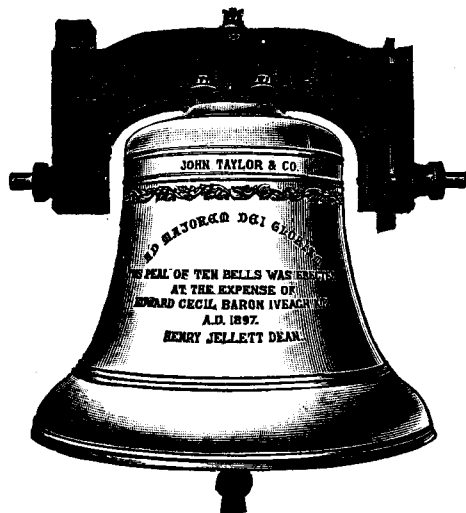
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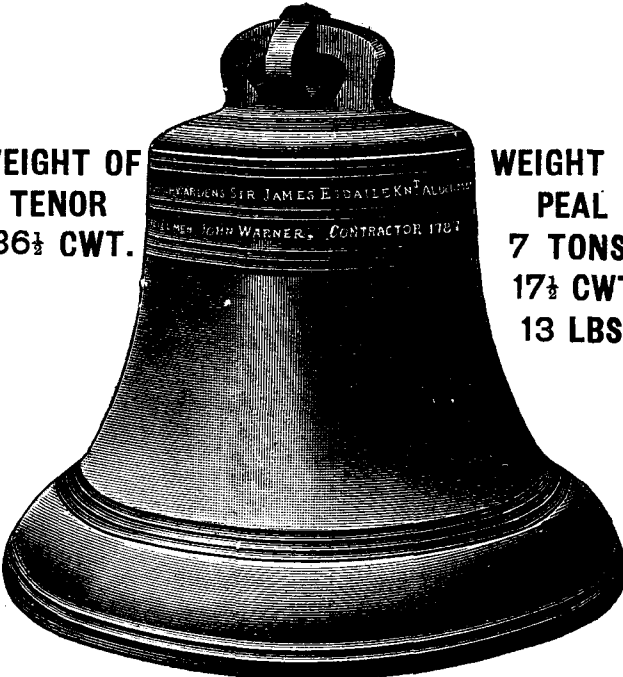
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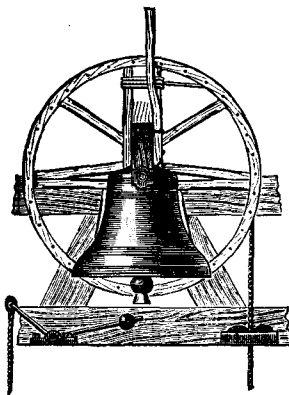
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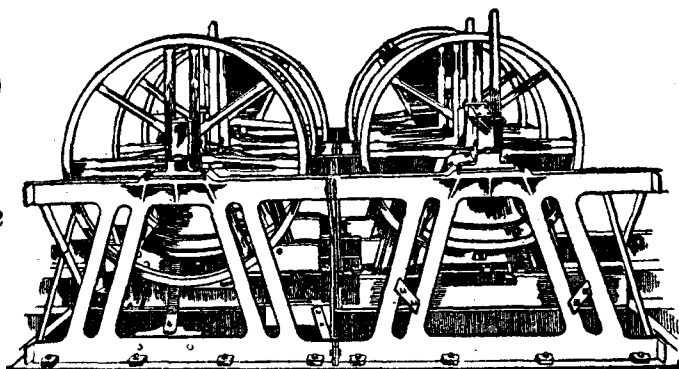
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OPENING OF THE NEW PEAL OF SIX AT CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

Onward, my steed! Thy former pace renew;
Another mile and Chigwell comes in view;
Rejuvenated now, I look to thee
To bear me safely till I'm ninety-three.

The above lines were created as I cycled my way to one of the most picturesque villages in Essex on Saturday, July 9th. At the church (St. Mary), were to be opened that day, the new ring of six, recast from the old five, with an additional treble. The melting-pot at the foundry must have opened its ponderous jaws to one of the most mixed and interesting of ancient peals. The treble by Knight, 1737; the 2nd by Catlin, 1743; the 3rd and 4th by Bagley, 1643; the tenor by Thos. Swain, 1773. Not a bad combine for a peal of five.

Within a mile of the church the paths and roads had the appearance of Sunday. Elderly dames and squires, with lovely daughters and promising sons, were going to hear the Bishop of Barking formerly open their new peal. Even the village blacksmith had given his men a holiday. Fast closed were the doors of his smithy, and no sound came forth from his musical anvil. Sun-burnt gardeners had turned upside their tools, and in their coats appeared the choicest rose from their gardens. Hay-carters were awake to-day, and blossomed forth to swell the joyous throng of holiday-makers.

And now we reach the church, with its white-painted wooden tower and spire. The congregation are passing beneath the avenue of aged cypress to the porch entrance. From out the lattice windows of the old King's Head opposite eyes are peeping as worshippers and ringers assemble. The old Maypole, immortalised by Dickens, bears well the rust and decay of centuries.

The bishop has arrived, and the service commences at 3.30. The local ringers, too, are seated on the ground-floor belfry, sitting upright, lest the whitened walls should discolor their apparel. What an old place it is surely! Those huge timbers which support the bells above have now replaced the worm-eaten ones which did service for ages. These local ringers too afford one study, reminding us of our merry England, ere poverty and care and suburban misery had darkened the once beautiful landscape of our favourite isle.

But we must get to the ringing, or I shall tax too much the Editor's space, and perhaps too much of the kind reader's patience.

At a given signal the local ringers lay hold, and the first sound of the bells is wafted forth to the delighted country folk. Only two rounds, and they again take their places while the Bishop delivers an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Mr. F. Shuttle, clerk and sexton, had the honour of presenting the bells to the bishop.

The service is ended, and as the congregation pass out, they recognise their parochial ringers at the ropes, little reeking the art and science that must prevail before the bells will be properly rung.

It so fell to the honour and misfortune of the writer that

he should select from a numerous gathering of ringers, six skilled men, with unerring abilities, to ring creditably the first 720 upon the bells. He therefore invited the following ringers to Cambridge Surprise: W. Doran, T. Faulkner, G. F. Margetson, G. Dawson, G. Black conductor, H. Torble.

This having been faultlessly accomplished, the following ringing transpired: 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Rann, E. Bacon, W. Theobald, W. Carter, T. Faulkner, E. Wightman conductor. 360 in the same method. A. Hughes, J. Kimberley, J. Rann, A. Sykes conductor, A. Hardy, C. Moiss. 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Hughes, A. Sykes, G. Carter, E. Bacon, E. Wightman conductor, J. Rann. 720 York Surprise. J. Kimberley, E. Wightman, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble, G. Dawson, C. Moiss.

The ringers were entertained to tea at the Workmen's Hall during the intervals of ringing. Twenty had been invited, and provision for the number had been made. But alas! so many uninvited guests found their way to the table, that at an early stage it presented rather a desolate appearance. But the provender somehow or other dropped on the tables like the Israelites manna, and all departed for more ringing much stronger than they came.

Some of the intervals between ringing were devoted to an inspection of The Old King's Head, merely to see the many curiosities contained therein. Finally (but tell it not in Gath), the bells became a little unmanageable, no doubt for the want of oil or some other cause. The sexton began to look anxiously at his watch, desiring as a final set-off, a short touch of the most advanced methods of Minor change-ringing. Here ensued, as a concluding touch, 340 London Surprise: A. Sykes, W. Carter, G. F. Margetson, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble.

The huge keys of the church doors now began to rattle in the sexton's hands as he closed the sacred edifice. The brow of night fell upon us, as the lengthened shadows of evening faded and deepened into the universal quiet of this sequestered and hallowed spot.

Many had to wait for the late train, but I, having my own conveyance, bade them good-night, and was soon lost to sight.

You know, dear reader, the habit we all have of talking to babies, animals, and to inanimate things—ah! and even to stupid people—who we think understand our language. So it may be a little pardonable if on my way home I found myself talking to the old bike. What I said to him must be reserved *sine die*. G. F. M.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 12th, at Charles' Church, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. Dobson, F. Dunaway, H. Benett, F. Hockabay, W. Rundle, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Ford, E. W. Marsh, G. H. Myers conductor.

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In illustration of the intelligent sympathy that has been extended to the Exercise is appended a letter from a distinguished architect to a bellfounder who had disclaimed remarks imputed to him by newspaper reporters implying the existence of a local trust. Also another communication addressed to a member of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress.

A. H. NICHOL, M.D.

CLINTON H. MENEELY, ESQ. Troy, N.Y.—Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of May 20th, permit me to say that there is, I think, no "misunderstanding" on my part with regard to your attitude in the matter of the proposed bells for the tower of the Boston Custom House. I am not particularly interested in the question as to whether there is "an understanding among bell founders" or not. All I am anxious to see is the installation of a competent peal or ring of bells in the Boston Custom House. You refer to this proposed gift of my friend, Mrs. Wheelwright, as a "chime." This is exactly the point. Mrs. Wheelwright does not propose to give a chime of bells. She offers the Government a peal. I think I am right in saying that no bellfounders in America have as yet succeeded in producing a satisfactory peal of bells. That they have made admirable chimes is perfectly true, and no one knows better than I do that your company can make, and has made, individual bells of extreme beauty and purity of tone; indeed probably no better single bells are cast in England or Belgium. The whole point is that, so far as I know, neither you, nor anyone else, has ever made and put in place a peal of bells to be rung by hand and for the purpose, not of reproducing or suggesting popular hymns, but for scientific change-ringing.

Therefore, I am entirely out of sympathy with the statement you make in the third paragraph of your letter to the effect that you consider "that an American Custom House built, owned and maintained by Americans, is no place for the exploitation of foreign made bells." Allow me to assure you there is no question here of "exploitation." There is no question of choosing a British made product in place of an American made product of equal value. You certainly know enough about bells to realise that the question is precisely, whether there shall be a peal of bells in the Custom House tower or not. If there is to be such a peal, it will have to be cast in England and imported into this country. If your efforts and those of your friends to defeat Mrs. Wheelwright's object are successful, then there will be no peal of bells in the tower; for the simple reason that no effort will be made by anyone to put in either an inadequate peal, or a mechanical chime as a substitute.

THE HON. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, Washington, D.C. My Dear Sir,—I understand that the Bill authorizing the acceptance of a peal of bells for the Boston Custom

House is now in the Committee of which you are a member. May I ask for your personal interest in the matter of this particular Bill in which I am deeply interested, because of the merits of the case, in order that—if such a course commends itself to you—you may urge its being considered in the Committee and reported for legislative action. Mrs. Wheelwright is acting only with the most patriotic motives. Her idea is a most public spirited one. The Custom House tower affords an ideal location and environment for a peal of bells, and the art or science of change-ringing is one of such delicacy and distinction that it would be distinctly a contribution to civilisation if such a peal could be installed in Boston.

I understand that some opposition has developed against the Bill by reason of the fact that it will be necessary to acquire these bells in England. The claim is made that equally good bells can be obtained in this country. This I beg explicitly to deny. I have some slight knowledge of campanology, and I believe I can state without fear of contradiction that it is impossible for American bellfounders to make and install a peal of bells suitable for change-ringing. The effort has been made, perhaps twice, and each time failure has resulted. Individual American bells are frequently of great excellence, but a peal is a homogeneous thing, and only in England can such a peal be properly made.

You may be interested to know as a Harvard man that in the beginning the plan was to offer this peal to Harvard University. It was impossible for this offer to be accepted, as the tower of Memorial Hall proved entirely unsuitable and impossible, and no other adequate tower was available. When this disposition of the proposed peal was made impossible, the offer was transferred to the United States Government.

If, therefore, you are sufficiently interested in the matter to do something toward bringing the Bill before your Committee, in order that some action may be taken toward the acceptance of Mrs. Wheelwright's gift, I shall be deeply indebted to you, and you will, I beg you to believe, have taken action toward putting into operation a very interesting, scientific and public spirited project.

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These two peals each have the thirty-course-ends, with three triplet sets of reverse course-ends, the first having the greatest number of Belfores yet introduced into a peal in this method, viz., sixteen.

THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY, DEVON.

The members of this society held their annual excursion on Saturday, July 9th, crossing the border into Cornwall for the first time. Starting by the 7.5 train from Exeter, which had to be carefully expedited, a quick change was performed at Lydford, and Launceston was reached just after nine. At Lifton the Rev. M. Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, joined the party, and kindly acted as guide. On arrival at Launceston, the parish church of St. Mary was first visited, which has four fine old bells by Rudhall, out of eight, and here some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The elaborate carving with which the external granite walls of this church is covered is a unique feature. St. Stephen-by-Launceston, was the next point to steer for, the tower being perched on the top of an adjoining hill, with a deep valley between. Here is a rather heavy peal of six, but the go of these was not so good as St. Mary's, and they are hung backwards, so half-an-hours ringing six-scores was quite enough. After visiting the Castle and Market, all assembled at The Castle hotel, and sat down to a good dinner. The afternoon was spent at Lydford, rambling up the banks of the river Lyd from the junction waterslide to Lydford Bridge, over two miles of tortuous rugged path, under a thick scrubby growth of trees, with some stream and rock jumping and fence climbing as a variation. A short halt to try the handy ring at Lydford, and the Dartmoor inn, the rendezvous for tea, was reached in time. Here the choir and other churchworkers, who had spent the day on the moor, were joined. A climb on Bray Tor concluded the programme, and then the party proceeded to Bridestewe station to catch the last train homewards, after a long and enjoyable day.

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The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, A. D. Mills, H. Bish, G. W. Stokes, J. Rice conductor, H. C. Castle, P. Tyler.

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Correspondence.

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

REPORTS OF PEALS.

SIR,—Will you allow me to call attention to the following matters in connection with reports of peals. Three peals have already appeared twice this year, viz.: Minor, rung at Hampton, Worcestershire, on January 15th; Grandsire Triples at Bangor on May 18th; Grandsire Doubles at Tettenhall, Staffs., on May 20th. I venture to commend to senders of peal reports Mr. King's remarks on this subject which are to be found on page 220 of "THE BELL NEWS." "BELL NEWS" page 103—5040 Minor at Surfleet on March 10; apparently nine 720s instead of seven. Page 189—Grandsire Triples at Solihull on May 7th, no conductor mentioned. Page 211—5040 Treble Bob Minor at Norton, Staffs., on April 26th, only six methods are named. These points require clearing up for the Analysis. The following do not affect the Analysis, but it would be well if senders of peal reports would endeavour to be perfectly accurate: Page 129—T. B. Minor at Higher Sutton, Cheshire, on March 28, variation not stated; page 185—5088 T. B. Major at Old Windsor on April 20th, variation not stated; page 199—Grandsire Triples on May 16, "At the Church of St. Mary R.C.," no place named; page 213—T. B. Major at Harlow Common on May 12, number of changes not recorded, but the time shows it to have been a 5000; page 259—Grandsire Doubles at Fenny Stratford on May 20th, no time given. E. W. CARPENTER.

Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I write to thank Mr. Lindoff for pointing out the fact that my compositions of Cambridge Royal and Maximus are false. I worked out the proof scale again on Saturday morning as soon as "THE BELL NEWS" came, fully believing that I should prove them true, as I was quite aware that they were built up of pieces of false courses, but very soon found that I had overlooked one false course—and which proves repetition in several places. In conclusion I must apologise to the Bristol ringers for having called them a false peal. H. LAW JAMES.

A PRIOR CLAIM.

SIR,—Please allow me to draw the attention of Mr. Wilkins to the fact that a seven method peal of Minor was rung at Stone, Worcestershire, on September 12th, 1909, in 2 hrs. and 17 mins., by members of the Worcestershire Association, and which was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" as the quickest peal yet rung on tower bells. R. MATTHEWS.

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—I am sorry that my friend Mr. Richard Ridyard should have thought that any reflection on himself was intended in my letter which appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst. I really thought he knew himself all the facts of the case, and the person meant in my reference. However, be the said person a smith, wheelwright, or tinker, I am glad to find Mr. Ridyard agrees with me, he most certainly made a bad job worse. In using the word "local" I should have said a ringer within a ten miles radius, certainly not Mr. Ridyard himself.

J. R. PRITCHARD.

REPLY TO MR. A. M. C. FIELD AND J. E.

SIR,—Replying to your correspondents, I wish to inform them that the Bourne Society have rung the following methods taken from the Central Council's Collection of Legitimate Methods, and named them as follows: No. 5 page 5, Hereward Bob, first time rung February 16th, 1908; No. 3 page 8, Grandsire Treble Bob, first time rung April 16th, 1908; No. 41 page 41, Bourne Surprise, first time rung April 3rd, 1909. I should also like to point out to Mr. Field that the 720 of No. 22 on page 36 called Hexham Surprise has already received a name, this being Lancashire Surprise. It appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" during the year 1909, having been rung in a peal of Minor either by a Lancashire or Yorkshire company. We have also had the twenty-one bob 720 he publishes in our possession for

about two years, and have rung Cambridge Minor the same way. Would the six-bell ringers that ring the following methods kindly publish a lead of them, as I think we should find some of them in the book but not named: Buller, Kitchener, Killammarsh, and any other that they ring. F. BLOOD.

P. S.—Will Mr. Barker, of Bedford, kindly say if he meant College Single or Reverse College Single, as the bobs in Reverse College Single are plain leads of Single Court.

REPLY TO MR. LAKE.

SIR,—I see in your last issue that Mr. Lake has replied to my letter on behalf of Mr. James. Now as one who has taken part in over fifty peals on twelve bells, including the only peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung, I think most ringers will agree that my criticism on Mr. James's remarks at the Central Council meeting was quite justified, and as regards his remarks about ignorance, I certainly think that when Mr. James made his remarks at the Council meeting, and also when Mr. Lake wrote his letter that wisdom was conspicuous by its absence. If "poor Minor ringer," as he terms himself, takes my advice, he will hurry up and ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus, and as Mr. James tells us it is easier than Minor, he should experience no difficulty in doing so. It would be a good deal more to his advantage than taking up other people's troubles, as his letter by no means clears Mr. James; it is merely adding insult to injury and fuel to the fire.

W. PYE.

Date Touches.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. James's church, Benwell, a date touch of Minor, 1910 changes, consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 110 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 6 mins. A. E. Mills, M. Smith, H. Guthrie, J. Wishart, B. C. Dixon, W. W. Sinclair. Rung as a farewell to M. Smith, who is leaving for Canada.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Tuesday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Bentley, A. Ridyard, J. Barratt, E. Stubbs, T. Lingard, J. Myles, J. Baguley A. Trippier.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MANNINGTREE.—On Friday, June 24th, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Vincent, S. Souter, W. Harvey, F. Souter, J. Souter, W. Honeywood conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. T. Kensit Norman to the living of Manningtree.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—For evening service at St. Modwen's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 54 mins. T. Dickinson, F. Shepherd, A. K. Harrison, W. J. Smith, W. W. Worthington, H. Hurdman, G. Robinson, L. Bullock conductor.

BARKING ROAD.—On Sunday evening, June 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. C. Newman, A. Playle, E. Butler, R. Miles, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Cranfield, A. Playle, E. Butler, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor, F. Freestone. A short touch of Double Oxford and one of Plain Bob.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—On May 20th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. A. South, J. R. Feather, H. Verity, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, J. W. Birkin, T. W. Birkin, T. W. Crawshaw conductor, S. Raynor.

KETTERING.—On Saturday, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. J. Inns, C. W. Bird, A. E. Payne, H. J. Julian, J. C. Shalford, R. R. Turner, D. J. Nichols conductor, F. W. Sawfoot. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late King Edward.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney on the 25th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Saturday, July 16th, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth. Tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be made heartily welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Bull inn at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who inform me by the 21st inst.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Haris Lane, New Cross.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Wantage on Saturday, July 16th. Special service in the parish church at 11.30. Preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.20. Dinner in Victoria Cross Gallery at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to ringing members present at the dinner, but any mem-failing to send for dinner tickets must pay 2s. and have nothing refunded.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The first quarterly meeting for the above district will be held at Mereworth on July 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. through the kindness of the Rev. C. H. Cox, Vicar of Mereworth.

G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*
2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at The Cricketer's Arms at 5.15. JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. —. Pickering, Rector, who has also kindly promised to provide tea. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to, but not exceeding 2s., paid at this meeting.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guild-ford District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Nicolas church, Guildford, on Wednesday, July 20, from 7 to 9, Mr. J. Hunt will arrange methods according to those present.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Lavenham (8 bells), Preston—2½ miles—(6 bells). Bells ready at 2. Tea at 4.30.

EDWARD J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 23rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending being present kindly give three day's notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, July 23rd. Peal attempt in the afternoon. Business at 7.30. A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Summer meeting at Heighington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The Bay Horse inn at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4. Evensong at St. Mary's church at 4.45. Preacher—the Rev. C. Carew Cox, B.A., curate of Holy Trinity parish church, Stratford-on-Avon. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Globe hotel, followed by the annual business meeting of the Guild.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Hatfield Broad Oak. A conveyance will leave The Chequer's hotel Bishops Stortford, at 3.15. Will those wishing to avail themselves of this, kindly let me know by the 20th. Tea will be provided for those only who signify their wish by the same date.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville" Saffron Walden.

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

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held in the parish room, Her-sham, on Saturday, July 30th, preceded by tea at 5.20 p.m. The bells at the church will be available from 3 o'clock

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the parish room at 6. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on August 1st. Divine Service with address by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.15. Members intending to be present should acquaint the Hon. Secretary not later than July 28th.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

Great Totham Vicarage.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Eccleston on Monday, August 1st. Particulars by circular. REV. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Monday, August 1st. Committee meeting in the vestry at 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in the parish room at 1 p.m. The following towers will be open during the day: St. John the Evangelist (8); St. Nicholas (8); St. Mary, Lewisham (8); St. Margaret, Lee (8); and St. Alphege, Greenwich (10). Application for dinner tickets must be made before Thursday, July 28th.

FRED. J. O. HELMORF, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—York-town District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on August Bank Holiday. Arrangements have been made for ringing to take place during the day as follows: Hawley, 10 a.m.; Yorktown, 12 a.m.; Yateley 2.30; Sandhurst, 4.30. Dinner can be obtained at Yorktown; tea at Yateley at 6 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

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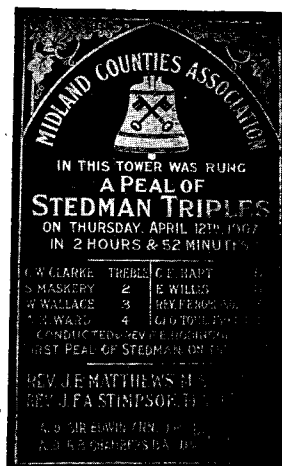
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SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1910.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at the church of St. Editha, Tamworth, on Saturday, July 2nd. Those who cycled had rather a rough journey, as their bespattered apparel signified; but in spite of their discomfort their spirits were high.

The bells were set going at about 3 o'clock, and methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox. Following the committee meeting a tempting and substantial tea was partaken of in the College Lane Schools, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, between fifty and sixty sitting down. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Clarke, was unavoidably absent, as was also Mr. G. Jennings, churchwarden; Mr. W. J. Webb kindly presiding. The business meeting was of short duration. One interesting item was the introduction of the new certificate of membership. Any old member who wishes to have one of the improved design can do so by paying the nominal sum of threepence.

It was decided to send subscription sheets to the various towers for the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Fund.

An effort will be made to arrange a drive on some Saturday in the near future for the purpose of visiting several towers in the neighbourhood of Wolverhampton, of which further notice will be given.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity in providing for the inner man, for the use of the church, bells and schools. Mr. Webb responded, expressing the pleasure

it gave them in doing what they had for the comfort of those assembled.

Thanks are also tendered to the choir and organist. for materially helping to brighten the service.

The Provinces.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND. DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 18½ cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD .. Treble.	ROBERT GOFTON 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON 1.	R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 5.
WALTER MASSEY* 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
ALFRED DAVIES 3.	WALTER PRESTIDGE .. 7.
HARRY HILL 4.	ALBERT PRESTIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ALBERT PRESTIDGE.

*First peal in the method. This is the second peal of Bob Major rung on these bells by a local band.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*DAVID G. TAYLOR 5.
REV. E. V. COX 2.	REV. C. CAREW COX .. 6.
JOSEPH MADDOCK 3.	†JOSEPH FOWLER 7.
GEORGE SIBLEY* 4.	THOMAS DOBLE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	NORRIS WAY 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

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Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose 50th birthday it was.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 8 cwt

JAMES FERNLEY Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT 4.
HERBERT WILLIAMSON .. 2.	ALLAN S. GORDON 5.
JOHN W. HARTLEY 3.	PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Miss Knowles, of Hazel Grove, who left for Canada on the 17th inst.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by E. RIDGWELL.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN T. ALDRED Treble.	JAMES H. RIDYARD 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
ROBERT FIDDIES 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
HENRY SMITH 4.	ROBERT ALDRED Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

CHARD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST C. SPENCER* .. Treble.	REV. CAREW COX 5.
REV. E. V. COX 2.	FRANK MILLARD 6.
PERCY MEESON 3.	EDWARD J. WYATT 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal.

WREXHAM.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	*RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 6.
HENRY W. WILDE 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
RICHARD JONES* 3.	JAMES MORGAN 8.
JAMES H. RIDING* 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.* 5.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. This was the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. CRAWFORD Treble.	E. J. REDFARN 5.
J. G. GREEN 2.	*F. BARRON 6.
A. G. SHORTER 3.	†A. M. C. FIELD 7.
J. ROBINSON 4.	H. D. DALL Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. M. C. FIELD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF HANDSWORTH MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES JONES Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND 3.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
PETER LAFLIN 4.	PERCY O. LAFLIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which is a variation of "Aston."

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
H. HATTO* 2.	*J. HARE 6.
E. W. MENDAY 3.	G. ESSEX 7.
J. HANDS 4.	C. R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Double Norwich Major.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

F. BOSWELL Treble.	HENRY W. GAYTON 4.
W. SHARP 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
E. G. MYNARD 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND THE VIRGIN (LATE ST. ANDREW),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. in D.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble.	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE A. HAYES 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILSON .. 6.
RICKS PAINE* 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 4.	WILLIAM J. WALEER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Dean of Rochester (the Very Rev. Ernold Lane), for so kindly granting permission.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
WILLIAM DENT 2.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 6.
OLIVER BROYD* 3.	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. 7.
ALBERT CATTERWELL* .. 4.	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal, and were elected members before starting.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TRFBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE ELLIS Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN ABBURST 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

WINSHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS GREEN Treble.	REV. C. CAREW COX 5.
ERNEST C. SPENCER .. 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3.	EDWARD J. WYATT 7.
REV. E. V. COX 4.	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND CUTBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN CRAWFORD Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN 5.
JAMES ANDERSON† .. 2.	†GEORGE WAND 6.
GEORGE SIDDLE* 3.	FREDK. SHERATON 7.
ANTHONY MEYERS 4.	JAMES ROBINSON Tenor.

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

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

DANIEL JONES Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
HENRY FARLOW 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHY .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	ALFRED FALLON Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

HEREFORDSHIRE.—Farmhouse Apartments, with a ringer; with or without board. Milk, Butter, Poultry. Lovely scenery.—Apply "Hereford," care of Editor.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.* .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	JOHN MONK 8.
RICHARD WHITE 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 9.
MARK WOODCOCK 5.	*CUTHBERT G. WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

HORACE CHARMAN* Treble.	THOMAS WORSFOLD 5.
WILLIAM STREETER 2.	ALWYN CHARMAN 6.
HARRY TIDY† 3.	WILLIAM CHARMAN 7.
JESSE HARRISON† 4.	THOMAS STREETER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss M. Elliott to Mr. H. Adams.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, June 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qrs. 13 lbs.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	PETER LAFLIN 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	GEORGE PIGOTT 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
ALBERT WALKER* 4.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, June 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
EDGAR PRIBBERTON .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 7.
ARTHUR STANLEY BOAR* 4.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FLEMING, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to A. S. Boar.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

ALBERT V. INNS† Treble.	ARTHUR E. PAYNE 5.
THOMAS W. YORK† 2.	†CHARLES W. BIRD 6.
HARRY PEET* 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS† .. 4.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER .. 5.
SAMUEL JONES 2.	THOMAS NEWALL 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
MARTIN HARRIS 4.	WALTER THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS* Treble.	ALBERT JAGGER 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	FRANCIS BARRER 6.
GEORGE NAYLOR 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER† 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAS. COTTERELL.

*First peal in the method. †50th Yorkshire Association peal.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON Treble.	THOMAS HODGSON 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	ABRAHAM HAIGH 6.
EDWARD RICKETT 3.	HARRY GIBSON 7.
THOMAS HAIGH 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN T. ALDRED Treble.	HARRY ALDRED 4.
HERBERT ALDRED 2.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	ROBERT ALDRED Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

This is the first 5040 on the bells.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERNEST RIDGWELL Treble.	FRANK CLAYDON 4.
OLIVER LAVER 2.	JAMES FRENCH 5.
WILLIAM ROOT 3.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

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The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, May 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ALGERNON P. G. STONE 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
REGINALD G. STONE 4.	GEORGE BULL Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR RUMBLE Treble.	JACK ATHERTON 3.
THOMAS ATHERTON 2.	WALTER APPERLEY 4.
GEORGE H. GALE Tenor.	

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

LEONARD LAST Treble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
ALPHABUS BERRY 2.	FREDK. PLEASANCE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

F. Pleasance was re-elected a member of the Association before starting.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE MILHAM 7.
JESSE GILLET 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
GEORGE CONDICK 5.	FRANK COLE Tenor.

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM OSTLER .. Treble.	ERNEST LINCOLN 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 2.	WILLIAM E. MAULDEN .. 6.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 4.	JOHN SELW Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. SYMONDS.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 5.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2.	WILLIAM DENT 6.
CHARLES VARO 3.	GEORGE MOORE 7.
WILLIAM FAYERS 4.	CHARLES HOWE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal. First muffled peal on the bells, and by all the band.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WREXHAM. — J. Morgan's 100 Peals. — Minor 21, conducted 20; Grandsire Triples 15, conducted 3; Union 2; Oxford Bob 2; Double Oxford Bob 2; Stedman 6; Bob Major 13, conducted 5; Oxford Bob 1; Double Bob 1; Double Oxford 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich 5; Kent 19, conducted 3; Oxford 1, conducted 1; Superlative 5 conducted 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Royal 1; Kent 3, conducted 1. Total 100, conducted 35.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire). — On Sunday evening, July 10th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Houghton, H. Grice, W. Massey, H. Hill, A. Greenfield conductor, W. Prestidge, J. Faulkner, J. Massey. After evening 543 in the same method. W. Massey, A. Greenfield conductor, H. Hill, H. Price, W. Prestidge, J. Faulkner, A. Prestidge, J. Massey.

BENHILTON (Surrey). — On Sunday, April 24th, at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. B. Cuff, G. Perkins conductor, L. C. Ferrige, P. A. Coard, A. Clayton, W. Wood, C. Gordon, J. Warwick. On Sunday, May, 29th, at All Saints church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Cuff, G. Perkins, S. Rayner, P. A. Coard, G. Rayner, J. Webb, L. C. Ferridge, J. Warwick.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks). — On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, T. Best, H. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, W. Crane. On May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, T. Best, J. Marks, L. Meager, S. Smith composer, J. Higgins, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear. On May 15th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, T. Best, J. Marks, A. Crane, L. Meager, S. Smith, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear.

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BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.

The three old bells have at last been removed from the tower of the old church, and have been quarter-turned with entirely new fittings, two trebles being added through the kindness of H. White, esq., and are now safely hung in the tower of the new church of St. Mary. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have done everything in first-class order. An entirely new frame has been put in to carry a peal of eight, the present bells forming the first five of the octave, the frame being of iron and steel girders, and it is hoped the three heavier bells will soon be forthcoming. The bells were dedicated on Sunday, June 13th, but were not rung till June 22nd, when 720 of Grandsire

Doubles was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss White, daughter of the donor of the trebles, Mr. Warner, jun. being present. The ringers were Messrs. Titcombe, Grant, Edwards, George, and Tucker. The "go" of the bells are perfect. A chiming apparatus has been fixed for the daily services by the same firm.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey). — On Saturday July 2nd, Mr. T. Price, of Maidenhead, paid a farewell visit to this place before leaving for Canada. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at Reigate on the Saturday evening, but was stopped after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. owing to illness. C. Willshire, jun., C. Willshire, A. H. Winch, A. H. Pulling conductor, M.

Smither, T. Price, G. Hoad, H. Garfath, F. Blondell, H. Hoad. Also on Sunday evening, 1280 London Surprise Major.

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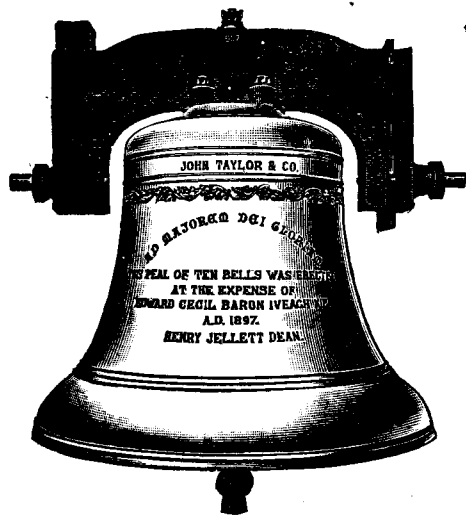
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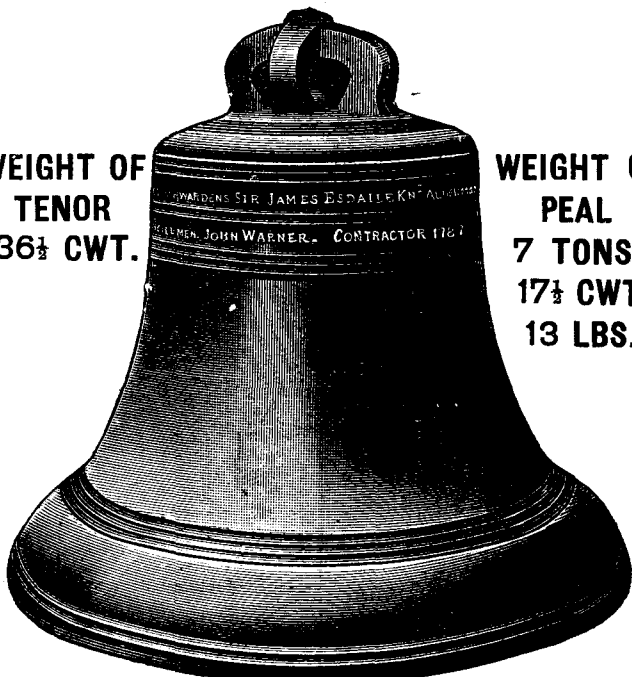
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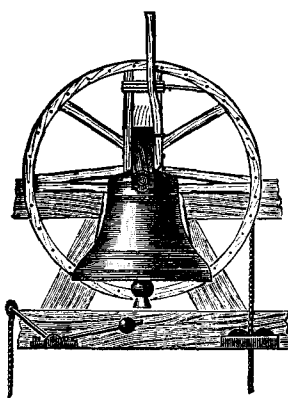
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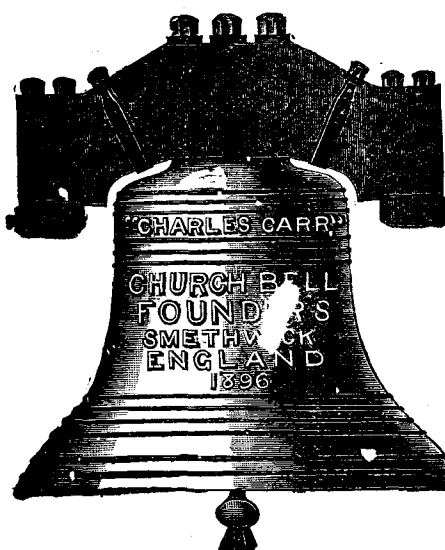
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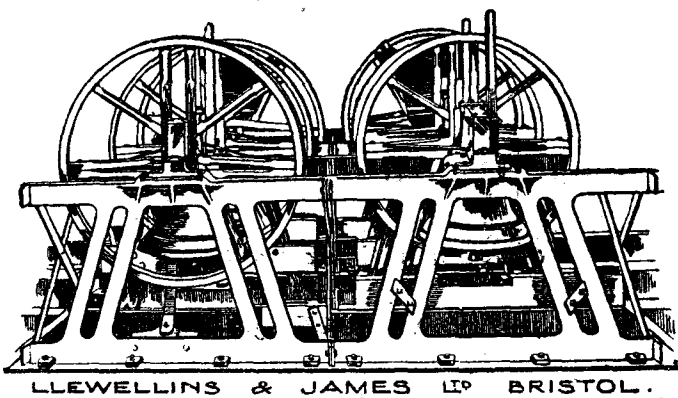
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place on Saturday, July 2nd, and for the first time since the foundation of the society, it was held at Minehead. There was a very good attendance on Saturday, the number of members present being seventy-three. This, not so good as last year, when it was 100, was considered satisfactory, the attendance varying according to the place of meeting being more or less central.

The proceedings commenced with a dinner at The Plume of Feathers hotel at 1.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Thistle laid an excellent meal, at which the Rev. F. M. Etherington, Vicar of Minehead, and President of the Dunster Deanery Branch, presided, and the Rev. E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), and the Rev. D. Moore (Minehead), were present.

On the cloth being removed, the chairman proposed the toast of "The King," and the National Anthem was sung.

Mr. T. Doble (Taunton), in proposing "The Church," expressed pleasure at seeing so large a body of representatives. As regarded ringers, since the Association had been formed, it had done a great deal of good, not only in cultivation of change-ringing, but in the restoration of church bells, and in getting the belfry regarded as part of the church, which of course it was. Most of those present in the room were also, he believed, wearing the badge of the Church Men's Society. That was a society that was doing a very important work in the Church, and since it had been started, new life had been put into Church work, and good work was being done. Nevertheless, it behoved all to be on their guard, and to fight for their dear old Church of England. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. F. M. Etherington.

The chairman, in reply, said he should like to thank Mr. Doble for what he had said about the life in the Church, and the necessity for every man in the Church standing up for his Church, and trying to identify himself with the battle which it was fighting, because—and he thought that every man in the room would agree with him—the Church was not fighting for a sect or for the benefit of its own members, but for the well-being of the whole country, and whatever hurt the Church hurt also the whole country. On such matters as there were before the country at the present moment, on matters with regard to serious interference with the marriage laws, the action that had been taken by the C.M.S. and other Church societies would be found to be good and true, and of the kind that made our country the good and true law-loving country it was. He thanked them for their expression of loyalty to the Church which was the inheritance of them all.

Mr. W. J. Prescott (Bath), proposed "Other Ringing Associations," regretting the absence that day of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, who, he said, was usually down for that toast, but Bristol was that day receiving

the Ipswich men, which prevented him from attending at Minehead, and that was the reason the Bristol and Gloucester men were not with them that day.

The annual business meeting was then held, the Rev. F. M. Etherington presiding, and in opening the meeting read the following letter from the Rev. C. C. Parker, the Master:—"I am very sorry not to be able to be with you on Saturday, but I do not think I am sufficiently well to undertake the journey before a Sunday's work. I hope that some alteration may be made soon in rule 3, in order that a greater latitude may be given for the time of holding the meeting mentioned in the rule, as July is often a more convenient month than June. Please remember me very kindly to all my brother-ringers, and I wish the meeting every success."

The rule referred to by the Master was one which fixed the meeting for the Association for the election of officers and other business to be held every year between Christmas and Midsummer, and the meeting has been usually held in June.

Mr. Burgess read a list of members who had written expressing that, for various reasons, they were unable to attend the annual meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Bath, were read and confirmed, and the Secretary then read the following report from the Master (Rev. C. C. Parker), for the year ending June 1st, 1910:—"It is impossible to write this report without brief reference to the sad event of the year—the sad and unexpected death of King Edward. We know that our late King had at heart the interest of every class and section of the community, so that his death comes home to all, and not least to that very loyal body of men, the ringers of England. Their privilege has been to sound the bells year by year, to record the joys and triumphs of the dead monarch's life, and now it has been their melancholy duty to reflect a nation's mourning in the solemn sounds of the muffled peal. What better prayer can we offer as we are called upon to ring at the accession of our new King, than that George V. may worthily follow in the footsteps of his beloved grandmother and father? There are two events of the past year in connection with our Association, which are especially worthy of mention, and first comes the visit of the Association to Leigh-on-Mendip. For some time past an invitation had been given to the Association by the Rev. J. Honnywill, to visit his parish on the occasion of a quarterly meeting. This kindly invitation was accepted at the last general meeting, and, accordingly on September 25th, a meeting was duly arranged and held. It was a conspicuous success. No less than seventy-seven members were present on the occasion. It was a meeting which will long be remembered by those who took part in it. The Association has for many years owed Mr. Honnywill much for his earnest and sustained interest in its doings, but I think you would wish me to offer him now, on your behalf, a special vote of thanks for the kindness which prompted this invitation, and for the lavish and generous manner in which the meeting was carried out by him without expense to the Association or to its

members. The other event has been the peal conducted by Miss Gillingham at Portishead, on December 20th, 1909. Some have asserted that this is a world's record. Whether this is so or not I cannot say, but if ladies only very occasionally ring in peals, much more rarely have they had the honour of conducting one. We, as an Association, most heartily congratulate Miss Gillingham on her success, and we hope in the near future to offer her a slight token of our appreciation of her knowledge and skill. The new certificates are now ready for circulation. Some are printed in black and white, in accordance with the wishes of certain members of the Association. The greater number are coloured. It is hoped that members of the Association will purchase one, and so possess a more worthy proof of their membership than the old certificate can afford.

The balance-sheet for the year ending June 1st was also presented, and was considered satisfactory.

On the proposition of Mr. W. A. Hawkins (Dulverton), seconded by Mr. Samuel Mason (Minehead), an honourarium of £10 was voted to the Secretary.

The chairman proposed the election of the vice-presidents of last year en bloc, mentioning that Preb. Bothamley had resigned the position of Archdeacon of Bath, and Prebendary Fish taken his place, but the Association desired to retain the former's name as vice-president.

The resolution was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. D. G. Taylor, in proposing the re-election of the Master, said that in the Rev. C. C. Parker they had an excellent Master, and they were all very sorry that illness prevented him from being with them that day. Since he had taken the post, he had been very good in attending the meetings, and they could not do better than re-elect him.

Mr. W. J. Prescott, in seconding, congratulated himself on having been the means of getting the Rev. C. C. Parker as their Master. With all due respect to Mr. Parker's predecessors, he had put more vim into the Association than it had ever had before.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr. Doble proposed the re-election of Mr. Burgess as Secretary. Words were not needed, he said, to express their appreciation of the energy the Secretary put into his work. Mr. Burgess was well-known to them all, and they could not have have a better Secretary. He had thrown his heart and soul into the Association, and had many long days of work over it, with the result that there was greater life in the Association than there had ever been.

Mr. G. Chaplin (Castle Carp), seconded, and Mr. Taylor supported the proposition, pointing out that the work of the Association with over 1,100 members was much greater than it was a few years ago, and they were doing quite right to ask Mr. Burgess to go on with it.

The resolution was carried, the Hon. Secretary being unanimously re-elected.

On the proposition of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Bell (Bath), the Rev. A. J. Hook was thanked for his past services as auditor, and re-elected.

Several members were proposed, some of them being ladies, and on the proposition of Mr. Atkins (Minehead), seconded by Mr. Pasmore (Minehead), they were elected.

The next business was to fix the place for the next quarterly meeting. Two places were selected—Burnham and Bridgwater, and on being put to the vote, Bridgwater was decided upon by 24 votes to 22, as being central.

The chairman observed that he would like to congratulate the meeting on having fixed, for the first time in

the knowledge of any human being, what was the most central part of the diocese.

Mr. D. G. Taylor moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. M. Etherington for receiving the Association at Minehead, and for all the trouble he had taken in making their meeting a success; also to the Rev. Prebendary Hancock, of Dunster, and the Rev. W. P. Michel, of Carhampton, for allowing the use of his bells.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Taylor then proposed that rule 3 of the Association which now read, "That there shall be a general meeting of the Association every year between Christmas and Midsummer," be altered so to extend the period within which the annual meeting might be held to a month beyond Midsummer, so that it might under the new rule be held either in the month before or after Midsummer. The subject, he said, had been brought up and discussed in committee, and it was considered that in July the train service was more convenient for members, and that was the reason for the proposition.

Mr. Bell seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The chairman assured the company that he was very pleased indeed to welcome the Association to Minehead. They at Minehead liked their church and bells, and were glad to extend a welcome to other ringers whom they regarded as church-workers with them, and if Minehead was not quite the centre of the diocese, he hoped that it would not be considered too far away from the centre for them to visit the town again on some future occasion.

This concluded the business meeting, and the company then adjourned to the parish church, where at 3.30 a service was held. The junior members of the choir were present, and Mr. F. Evans was at the organ, the service being choral. It was conducted by the Rev. D. Moore, the lessons were read by the Rev. Prebendary Sainsbury, and an address was given by the Rev. F. Etherington.

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THE TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Thursday, over 200 ringers connected with the above Association, held their 17th annual gathering at Gayton. The day commenced with service in the church, which was well filled. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. G. King, D.D. The Rector of Turvey (Rev. C. B. Hulton), preached from the text (St. Matthew v. 48): "Be ye therefore perfect." The collection was for the Gayton Church Tower Restoration Fund. The annual meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. W. H. Barry, in the schoolroom.

On the proposition of Mr. Ratcliffe, a grant of £1 was made to the fund for restoring Easton Neston church bells.

Mr. J. Slarke returned thanks, and stated that their bells were dedicated on June 19th.

The company partook of a capital luncheon provided by host Fauz, of The Eykyn Arms. The President (Rev. W. H. Barry), proposed the loyal toast, and said that at their last meeting they did not anticipate that this year the toast would be associated with another name.

Mr. F. Causebrook (Hon. Secretary), announced that letters of apology had been received from Canon Hulbert, Canon Rendel, the Revs. T. Evans, and W. Capell, whilst belfries not represented were Eydon, Preston Capes, Courteenhall, and Lichborough. During the past year restorations were carried out in the belfries at Helmdon, Lichborough, Gayton, and Easton Neston. Meetings had been held at Wicken, Blakesley, and Blisworth. The Association had presented a peal-board to Leckhampstead belfry. Peals had been rung at Greens Norton, and two at Wicken. The Association numbers at present 22 belfries, 28 honorary members, and 142 ringing members.

The Rev. H. Eales extended a cordial invitation to the Association to hold next year's festival at Helmdon. The meeting unanimously accepted.

The Rev. H. Menhns proposed "Success to the Association," to which Mr. Slarke and Mr. Reed responded.

Mr. J. Reed hoped that Towcester belfry would soon complete their peal by getting two more trebles.

Tea was provided on the rectory lawn by the Rev. D. King and Mrs. King. Ringing was indulged in at Gayton, Passenham, Lois Weedon, Leckhampstead, Helmdon, Wicken, Easton Neston, Towcester, Greens Norton, Paulesbury, Whittlebury, and Blakesley. The neighbouring belfries at Blisworth, Milton, and Pattishall were also at the disposal of the ringers.

LATE NOTICES.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The first monthly meeting will take place at the Sheffield Parish Church (headquarters), on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. General business meeting afterwards. Ringers welcomed.

Sidney F. Palmer, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. Shuker, *Br Sec.*

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on August Bank Holiday.

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Rung at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Feb. 19th, 1910, conducted by Sam Thomas.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Wednesday, June 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bonham, A. J. Green, W. R. Jolley, E. Nichols, T. C. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor.

HARROW WEALD.—On Saturday, July 9th, at the residence of F. T. Martin, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. T. Martin conductor, G. Shipp, C. N. Leman, J. E. Rootes. Longest length on handbells by all.

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STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Sharman, C. Gibson, F. C. Ringrose, T. C. Ringrose, E. Davidson, W. Jacob. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Sharman, F. E. Ringrose, T. C. Ringrose, P. Perry, E. Davidson, J. Skipp.

STRATFORD (Bow).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Sanders, T. Cranfield, W. W. Worthington, W. Pye conductor, J. Scholes, S. J. Bird, E. Hall, H. Torble.

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Correspondence.

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

REPLY TO MR. PYE.

SIR,—In this week's "BELL NEWS" Mr. W. Pye states that he criticised a statement made by me at the Council meeting at Manchester. I certainly read a letter from him referring to my statement, but as he simply contradicted me, without producing any criticism whatever, I made no reply. When Mr. Pye makes a statement which I do not agree with, I shall be quite prepared to tell him so in a friendly manner, and state my reasons for so doing; but I shall certainly not either flatly contradict him without any reason, or call him hard names for thinking so. Finally, let me say that I think that it is a great pity that brother ringers cannot discuss differences of opinion in a friendly manner.

H. LAW JAMES.

[This correspondence must now cease.—Ed.]

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

SIR,—On revising the proof scale of Maximus I find that while Mr. Lindoff was quite correct in stating that my compositions of Cambridge Royal are false, he was mistaken in making the same statement about the Maximus, which are all true, as there are only two false courses in Maximus, while there are three in Royal. The following two part of Royal is also true:—

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H. LAW JAMES.

Obituary.

JAMES NIXON.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above ringer at the age of 65 years. His suffering from that terrible disease, cancer, had extended over many months, and as the writer can testify his acute suffering was borne with exemplary patience and fortitude. He passed peacefully away on June 8th. He had been connected with St. Martin's church, Gospel Oak as ringer and organ blower for forty years, and upon these bells he had rung many hundreds of 720s in different methods. The exigencies of his occupation did not allow him to ring many peals, but his enthusiasm for the Art was none the less pronounced, and among the several peals that he had rang none was he more proud of than the "James" peal at Clerkenwell, twenty-one years ago, conducted by James Pettit. The funeral service was read at the above church, and he was carried from the scene of his labours to the mournful accompaniment of the Dead March, and was interred at Highgate Cemetery, and following him to his rest (besides the members of his family) were Mr. N. Alderman, a life long friend, representing the Gospel Oak company and Mr. F. Smith, representing the Royal Cumberlands, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. W. J. Nudds was also present at the grave side. In the evening at St. Martin's church, the following rang the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a 360 of Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Watson, W. Miles, N. Alderman, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, F. Smith, W. J. Nudds. May he rest in peace.

F. S.

TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, July 9th, a quiet but interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber, when Sergt. Wm. Cartwright presented a very nice cruet stand with cut glass bottles in nickel

silver frame, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to P. C. J. Shrewin as a token of respect by the Manchester City Police Town Hall Ringers, on his retirement on pension after twenty-six years' service, over 20 years as a bellringer."

In making the presentation the Sergeant, who is conductor, reminded Mr. Shrewin of the many happy hours they had had together, and a few words were said by other members of the company. Mr. Shrewin responded, and hoped all would live long enough to draw their pensions. He thanked them for their present, which had come as a surprise to him, and he should value it very much. "Joe," as he was commonly called, never rang a peal, his nearest approach being an "all policeman" peal, which came to grief in the last 500. Joe was over twenty-two stone in weight, and stands over 6-ft., and is a very good striker.

R. N.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY.

This tower after having been thoroughly overhauled and strengthened with new girders and supports under the bell frame, and all the top stonework having been reset is now ready for use, and it is hoped that all ringers will take advantage of this the most accessible of all north London towers, and help to make it one of the chief centres of ringing.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CHESTERFIELD.—G. Hollis's 100 peals.—On six bells 4; Grandsire Triples 3; Grandsire Caters 9, conducted 2; Stedman Triples 5; Stedman Caters 12; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Bob Royal 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 6; Double Norwich Royal 3; Superlative Surprise Major 10; Yorkshire Surprise Major 4; New Cambridge Surprise Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 12; Kent Treble Bob Royal 16, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 3; Forward Royal 1; on handbells—Bob Major 1. Total 100, conducted 5.

THE PEAL AT SHIPLEY.—Mr. Kendall's 100 peals.—Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 6; Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 55 (including 10,400 and silent peal), conducted 17; Oxford Treble Bob Major 7 (including 8128), conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples 13, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 8; Stedman Caters 1. Total 100, conducted 21.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL.—A. Stowell's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 2, Caters 10; Stedman Triples 18, Caters 36, Cinques 4; Bob Minor 2, Major 4, Royal 1; Treble Bob Major 6, Royal 4; Forward Major 1, Royal 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Royal 2; London Surprise Major 6.

EDMONDTHORPE, NEAR OAKHAM.

A large clock with two dials and chiming the quarters has been fixed in the parish church by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clock for the neighbouring church of Wymondham and chimes at Buckminster a short time ago.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will attempt a peal of 9700 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, on Monday, August 1st, at Halesowen, Worcestershire, commencing at 10 a.m.

Will Mr. J. Flint kindly send again?

Marriage.

At St. Stephen's church, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, July 16th, Clement Glenn, to Annie Magdeline Kramer both of Rotherham.

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.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney on the 25th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The quarterly meeting advertised to be held at Horthchurch to-day, Saturday, July 23rd, is postponed owing to illness.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, August 13th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Lavenham (8 bells), Preston—2½ miles—(6 bells). Bells ready at 2. Tea at 4.30.

EDWARD J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 23rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4. Evensong at St. Mary's church at 4.45. Preacher—the Rev. C. Carew Cox, B.A., curate of Holy Trinity parish church, Stratford-on-Avon. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Globe hotel, followed by the annual business meeting of the Guild.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, July 23rd. Peal attempt in the afternoon. Business at 7.30.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Summer meeting at Heighington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The Bay Horse inn at 5.30 p.m.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Hatfield Broad Oak,

A conveyance will leave The Chequer's hotel Bishops Stortford, at 3.15.

JOHN F. FENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville" Saffron Walden.

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

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held in the parish room, Hershams, on Saturday, July 30th, preceded by tea at 5.20 p.m. The bells at the church will be available from 3 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the parish room at 6. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30 at The Rose and Crown hotel. Members intending to be present please notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 26th.

THOMAS METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormeau, Yorks.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pevensey (6 bells), on Saturday July 30th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea, 6d each to members letting me know not later than Wednesday, July 27th.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Div. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on August 1st. Divine Service with address by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.15. Members intending to be present should acquaint the Hon. Secretary not later than July 28th.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Eccleston on Monday, August 1st. Particulars by circular.

REV. A. T. BEXSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Monday, August 1st. Committee meeting in the vestry at 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in the parish room at 1 p.m. The following towers will be open during the day: St. John the Evangelist (8); St. Nicholas (8); St. Mary, Lewisham (8); St. Margaret,

Lee (8); and St. Alphege, Greenwich (10). Application for dinner tickets must be made before Thursday, July 28th.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on August Bank Holiday. Arrangements have been made for ringing to take place during the day as follows; Hawley, 10 a.m.; Yorktown, 12 a.m.; Yateley 2.30; Sandhurst, 4.30. Dinner can be obtained at Yorktown; tea at Yateley at 6 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on August 1st. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tea at James's restaurant, High Street at 5 o'clock. Meeting after at the Parish Club. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 26th inst.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 20th, starting by brake from Wolverhampton, and to visit Albrighton, Patshull (6), Pattingham (8), Trysull (6), Wombourne (8), and Penn (8). Will those ringers who wish to join, send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?

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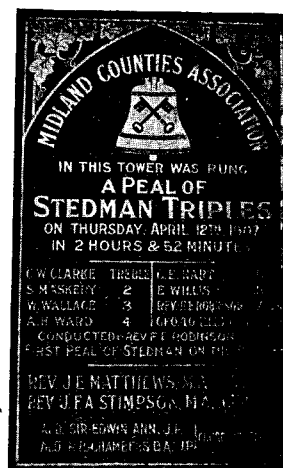
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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1910.

THE CHICAGO GUILD, U.S.A.

The ringers now in Chicago have for some time been discussing the advisability of forming a ringing society, and notices were sent out calling for a meeting on Monday, July 4th, to put if possible a society into existence. All notified were present. An invitation had been received from Mrs. H. D. Hammer, of Chicago, to inspect her collection of curious bells which she has collected in different parts of the world. At 1.30 five of the ringers met at Mrs. Hammers and viewed one of the most unique collections of bells possible to imagine. The Horbury (Yorks.) ringers when on tour in this country last year also saw this collection of bells, every one of which has an history. The Alice Freeman Palmer ring of ten were at our disposal from 3 p.m. The bells were rung in peal for the first time, and are a splendid ring of ten. Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major were the methods rung. At 5 o'clock the business meeting took place, Mr. D. A. Robertson being voted to the chair. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. B. Reed, seconded by Mr. F. Rumens, that the Society be called the Chicago Guild of Change-Ringers. Messrs. Rumens, Skitt, Barraclough, Wakefield and Reed were elected to form a committee for the purpose of drawing up rules. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Hammer for her invitation, which was carried. Votes of thanks to the University chimes committee for the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. A. Robertson for presiding, was proposed by Mr. N. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Barraclough, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robertson suitably responded. Further ringing took place, the bells being lowered at 6.0 p.m. Ringing in various methods followed on the handbells. Thus

passed the first day that will, it is hoped, mark the commencement of change-ringing in this country. We in Chicago intend to do whatever possible to make our Society here a sure success. B.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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WILLIAM J. KEMP 3.	HENRY RUMENS 8.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	FRED C. MAYNARD 9.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5.	ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.

The Provinces.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, June 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EMANUEL WICKHAM .. Treble.	JESSE SCHOFIELD 5.
GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. 2.	JAMES COTTERELL 6.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 3.	JOSEPH BRODLEY 7.
BERNAL E. HOWE 4.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Tenor.

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

*First peal. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mrs. Lilley, wife of the late steeple-keeper, who was fifty years a ringer and seventeen years sexton. Mrs. Lilley is always ready to do anything for the ringers and to add to their comfort in the ringing chamber. This was the conductor's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt, in C.

FREDK. DICKENS .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	*PETER LAFLIN 8.
JOHN NEAL 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	A. PADDON SMITH 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Cinques away from the tenor. This peal has twenty-four courses in the titums position, and fourteen courses in the hand-stroke home position.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	GEORGE B. EDSE 6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4.	*ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	FRANK JACOBS 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	*TOM A. BURNHAM 7.
WILLIAM H. PHAEODY 3.	*THOMAS W. GORE 8.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 5.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, June 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. T. SYMONDS .. Treble.	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5.
WILLIAM G. ENGLAND* .. 2.	*WILLIAM A. HAYMAN 6.
JULIUS A. SNOW 3.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW 7.
JOHN M. SKINNER 4.	EDWARD G. STOCKEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. SNOW.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE OLD ABBEY BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt, in C sharp.

THOMAS RUSSAM .. Treble.	HARRY WITHERS 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
HEEBERT KNIGHT 3.	HARRY MIDDLETON 8.
ALF PADDON SMITH 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
THOMAS MILLER 5.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition is No. 1 from Mr. John Carter's broadsheet. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the two new trebles and reopening of the bells after being augmented and rehung in a new massive steel frame with iron headstocks, by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARTHUR F. ASHMAN* .. Treble.	RICHARD BUCELAND 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	ISAAC ELDRIDGE 6.
THOMAS PRICE 3.	HERBERT J. BLACKWELL 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to T. Price, who sailed for Canada on the 7th inst., the band wishing him every success in his new home.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Pianq "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2.	REUBEN BALDWIN 6.
THOMAS BOOKER 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
ALFRED JAMES* 4.	GEORGE DUBLING .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by G. DUBLING.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY* .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6.
GEORGE WILSON* 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7.
FREDK. J. SMITH 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wragby Delight, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR ADAMS* Treble.	JOHN EASTER 4.
OSCAR HEWITT* 2.	*GEORGE HARRISON 5.
FRANK ATKINSON* 3.	*JOHN ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ADAMS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER* 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES† .. 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
REV. E. BANKS JAMES .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. *First peal in the method, and the first lady to accomplish a peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell. †Fiftieth peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble.	*DAVID BREARLEY 5.
JOHN HOLMAN* 2.	FRED R. KITTLEBORO .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS* 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

BEBBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWALL 5.
WILLIAM BRISCOE 2.	CHARLES COVENTRY .. 6.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	JOHN MEALOR 7.
CHARLES PRICE 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD* Treble.	†HARRY PRICE 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2.	WILLIAM H. WEBB .. 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	†ALFRED DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡First in the method as conductor.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

STANLEY J. F. SHELLOCK* Treble.	†ALBERT J. DAY 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 6.
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE* .. 3.	†WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

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

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE BROAD .. Treble.	FRANK SHARP 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 6.
FREDK. J. LAMBERT .. 3.	CHARLES H. SONE 7.
JAMES BEACH 4.	PERCY BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

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CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

ALBERT V. INNS Treble.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 4.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 5.
JOSEPH SADDINGTON 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung to celebrate the festival of the dedication of the church, and it is the quickest peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints (City),

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

WILLIAM KNIGHT Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
JESSE B. TYLER 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

*First peal of Cambridge with a bob bell. †100th peal, reference elsewhere. The above was Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

CHARLES AUSTIN Treble.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 5.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM 6.
HARRY LEWIS 3.	FRANK COLE 7.
JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4.	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

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

THOMAS RILEY Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 4.	REV. H. L. JAMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

GEORGE SEWARD Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	WILLIAM C. HART 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
PHILIP ALLFARY 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

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ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

JOHN J. JACKSON Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
THOMAS BOTTRILL 2.	ALBERT MASON 6.
ALEX. BRAMLEY 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	EDWARD JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLS, and Conducted by EDWARD JACKSON.

Rung as a "coming of age" compliment to the conductor. First peal as conductor.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ANDREW MEARS* Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 2.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	ALFRED MEARS 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major and the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of C. E. Radcliffe, esq., and Mrs. Radcliffe, of Little Park, Wickham, a life member of the above Guild.

NEWCASTLE, BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Iltyd,

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

EVAN COLES Treble.	WILLIAM BOLTON 5]
THOMAS J. EVANS 2.	GEORGE ROBERTS 6.
D. RHYS JAMES 3.	JOHN COX 7.
RICHARD EVANS 4.	RICHARD BUNSTONE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN COX.

W. Bolton was proposed a member before starting.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 6.
WALTER ALLWOOD 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
ALBERT R. COPPOCK* .. 3.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
JOHN C. DICKEN 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
GEORGE HOLLIS† 5.	*PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †100th peal, list elsewhere.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT ROBINSON* .. Treble.	PEARL INSKIP 4.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WALTER T. FINEDON .. 5.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in seven methods.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Moowen,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.**

JAMES HICKLING Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	FRANK SHEPHERD 6.
HARRY KENDRICK 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
THOMAS DICKIN 4.	CECIL A. BEELS Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

HOLBECK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 16 cwt.**

JOHN MOGER Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
PERCY J. JOHNSON 2.	ALBERT S. MITCHELL 6.
GEORGE A. JOWETT 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 7.
FRANK R. CUNDALE 4.	WILLIAM E. H. ASE Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	MAURICE WARD 4.
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE 2.	FRANCIS WARD 6.
FRED WARD 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7.
ALFRED H. WARD 4.	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LeCLERCQ* .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 5.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	THOMAS UPSHALL 6.
GEORGE UPSHALL* 3.	JOHN W. RUSSELL 7.
WILLIAM H. LOWMAN† .. 4.	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by CHAS. EDWARDS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major on a bob bell. This is the first peal of Major by an entirely local band since 1806.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At Christ Church,

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

JAMES HARES Treble.	JOSEPH WALKER 5.
ERNEST A. PARISH 2.	FRANK JOHNSON 6.
SAMUEL ASTBURY 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	JOHN FORD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

Messrs. Astbury, Johnson, and Ford were proposed members of the above society previous to starting for the peal,

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday evening, June 8th. at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. F. E. Dawe, J. Elcombe, J. Harris, L. Harris, Rev. F. L. Edwards, A. Wellington, G. Williams conductor, W. Payne.

SOBERTON (Hants).—On Saturday, June 11th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost in the 19th part through a shift course. G. Williams conductor, G. E. Chappell, H. W. Wilkes, L. H. Page, P. E. Morfee, Rev. E. Banks James, E. J. Harding, A. Mears. The band were kindly entertained to refreshments at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Morley before returning home. All being on cycles the time of the last train was immaterial,

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHEERNESS.—On May 12th, on handbells, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Moore, 1-2; F. A. Holden conductor, 3-4: W. H. B. Wilkins, 5-6; T. J. Phils, 7-8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, June 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. C. E. Perkins, A. Greenfield, A. Davies conductor, H. Hill, H. Price, J. Faulkner, W. Prestidge, A. Prestidge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On July 10th. at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Hoyle, T. Doble, E. Burgess, W. Bennett, G. Yeandle, H. Moore, J. Maddock conductor, E. Purdle.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, May 25th, at the church of St. Mary Grassendale, 720 Double Court. J. Turner, E. Counce, G. R. Newton conductor, A. W. Brighton, J. Allen, W. Davies. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Turner, A. W. Brighton conductor, G. R. Newton, E. Counce, J. Allen, W. Davies.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

EARLS COLNE.—On Tuesday, June 14th, for practice, 1248 Double Norwich. S. Burst, J. Fleuty, W. Burst, F. Claydon, S. Fleuty, A. Saunders, W. Scillitoe, E. Ridgwell conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SEDBERGH.—On Saturday, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. J. W. Pennington, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, J. E. Senogles, H. Haresnape, Pennington, G. F. Woodhouse conductor, T. Smith. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late King Edward.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WATTON.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. L. Dickerson, A. Macro, W. J. Adcock, E. Hunt, J. Murrell, T. Fitzjohn conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Solihull on May 7th, was conducted by Roland Bragg.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Llan-garron, Herefordshire, has been sent without any conductor being mentioned.

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BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.

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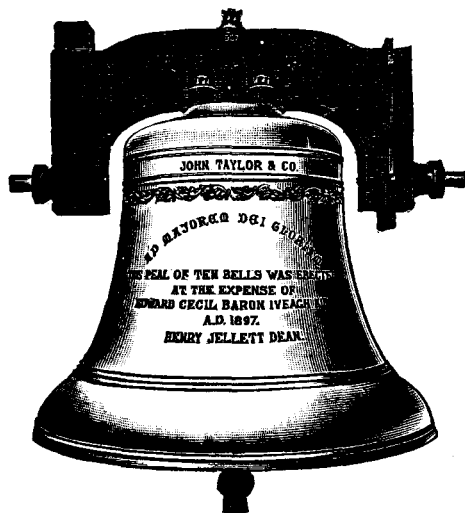
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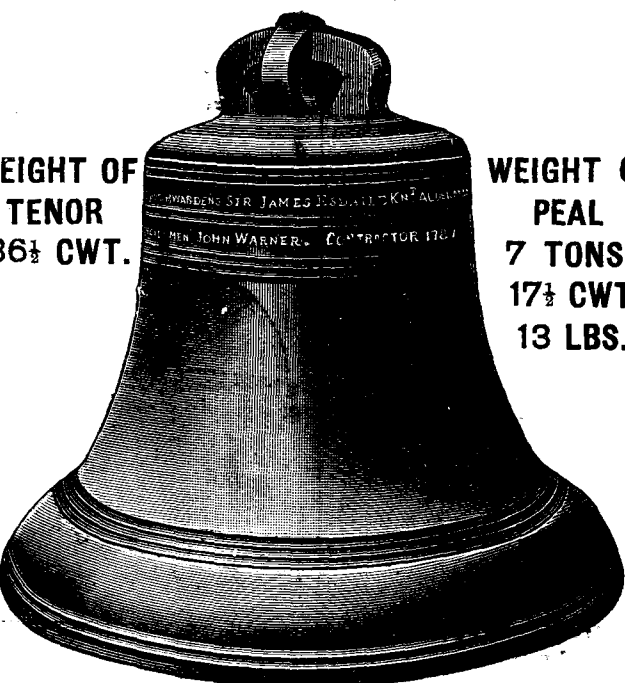
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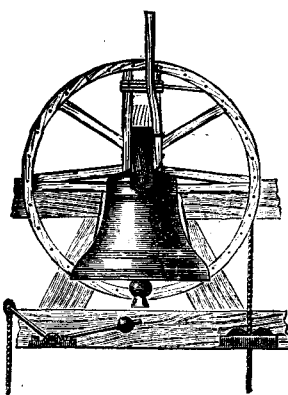
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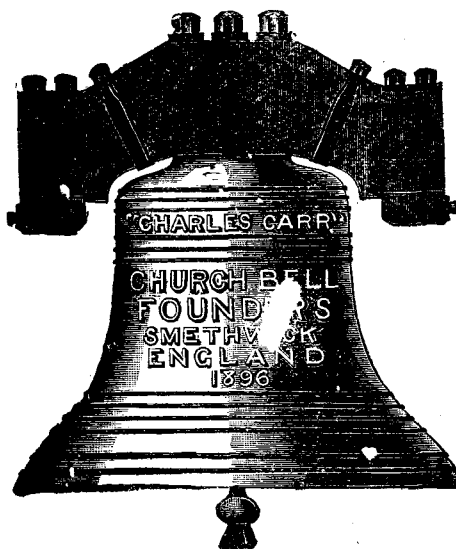
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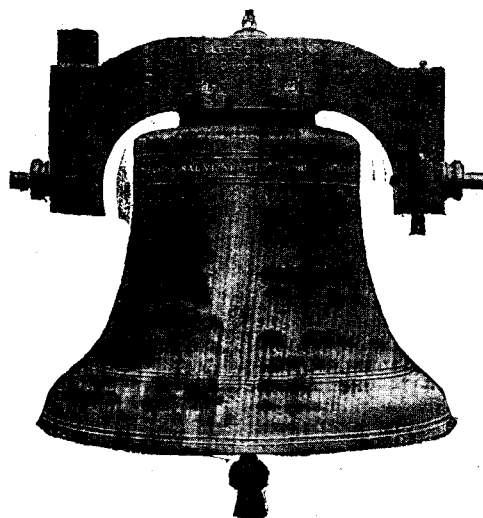
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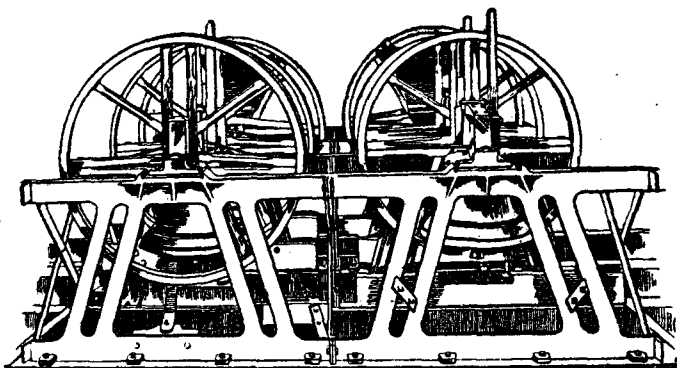
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Just as in the lives of men and of nations, there are epochs that clearly show the fingers of destiny; so in the history of a church there are events which mark plainly the imprint of progress. What may be termed "high-tide" in the affairs of Sale and Ashton-on-Mersey, was reached on Saturday, July 16th, when the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester conducted the service, which gave to the parish a tower, clock, and ring of eight bells. The tower, built of Caen stone, in the Gothic-Norman style, was the gift of Miss Hilton, a parishioner, in memory of her brother, at a cost of £1700, and contains ringing-room, clock-chamber, bell-chamber, and a "look-out" in lieu of battlements.

The service commenced at 3 o'clock, when the church, festooned with flowers and foliage, was filled to overflowing. The hymn—"All people that on earth do dwell," the customary collects, psalms and prayers, were proceeded with, after which, the Bishop in his address spoke from the words—"The name of the Lord is a strong tower." He said they had that afternoon given him a very congenial task to perform. The gift of the tower and its fittings—the bells and clock—had been offered most willingly, and so the whole was in harmony with the beautiful, and at the same time pathetic lesson they had heard read. The message was conveyed that they were fellow-workers with God. A church tower was intended to teach various lessons. First of all it carried their minds back to the past. They were not only reminded from the style of the architecture of this tower of the Norman days, but they were also reminded how in those turbulent days when every man almost his life in his own hands, the tower of a church belonged to the defence of the people, and they also knew that then the bells in the tower were not only used for calling people together for worship, but frequently for the purposes of war, when they were rung backward, and were alarm bells. They had at the present time the purpose of utility served by a church tower, and the lesson for them to learn from the present tower, was the combination of the beautiful with utility. This tower, as they all knew, added to the beauty and the dignity of the church. Let them think of what their country would be were it deprived of its noble, strong, and dignified church towers, which were so great an adornment. They all hoped this tower would be an inspiration in their midst, and the Christian instinct had taught that in building houses where they could conveniently meet together for the worship of God, they should do all that in them lay, to develop beauty, clothing as it were utility with beauty. But the highest thought of all should be that they should issue from the houses of God, with their stately towers, determined to do all that in them lay to adorn and beautify life as a whole.

The hymn "Now thank we all our God," followed by the Benediction by the Bishop, concluded the service. A battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade, formed a guard of honour, and sounded a salute on the bugles. This was a

signal. One minute's silence, and then the bells pealed out to the delight of the listeners below. Hymns, changes, and old English ballads were played as the congregation disported themselves at the subsequent garden fete in the adjoining rectory grounds.

The clock and peal of bells, costing about £520, have been subscribed for by the parishioners and friends. They have been constructed and fixed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The time is shown upon four dials, of the "skeleton" type, which allow of the architectural lines of the tower being well displayed. Each dial measures six feet in diameter, and is in one iron casting to ensure rigidity, and is richly gilt with English gold leaf. The clock is constructed to strike the hours on the tenor, and to chime the Westminster quarter-chimes upon four of the smaller bells. An ingenious arrangement is attached whereby the chimes are automatically stopped during the night, viz., from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. The clock is equipped with all the latest improvements, including gravity escapement, compensated pendulum, machine cut gun-metal wheels, pinions cut from the solid steel bar, and is driven by weights which aggregate about a ton. These are suspended from the barrels by steel cable lines of great strength, and some idea of the dimensions of the clock mechanism may be gained when it is mentioned a pendulum is required six feet in length, and weighing 160 lbs. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at their Croydon foundry. They are eight in number, and are of exceptional purity and sweetness of tone. There is no doubt obtained by the latest scientific method of harmonic tuning, whereby all the various over-tones which go to make up the tone of a bell are accurately tuned to its fundamental or strike note: thus each bell in itself gives a perfect chord. By this system of tuning, perfect tone is ensured, whilst the beauty of tone and carrying power of the bells is considerably enhanced. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt., while the total weight of the peal of eight is 45 cwt. The tenor bell is hung in gun-metal bearings, in a steel frame with clapper, wheels and rope for ringing alone, whilst changes and tunes can be played on the whole peal by one person by means of the "clavier" or tune-playing apparatus, which is part of the installation. The tenor bell bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God, this peal of eight bells was erected by the congregation and friends of St. Paul's church, Sale, June 1910. Reginald W. T. Petch, Vicar; Thomas J. Sea-grave, Arthur Smith, Wardens.

May God bless all
Whom we do call."

With the exception of the tenor, the bells at present are hung for chiming only, but there is no doubt that in a short time the whole peal will be rung in the ordinary way. Many ringers from the neighbouring districts turned up, expecting to ring, but contented themselves by chiming the peal on the apparatus. Mr. S. Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, gave touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire, in his own inimitable style, and all ringers who had foregathered were entertained to tea in the rectory grounds. When hung with wheels, etc., the new peal

will be a valuable adjunct for the Manchester men, and the music of the bells be greatly enhanced. The automatic striking of the chimes during the night is a step in the right direction, and a concession to public opinion. Messrs. Gillet and Johnston are to be congratulated on the soundness of their work thought, which constitutes another of their triumphs in scientific bell-engineering.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

The marriage took place at St. Thomas's Catholic church, Erdington, on a recent Saturday morning, of Mr. George Frederick Swann, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Swann, of Marsh Lane, Erdington, and Miss Margaret Ellen Norris, second daughter of the late Mr. W. Norris and Mrs. Norris, of Wylde Green. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lambert Nolle, O.S.B., senior parish priest, who also celebrated the nuptial mass which preceded it. Mr. Cyril Whitacre presided at the organ, and played appropriate music, including the "Wedding March" at the close of the service. The bride, was given away by Mr. John Swann, the father of the bridegroom. Mr. Sylvester Swann (brother of the bridegroom), officiated as best man. Afterwards breakfast was partaken of at the house of the bride's mother, Wylde Green, when a number of the relatives and friends of both parties assembled. The presents were numerous, and of a most useful and valuable character, including a case of carvers from the ringers of St. Thomas's abbey. Mr. G. F. Swann is a ringer at the abbey church, Erdington, and is a member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Although very young, he has rung a number of peals in the Stedman and Surprise methods, and is a fine conductor of Stedman, having the method at his finger-ends. He is a very willing member, always ready to assist young ringers in the art of change-ringing. Every ringer will no doubt wish him and his bride a happy and prosperous life, and hope he will be spared many years to be devoted to the art of bell-ringing.

THE PEAL AT HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

This was a red-letter day in the history of change-ringing at Huddersfield. The new peal of bells cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated on Shrove Tuesday last, are a beautifully-toned peal of ten in the key of D, and take the place of an old peal of ten which had done duty for bells for a long period of years, though they had been silent and practically unringable for two years previous to the scheme for the present new peal being taken in hand by the then Vicar—the Rev. T. R. Sale—now Vicar of Blackburn, to whose energy the new peal owe their existence in the tower, along with the clock to-day.

At the conclusion of the peal, an adjournment was made to The Pack Horse Inn, where the ringers were met by the churchwardens (Messrs. Calvert and Anderson), who kindly entertained them to dinner, and after an excellent repast had been served, and the tables cleared, a social evening was spent together.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the churchwardens for their generosity and kindness in meeting the ringers on this auspicious occasion; and to the local men

HEREFORDSHIRE.—Farmhouse Apartments, with a ringer; with or without board. Milk, Butter, Poultry. Lovely scenery.—Apply "Hereford," care of Editor.

for giving the visitors the opportunity of taking part in the first peal on the bells, being proposed by Mr. Hattersley, and seconded by Mr. Cotterell, and responded to by Mr. Anderson, who congratulated the ringers on the performance. Courses in various methods on the handbells interspersed the proceedings until train-time eventually ended an important day.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. DAINS

5008.

23456	I	4	6
53624	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-

The above calling repeated, produces—

42563	I	4	6
36245	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-

43526 5

For calling of either of the twelve-course blocks, see Snowdon page 31 and 32, completes the peal.

KENT TREBLE BOB.

By THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5152.

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Six times repeated.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Sharman, C. Gibson, F. C. Ringrose, T. C. Ringrose, E. Davidson, W. Jacob. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Sharman, F. E. Ringrose, T. C. Ringrose, P. Perry, E. Davidson, J. Skipp.

STRATFORD (Bow).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Sanders, T. Cranfield, W. W. Worthington, W. Pye conductor, J. Scholes, S. J. Bird, E. Hall, H. Torble.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 2nd and 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on 8th and 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing suspended till Friday, September 2nd, 1910.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, August 13th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

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

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held in the parish room, Hersham, on Saturday, July 30th, preceded by tea at 5.20 p.m. The bells at the church will be available from 3 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the parish room at 6. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30 at The Rose and Crown hotel.

THOMAS METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby, Yorks.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pevensey (6 bells), on Saturday July 30th. Ringing from 3 o'clock.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Div. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on August 1st. Divine Service with address by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.15.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Eccleston on Monday, August 1st. Particulars by circular.

REV. A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Monday, August 1st. Committee meeting in the vestry at 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in the parish room at 1 p.m. The following towers will be open during the day: St. John the Evangelist (8); St. Nicholas (8); St. Mary, Lewisham (8); St. Margaret, Lee (8); and St. Alphege, Greenwich (10). Application for dinner tickets must be made before Thursday, July 28th.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on August Bank Holiday. Arrangements have been made for ringing to take place during the day as follows: Hawley, 10 a.m.; Yorktown, 12 a.m.; Yateley 2.30; Sandhurst, 4.30. Dinner can be obtained at Yorktown; tea at Yateley at 6 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on August 1st. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tea at James's restaurant, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Meeting after at the Parish Club.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow. Members intending to be present, please notify the undersigned by Thursday, August 4th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclist ringers' meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13th. 3.30 p.m.—Rolleston (6); 5 p.m.—Hanbury (8); tea kindly provided by the Vicar; 7.15 p.m.—Tutbury (5).

ERNEST V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 20th, starting by brake from Wolverhampton, and to visit Albrighton, Patshull (6), Pittingham (8), Trysull (6), Wombourne (8), and Penn (8). Will those ringers who wish to join, send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?

TAMWORTH. REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

RINGERS' WEDDING.

An interesting wedding took place on Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, Beckenham, when Miss Marion Elizabeth Hockin, eldest daughter of Mr. John William Hockin, of Travancore, South India, was married to the Rev. Robert Lionel Cairns Newhouse, only son of the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. In honour of the above event, the Caversham band visited St. Laurence's tower, with the intention of ringing a peal of Treble Ten, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing half-an-hour. Time would not permit to make a fresh start for the peal, so the ringers resolved to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters which was brought round in 50 mins. The bells were in full swing when the Vicar and party arrived home from the wedding. The ringing was conducted by T. Hibbert.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

"Four o'clock a.m. Presbyterian end," was the last order received from the veteran of the Leytonstone company, which was punctually responded to on June 25th, the occasion being the twelfth annual outing of the Society. Arriving at Liverpool Street Station we were augmented by Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barkling, and Mr. G. A. Black, and soon nine happy ringers were seated in a reserved compartment of the 5.5 a.m. express en route for Colchester. Arriving we were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who acted as our pilot throughout our two day's visit to East Anglia.

Seated in a pair horse brake we were soon speeding our way through country lanes, enjoying the fresh air, which gave us such an appetite that the eggs and bacon in readiness at The Crown hotel, Great Horkesley, disappeared in record time. This over a move was made to the parish church of All Saints, where our chief object (ringing) commenced. Here we found a nice ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., which was soon going to Chelsea Surprise. This was not to be, for a muddle between some of the band caused an untimely end. Time not allowing for more than 360 Cambridge, a short drive brought us to Nayland, where, at St. Stephen's, bang a grand ring of six, with a tenor nearly 20 cwt. Here luck was with us, for we tapped off 720 each of Chelsea and Wells Surprise. A drive of two miles brought us to the grand old parish church of St. Mary Stoke. Here some of our strong men were able to try their strength on the fine ring of six, tenor 25 cwt. "Go, London," was called, when at second attempt a good 720 was rung. While this was in progress some of the members were surveying the lovely country (immortalised by Constable) from the top of the church tower, from which a view can be obtained for many miles round. After the 720 was rung the odd lot got hold, but were quite content with a plain course of London. By this time the inner man required attention, and after our recent exertions we did justice to the splendid dinner served by host Tomkin, of The Angel hotel. During dinner rain commenced to fall in torrents and delayed us some thirty minutes, during which time we enjoyed a glass and a puff from a good cigar kindly provided by one of our band. The rain cleared off a bit, and we decided to recommence our journey, Higham being the next place on the programme. St. Mary's church has a handy ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., which were soon pealing to Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. On the move again, Stratford St. Mary was the next place of call, where the melodious ring of six were soon going to York and Chichester Surprise, and we partook of the cup that cheers that host South provided at The Anchor hotel.

Another drive of two miles and we were at Langham, where at St. Mary's church hangs a musical ring of six, tenor about 8 cwt. A 720 of Durham Surprise was rung here in grand style, Cambridge being lost when two leads from home. By this time Mr. G. A. Black had to leave us to catch the last train home, much to the regret of all. Leaving Langham behind we were soon on our way to our last ringing place for Saturday, St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh. Here we found a ring of eight, and after being welcomed by the churchwardens and others the bells were sent going to Superlative Surprise, two courses being rung, finishing up with three courses of Stedman Triples. A four-mile drive brought us to Colchester, and we put up for the night at The Aberdeen hotel, Wyre Street. Supper over we retired to bed; some of our band apparently could not sleep, for before 5 o'clock a loud banging on the bedroom doors brought out the sleepy ones in quick time, and soon we were strolling round the town till 7.43, when we were invited by Mr. A. A. Rivers to try a nice little ring of 5 at All Saints church, where Grandsire and Stedman Doubles was rung till 8.30 a.m. Breakfast over we walked to St. Peter's church (where some of the local ringers met us) to ring for the morning service. A good touch of Double Norwich, three courses of Stedman, and a course of Superlative was rung here, some of the local men taking part.

Once more our brake was ready for us, this time in another direction. We reached Great Bromley in time to ring out of the morning service. We were welcomed by the Vicar, who bade us try his musical ring of bells, tenor 18 cwt. After two or three vain attempts a good 720 of London and a short

touch of Cambridge was rung, and we were on the road again and soon found our way to The Red Lion hotel, Great Bentley, where another splendid dinner awaited us. When the last course-end had been tapped off this, Mr. Nevard invited us to the pretty little church of St. Mary's, where hang a light but musical ring of eight, tenor 8 cwt. Superlative and Stedman was rung, after which we were prepared for our last place of ringing, Thorington being reached about 4.30 p.m. Breaking our journey on the way Mr. Nevard kindly invited us to look round his premises and flower and vegetable gardens. A glass of his home-made wine (which was pronounced delicious) and a feed of his fresh picked strawberries, we were soon ringing again, but it would not go right, so we adjourned for tea. This over we rung the much-needed 720 of Cambridge Surprise with the assistance of two of the locals. This concluded a very successful ringing tour. A drive of five miles brought us to Colchester in time for the 8.40 p.m. train for London, in which we were reflecting on the events of the last two days, everyone agreeing we had spent one of the most pleasant outings it had been our lot to enjoy.

The company wish, through the medium of this paper to thank the various clergy for granting us permission to ring on the various bells; the local ringers who all made us so welcome, and last but not least Mr. W. J. Nevard, we feel we cannot express our appreciation too much.

G. D.

The following ringing was done: At All Saints, Great Horkesley, 360 Cambridge Surprise. W. Theobald, G. Dawson, S. Bird, T. Faulkner, W. Miller conductor, W. J. Nevard. At St. Stephen's, Nayland, 720 Chelsea Surprise. W. Doran, G. Dawson, G. A. Black, H. Torble, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 720 Wells Surprise. W. Theobald, T. Faulkner, G. Dawson, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. At Stoke St. Mary, 720 London Surprise. W. Doran, T. Faulkner, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule, H. Torble. At Higham St. Mary, 720 Norwich Surprise. W. Theobald, G. A. Black, W. Doran, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. At Stratford St. Mary, 720 York Surprise. W. J. Nevard, G. Dawson, W. Doran, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. 720 Chichester Surprise. W. Theobald, W. Miller, G. Dawson, G. A. Black, T. Faulkner, J. Moule conductor. At St. Mary's, Langham, 720 Durham Surprise. S. Bird, T. Faulkner, G. A. Black, G. Dawson, J. Moule conductor, H. Torble. At St. Mary's, Ardleigh, 448 Superlative Surprise. W. Theobald, W. Doran, W. Miller conductor, W. J. Nevard, S. Bird, J. Moule, T. Faulkner, H. Torble. 252 Stedman Triples. T. Faulkner conductor, W. J. Nevard, W. Miller, J. Moule, A. G. Rivers, H. Torble, W. Theobald, G. Dawson. At St. Peter's, Colchester, four courses of Double Norwich. W. Doran conductor, W. Miller, F. Gill, A. G. Rivers, S. Bird, J. Moule, T. Faulkner, H. Torble. Three courses of Stedman Triples. T. Faulkner conductor, H. Torble, W. J. Nevard, W. Miller, W. Theobald, A. G. Rivers, G. Dawson. At St. George, Great Bromley, 720 London Surprise. S. Bird, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. At St. Mary's, Great Bentley, 448 Superlative Surprise. W. Theobald, W. Doran, W. J. Nevard, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule, S. Bird, T. Faulkner, H. Torble. 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Faulkner. At St. Mary's, Thorington, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Doran, G. A. Andrews, W. Miller, W. J. Nevard conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. C. T. Coles conductor, W. Manning, H. J. Maynard, F. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, sen., R. Maynard, jun., R. F. Deal, R. G. Rice. On Sunday, July 17th, after Evensong, 519 Stedman Caters. F. C. Maynard, J. H. Wilkins, R. G. Rice, F. Rumens, R. Maynard, sen., J. C. Adams, R. Sanders, C. T. Coles conductor, R. F. Deal, A. Riley.

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THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD, BRAINTREE.

The annual outing of this Society took place on Monday, July 18th. Starting at 7.30 a.m. the party drove by brake to Sudbury, and by train thence to Lavenham. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round on the grand ring at the parish church, leaving at 12.15 for Bury St. Edmunds. After dinner the Norman tower was visited and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were tapped off on the back eight of this celebrated ring of ten. Thence to St. Mary's church, which contains a melodious ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt. Bob Major, Grandsire and Double Norwich was the order here. Leaving Bury at 6.23 p.m. Sudbury was reached at 6.45 and permission obtained to ring on the heavy ring of All Saints church, the tone of these bells being much admired. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob brought successfully round finished the ringing for the day, which although somewhat dull and cold was enjoyed by all, reaching home at 10.30 p.m. The members were accompanied by the Rev. H. Jordan, the late curate-in-charge, Mr. F. J. Wiles, Vicar's warden, and C. H. Howard, parish warden and ringing master. The best thanks of the guild are due to Messrs. Symons, Lavenham, and H. Turner and C. Lomax, of Bury for having everything in readiness for ringing and being present in the belfry to give a hearty welcome.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual outing of this Society took place on Saturday, July 2nd, the place selected being Bristol. Fifteen members availed themselves of the facilities offered by the G.E.R., and arrived at Bristol at 8.40. They were met by a very courteous guide, Mr. Wilkins, and a splendid programme for the day was arranged by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. After a substantial breakfast the party took tram to Long Ashton, the church of which contains a heavy ring of eight, tenor 35 cwt. Then on to Clifton Suspension Bridge and across Clifton Downs to Emmanuel Church. Here they were met by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland. After an hour's ringing the visitors were invited to lunch by Mr. Boutflower, and then on to the famous church of St. Mary Redcliffe, with its noble ring of twelve. Here they rang a 500 of Stedman Cinques, and after partaking of tea, and a convivial hour with the Bristol ringers, the party prepared for the return journey after the best outing ever experienced.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Sunday, nine cycling members of the above journeyed to Droitwich to have a ring on the bells of St. Andrew's, which have recently been rehung. Arriving at 10 a.m. a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung; then a course of Superlative and a touch of Stedman Triples. The next item was lunch, and then on to Hanbury. Bristol Surprise was attempted, but after 700 changes it was lost, and time not allowing of another start, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich was successfully brought round. Stoke Prior being on the way home permission was readily granted to ring, Double Norwich and Stedman being the order until service at 6.30, which brought a very enjoyable day to a close. The churchwardens of Droitwich invited the ringers on Sunday, July 17th, to ring at the special service for the restoration of the church and tower, when touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully brought round, the ringers afterwards being hospitably entertained by the churchwardens.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WISSETT.—This is the first peal on the bells since they were increased to six by the addition of a sweet and well-toned treble bell, which has been presented to the church by the kindness of parishioners and ringing friends in the neighbourhood. The bell was supplied by Bowell, of Ipswich, and now completes a most musical ring of six. Rang as a wedding compliment to Miss F. J. Parry, a lady member of the Hales-

worth company, who was married at Halesworth church to the Rev. S. E. Moseley, of Hundley, Lincs. Owing to illness near Halesworth church the peal could not be attempted there, and the band desires to acknowledge the kindness of the Vicar of Wissett (Rev. J. Garforth) for giving permission to ring the peal at Wissett church.

THE PEAL AT BATTERSEA.—Mr. C. T. Coles' 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 4, Cater 1; Stedman Triples 31, Caters 17; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Major 1, Superlative 28, London 6, Bristol 7, treble to Surprise 3.

THE PEAL AT KNEBWORTH.—Mr. Stavert's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 50, conducted 6, Caters 14, Cinques 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 14, conducted 2, Royal 2, Double Norwich Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 6, London Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 6. Total 100. Rung in forty-three towers and ten Counties.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BOURNEMOUTH.

The members of this Society visited the metropolis on Saturday, July 23rd, and after a round of sight-seeing met at St. Clement Danes, Strand, and rang some touches. On the following Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints, Isleworth. F. Forsyth, A. R. Macdonald, F. Phillips, T. Beadle, E. Waters, G. Spencer, C. Good-enough conductor, W. Lidbetter. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Bournemouth, and wish to thank the local men for their welcome.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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SOBERTON (Hants).—On Saturday, June 11th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost in the 19th part through a shift course. G. Williams conductor, G. E. Chappell, H. W. Wilkes, L. H. Page, P. E. Morfee, Rev. E. Banks James, E. J. Harding, A. Mears. The band were kindly entertained to refreshments at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Morley before returning home. All being on cycles the time of the last train was immaterial.

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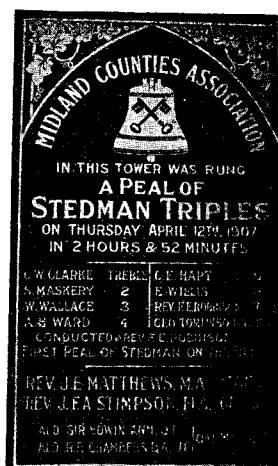
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1910.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant and instructive quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at North Stoneham on Saturday, July 16th. Members were present from Southampton, Twyford, Eastleigh, Winchester, Fareham and the local band. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A course of Double Bob Major was also successfully accomplished, and this is believed to be the first course rung in the district in this method. A short service was held in the parish church, at which an excellent address was given by the Rector (the Rev. E. K. Brown). Tea was provided at The Cricketer's Arms, the Rector presiding, being supported by the Rev. E. B. James, G. Williams, W. H. George, G. Smith and others. The assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Elkins, apologised for the absence of the Rev. Canon Braithwaite and Mr. W. Andrews. He also announced that the Bishop of Southampton was desirous of entertaining the members of the district if a quarterly meeting could be arranged near his residence, and that the Cathedral bells could not be rung for a few weeks because iron plates were being fixed to the beams in the tower.

In acknowledging a vote of thanks for presiding and for the instructive address given to the ringers, the Rector said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers to his parish, and he knew it was a great joy to his parishioners to hear their restored ring of bells well rung. He would be most glad at any time to help forward the work of the Guild, and hoped when they came to North Stoneham again they would arrange to have their tea in his rectory garden.

Two new members were proposed, and at a subsequent meeting of the district committee were duly elected. This was the first quarterly meeting at North Stoneham since the bells have been rehung and increased to eight, and everyone expressed themselves as being much pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
HAROLD BURTON* 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
CHARLES T. COLEST 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method, and was elected a member previous to starting. †100th peal, reference elsewhere.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	ALFRED TURNER 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS 5.	*SAMUEL SOUTHEY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	THOMAS NEWALL 5.
WILLIAM BRISCOE 2.	*CHARLES COVENTRY 6.
HARRY MOORE, JUN. 3.	JOHN MEALOR 7.
CHARLES PRICE 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by R. SPERRING.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Price.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBS.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

J. KING Treble.	W. JOHNSON 5.
J. EDWARDS 2.	F. COOK 6.
A. GOAKES 3.	G. SMITH 7.
S. GOAKES 4.	A. NEAL Tenor.

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KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
SAMUEL BIRD 2.	*CHARLES CASTLE 6.
CECIL C. MAYNE† 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
REUBEN SANDERS 4.	†ALBERT J. BAYNES Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. This was the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. BRION Treble.	THOMAS PRICE 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 8.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 4.	FRANK BLONDELL 9.
MAURICE SMITHER 5.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. T. Price, of Maidenhead, who to the regret of all sailed for Canada on July 7th.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. Treble.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 5.
CHARLES CARTER 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 6.
ALFRED MONKLEY 3.	FRANK J. DAVEY 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. SEARLE.

First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Richards, the Captain of the Club.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Tuesday, July 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	WILLIAM BELLAMY 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
THOMAS BALDWIN 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	J. E. R. KEEN 5.
GEORGE A. WARD 2.	*GEORGE W. MURRAY 6.
T. T. GOFTON 3.	WM. STORY 7.
W. H. BARBER 4.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

*First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, July 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4.
WALTER KERRISON 2.	JAMES HOWARD 5.
JOHN O'NEILL 3.	ALBERT LEE Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Reference elsewhere.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the King and Queen;
and also as a birthday peal to Thomas Miller, his brother-ringers
giving him the usual compliments.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	*JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JAMES E. GROVES* 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT 4.	*JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	FRED WILFORD 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	HARRY SANDERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

D. REYS JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM BOLTON 4.
RICHARD EVANS 2.	RICHARD BUNSTONE .. 5.
GEORGE ROBERTS 3.	JOHN COX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN COX.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDEN AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Coventry, Killamarsh, Islington, London Scholars', Sandal, Duke of York, and Burton. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD HALLWORTH* .. Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5.
HARRY LANGLEY 3.	JAMES FERNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

*First peal.

WALKDEN—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

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

Rung in place of the one rung on April 9th, which was objected to.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

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

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. GOWLETT .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. 5.
HENRY T. GOWLETT* .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARDY 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER 7.
EDWIN GIBBS 4.	*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

All the above band, except the ringers of the 4th and 5th, belong to
the St. George-the-Martyr society, Southwark.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

HENRY PAGE Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	RICHARD STREDWICK .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BARMING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	J. M. BEACH 4.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells.

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.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 3000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL 6.
JAMES COTTRELL 2.	*WILLIAM BYEAM FRITH .. 7.
JOHN E. JENKINSON 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 8.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4.	SAM THOMAS 9.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH 5.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by TOM HAIGH, and Conducted by JAMES COTTRELL.

*First peal of Royal. First peal on the new ring. Further reference to this peal will appear next week.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN G. HALL Treble.	JOHN LOWREY 5.
ERNEST G. WILSON 2.	ALBERT SIMPSON 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	THOMAS METCALFE 7.
ARTHUR TEMPLE 4.	CHAS. E. S. WILSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble.	JOHN MONK 6.
FRANK BARRETT 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	*CUTHBERT G. WHITE .. 8.
RICHARD WHITE 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.	F. STEDMAN WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	ROBERT WALLBROOK 6.
JOSEPH LOWE 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
RICHARD STREDWICK 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY Treble.	FRANK HILL 5.
FREDERICK W. HILL 2.	JOSEPH BOURNE 6.
ARTHUR BOWMER 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
ARTHUR HASLAM 4.	ALEXANDER HUTCHISON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

*First peal in the method.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES NORTH Treble.	ERNEST SIMMONDS 4.
JOHN RANCE 2.	JOHN BRANT 5.
JOHN SIMMONDS 3.	WILLIAM HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BRANT.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST COLLINGHAM .. Treble.	ARTHUR SWANNACK 6.
CHARLES E. JOYNES 2.	HERBERT HAIGH 7.
HARRY WARBURTON 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER 8.
ARTHUR T. WINTER 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES 9.
ROBERT MILES 5.	GEORGE W. D. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

MALDON.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EBENEZER W. FINCH .. Treble.	FRED CHALK 4.
HAROLD FINCH 2.	ALFRED GOZZETT 5.
ALFRED SOUTH 3.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GOZZETT.

MALDON.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM CHALK, SEN. .. Treble.	ALFRED GOZZETT 4.
ARTHUR MANSFIELD* 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD† .. 3.	FRED CHALK Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5068 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	JOSEPH E. K. KERN 8.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
JOSEPH ROWELL 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt, 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D flat.

DONALD THOMPSON Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER 6.
JOHN W. BARKER 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 7.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON 3.	CHARLES FREEMAN 8.
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4.	HARRY TYSOE 9.
HERBERT L. HADLOW 5.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Composed by F. WEBB, and Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, which appeared in our last issue, was rung on July 16th, not on June 16th.

LATE NOTICES.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The first monthly meeting will take place at the Sheffield Parish Church (headquarters), on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. General business meeting afterwards. Ringers welcomed.

Sidney F. Palmer, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. Shuker, *Br Sec.*

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday.

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little incident, namely the breaking of the 6th rope. An adjournment was then made to The Swan hotel, where a bountiful dinner had been prepared by the worthy host, to which ample justice was done. Afterwards a game of bowls was indulged in, and the members then repaired to the church and rang touches of London Surprise and Stedman Triples, being assisted by Mr. D. Collins. Proceeding later to Framlingham they were heartily welcomed by the Rector, who invited them to the grand old church, and himself joining with them, touches of Superlative and Stedman were rung. The return journey was made by way of Rendham, and the inhabitants of that parish listened to some touches of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge

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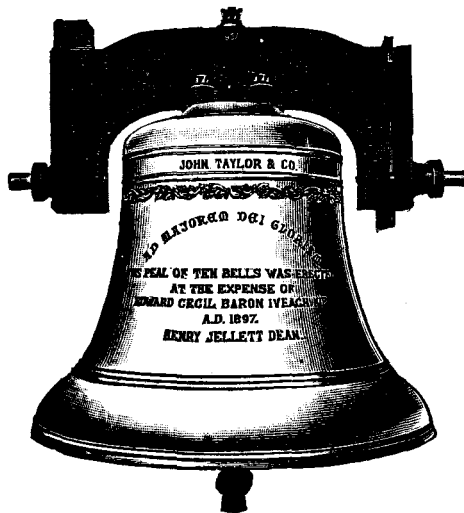
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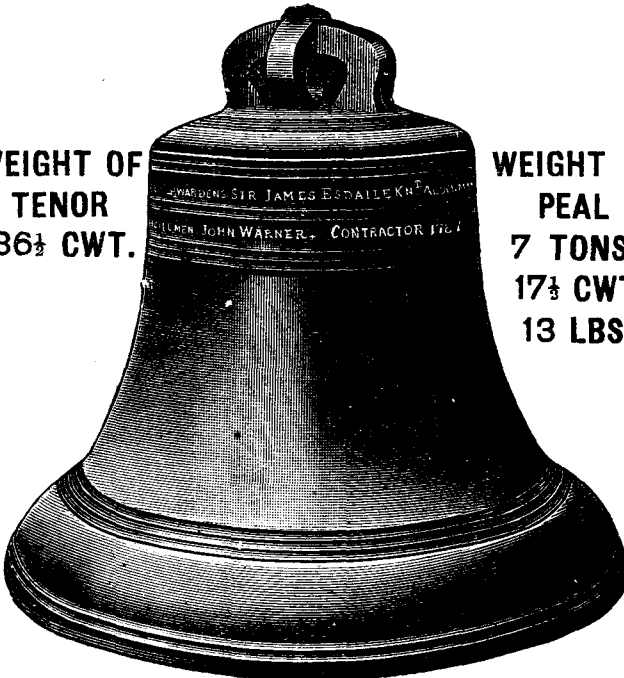
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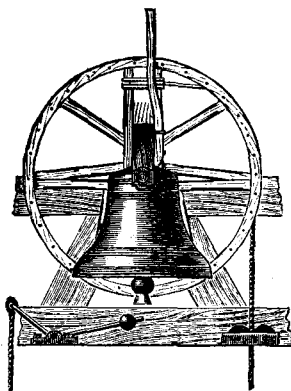
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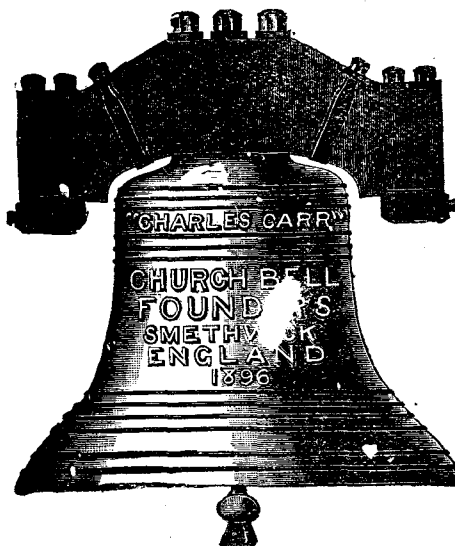
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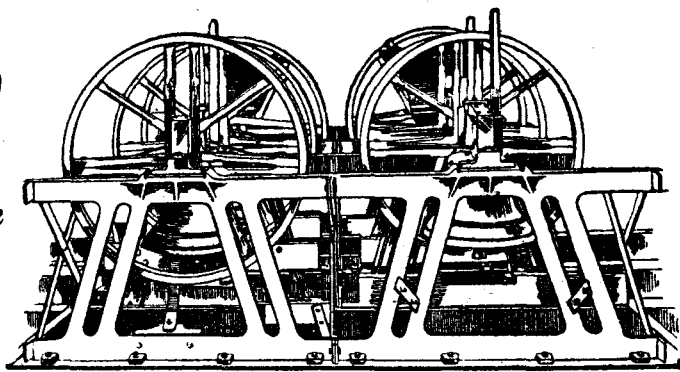
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the bells at Evesham having been silent for some years, no meeting of this Association had been held there since September 26th, 1896, and therefore, as they were being rehung, it was decided at the annual meeting to hold the summer quarterly meeting there as soon as the work was completed. The two new trebles, by Messrs. Barwell, who were entrusted with the rehanging, were dedicated on Saturday, June 25th, and the meeting of this Association took place on the following Saturday, July 2nd.

The Abbey of Evesham was founded in 701 by St. Egwin, who became the first Abbot, a miraculous event in whose life is commemorated in the arms of this Abbey. Being falsely accused, he shackled his legs with fetters, locked the padlock, threw the key into the river Avon, which runs quite close, and then went to Rome to plead his innocence. On his arrival he told his companions to catch a fish in the Tiber, and in it was found the key thrown into the Avon—a triumphant vindication. The church was rebuilt in the latter part of the tenth century, in great magnificence, but very little of it now remains. Close to these remains, and in the grounds of the old Abbey, are the churches of All Saints and St. Laurence, two in one churchyard: and also the very fine bell tower, built by Abbot Lichfield about 1530, who enriched both the churches with two small but most beautiful chapels, the one in the church of St. Laurence, which is used as a baptistry, being especially fine.

The service was held in the church of All Saints at 4 p.m., and was well attended, the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker, delivering the address. Immediately after the service those present had the pleasure of partaking of tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Walker: the business meeting being held in the same room as soon as justice had been done to it. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Droitwich was selected for the next meeting, which will be a special general meeting to make the necessary arrangements for forming branches of this Association, the poll of the members having resulted in favour of such a scheme, 233 voting for it and only 36 against. Evesham was then selected for the quarterly peal, to be conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox, and after several new members were elected, the delegate who attended the Central Council meeting—Mr. T. J. Salter—gave a report of the proceedings, calling attention to the resolution passed in regard to the Rev. F. E. Robinson memorial.

The Secretary announced that he had received copies of a circular for distribution, asking for donations to this fund, and it was decided that members be requested to forward their donations to the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of

Martley, Worcester, before October 31st, 1910, so that they may be sent in in the name of this Association. After the sum of £1 had been voted Mr. G. W. Checketts for instruction rendered the Ombersley company, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and his wife.

The bells, the original peal of eight being by Rudhall, the tenor having been recast in 1821 by Mears, were much admired, and although two of them required oiling, the "go" is exceedingly good. Ringing in various methods, Royal included, was continued until 9 o'clock, bringing to an end a successful and enjoyable meeting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual General Meeting of this Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, July 23rd. Evensong was sung at St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., at which a very interesting and instructive address on the "Message of Bells" was given by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, curate of the parish church of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon. Tea was had at The Globe hotel, followed by the business meeting, at which fifty members and friends were present, the Rev. C. C. Cox presiding in the absence of the President, the Rev. Alan Williams, who wrote regretting not being able to preside at the annual meeting on account of his being away from home. The Hon. Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and also the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were confirmed. The Hon. Secretary's report shewed the Guild was steadily progressing. The membership had increased during the year, and successful meetings had been held at Sutton Coldfield, St. Nicholas, Warwick, and monthly meetings at Coleshill, Stoke in Coventry, Berkswell, Bedworth, the attendances and the methods rung at these meetings being well up to the average. The hon. treasurer submitted his report and balance sheet, which was adopted, the balance in hand being £12 17s. 8d. The president and vice-presidents were all re-elected. Amongst the general business it was resolved that the August meeting be held at Fil-longley on Saturday, August 27th, the September meeting at Clavendon on Saturday, September 24th, and that the quarterly meeting be held at Solihull on Saturday, October 22nd. The Rev. Holmes, Vicar of Tysoe, laid before the meeting his scheme for a heavy ring of eight at Tysoe, tenor 29 cwt. He said he had already started a fund for this new peal, and asked if the Guild could kindly assist him in this good work. It was proposed that each belfry in union with the Guild should collect what they could, however small, and forward to the Treasurer of the Guild for the Tysoe bells. Amongst some of the experienced ringers it was thought it would be better if the tenor was reduced in weight to 25 cwt.

Mr. T. Randle moved a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' for the use of their bells, and also to the organist of St. Mary's, and to the Rev. C. Carew Cox for his address to the Guild that afternoon. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

An interesting ceremony took place at All Saints church, Wokingham, on Saturday, July 23rd, 1910 (the sixth anniversary of the induction of the Rector, the Rev. B. Long), consisting of the unveiling in the ringing-chamber, of two peal-boards, one recording the ringing on February 5th of a peal of Grandsire Triples by eight members of the local band, in honour of the Rector's birthday; and the other, a peal of Stedman Triples, rung on February 19th, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect and regard to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was laid to rest in All Saints churchyard on the afternoon of the same day.

Shortly before 3 o'clock a fair number of ringers assembled from Guildford, Reading, Caversham, Binfield, Sandhurst, Hurst, and Wokingham, including the newly-elected Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and the Assistant-Secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), and last but by no means least, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne. The bells were then raised, and a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Giles, rung prior to the service, which was held at 3 p.m. in the side chapel, conducted by the Rector, at which all the ringers attended. A short but excellent address was given by the Master, which deeply interested all present.

Speaking first of the meaning and object of peal-boards in general, he said they were to be regarded merely as recording some physical achievement, but as the record of a work performed in the great Church of God, to His honour and glory, which made it only right that they should hold such a service as they were attending that day. He then went on to speak of the boards they were met to unveil in that church. In the case of the first, it was the record of a worthy accomplishment, after many unsuccessful attempts and much uphill work, and although only one peal, it went to help to make up the great whole to which they could all contribute.

In the case of the other it was the record of a peal that was rung true and well-struck, as indeed it should be, because it was the sealing up, as it were, of a life's work. It was indeed the memorial peal of one whom they all loved, and whose place could never be filled, and whose work certainly, never be surpassed.

The preacher concluded by urging his hearers to remember that day, and why they were met together, and to dedicate their lives and actions, to the same great object, the glory of God.

The congregation, which included Mrs. and Miss Robinson, widow and daughter of the late Master, then led the way to the ringing-chamber, where the Master unveiled the two boards, and read a few dedicatory prayers, ending with the General Thanksgiving and Grace.

The proceedings terminated with the ringing of touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob Major, the conducting being shared with Messrs. Hunt, Pulling, Munday, and Paice.

BEAFORD CHURCH, DEVON.

DEDICATION OF TOWER AND BELLS.

The re-built tower and spire of this parish church, and the restored and augmented peal of bells hung therein, was recently dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. The position of the tower on the north side of the nave is the same as at Burrington, a neighbouring parish, but not very common in Devonshire. The old tower showed signs of weakness and fracture, owing to improper foundations,

and an endeavour had been made to strengthen it with buttresses. The timbers of the old spire were much decayed. Upon taking down the tower, which was devoid of architectural adornment, the foundations were discovered to be partly upon graves and very shallow. The new tower has incorporated as much as possible of the old work, but is somewhat larger and higher, thus enabling three bells to be added to the former peal of three bells, making six in all.

The new bells have been cast by Mears and Stainbank; the metal was of the same casting as the new bells for Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral. Messrs. Harry Stokes and Sons have done the hanging, and a new cage, as well as a chiming apparatus, which latter has been the gift of Major King-Church, to whose munificent help and untiring energy as Hon. Secretary of the Restoration Committee, much of the success is due.

A large number of parishioners and friends gathered in the church at the dedication festival. The Bishop was attended by his chaplain, and several other clergy were also present. By the kindness of Mrs. Moor-Radford, the altar was very prettily decorated with white lilies.

Dolton church choir assisted in the musical portion. During the course of the service the representative of the Building Committee (Mr. W. Leverton), requested the Bishop to accept, offer, and bless the tower, and another representative (Mr. F. W. King-Church), requested the Bishop to accept, offer, and bless the bells. Immediately after the dedicatory words pronounced by the Bishop, the bells rang out merrily, the ringers being drawn from the surrounding parishes. An eloquent address was subsequently given by the Lord Bishop, after which the service concluded. Tea was provided in a field, and in the evening various sports were held.

A TRIP IN CORNWALL.

Part of a recent holiday was spent in Cornwall. The county is well-known for grand scenery, hospitality, and genial company. It was the writer's lot to have experience in all these. There are enthusiastic ringers to be met with, and if you visit Truro and search out friend Gulley—close to the Cathedral—he will see that you do not go hungry on any of your days' outings.

About two miles from Truro the new Kea church is delightfully situated, approached from the north by a picturesque lane, and at the end is the "ringer's seat." At this sylvan spot before the usual practice on Thursday evening, two promising lads rang their first course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. At the practice afterwards, the Rev. R. Sorrell kindly took a rope in a touch of 378 in the same method. The old Kea church once stood about two miles eastward, but only the tower—minus its floors and roof—now stands, the home for a large number of jackdaws that very much resented the climbing abilities of the visitor.

The tower which is devoid of its copper conductor, was some time ago struck by lightning, one corner and pinnacle. On the other side of Truro is the village of Kenwyn, and here on Sunday for the morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples was rung, and afterwards by permission of the Right Rev. the Bishop of St. Germans, a 336 in the same method.

Mr. G. M. Smeath, the genial captain, and members of his band, rang in both the touches, and took part in a good touch of Bob Minor during a practice on Tuesday evening, being their first in the method. For the evening

service on Sunday evening at Kea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was not quite completed, but on Thursday evening it was brought round, and also some touches of Stedman Triples with Mr. J. Thomas and his jovial band. Thanks are especially due to J. C. Daubuz, Esq., for obtaining permission from the authorities to ring on the Cathedral bells for an hour on Friday evening. The peal of ten was rung by members of the Kea and Kenwyn bands, with Mr. Pile who rang the tenor, and the writer appreciates the privilege given him to conduct (from the 9th), the touches that were rung, an account of which will appear at next week.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

Kindly allow me to withdraw the 5008 given in this method under my name in "THE BELL NEWS" for June 18th, and to apologise to your readers for its publication, and to publish the following which has the 2nd once only in 6th place at course-ends.

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The calling of the first eleven courses, twice repeated, produces rounds. H. DAINS.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BOURNEMOUTH.

The members of this Society visited the metropolis on Saturday, July 23rd, and after a round of sight-seeing met at St. Clement Danes, Strand, and rang some touches. On the following Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints, Isleworth. F. Forsyth, A. R. MacDonald, F. Phillips, T. Beadle, E. Waters, G. Spencer, C. Good-enough conductor, W. Lidbetter. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Bournemouth, and wish to thank the local men for their welcome.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

ASTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 9th, the members of the above held their annual outing. The party and friends journeyed to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, arriving there at 3.45 p.m. After a visit to the grand old parish church, where the beautiful objects of interest were much admired, the party proceeded to The Queen's Head hotel, where a substantial tea was provided and greatly enjoyed. After tea a vote of thanks was passed to the churchwardens of Aston for their generosity, and then a second visit was made to the church for ringing purposes. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung, also 504 Grandsire Triples. A stroll was then taken round the quiet old town, some of the party visiting the old castle ruins, bringing an enjoyable visit to a close all too soon. Leaving Ashby at 8 p.m., Burton-on-Trent was reached at 8.30 p.m., where the party were met by some of the local ringers, and here a jolly time was spent. Birmingham was eventually reached at midnight, everyone expressing themselves thoroughly delighted with the day's outing.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD, BRAINTREE.

The annual outing of this Society took place on Monday, July 18th. Starting at 7.30 a.m. the party drove by brake to Sudbury, and by train thence to Lavenham. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round on the grand ring at the parish church, leaving at 12.15 for Bury St. Edmunds. After dinner the Norman tower was visited and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were tapped off on the back eight of this celebrated ring of ten. Thence to St. Mary's church, which contains a melodious ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt. Bob Major, Grandsire and Double Norwich was the order here. Leaving Bury at 6.23 p.m. Sudbury was reached at 6.45 and permission obtained to ring on the heavy ring of All Saints church, the tone of these bells being much admired. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob brought successfully round finished the ringing for the day, which although somewhat dull and cold was enjoyed by all, reaching home at 10.30 p.m. The members were accompanied by the Rev. H. Jordan, the late curate-in-charge, Mr. F. J. Wiles, Vicar's warden, and C. H. Howard, parish warden and ringing master. The best thanks of the guild are due to Messrs. Symons, Lavenham, and H. Turner and C. Lomax, of Bury for having everything in readiness for ringing and being present in the belfry to give a hearty welcome.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Mr W. O. Flower Holmes (Strumpsbaw Hall) ...	0	5	0
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild... ..	8	8	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Cambridge)	0	5	0
Mr. Ralph Narborough (Wisbech)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting took place on Monday, August 1st, at Chelmsford. There was a perceptible drop in the number of members present, owing, no doubt, to the postponement at Whitsun on account of the decease of his late Majesty King Edward.

The weather was all that could be desired, and to those at liberty and fond of Nature's external beauties, afforded the most exquisite enjoyment. The scent of new-mown hay, the labourers' song, the voices of merry children gathering wild flowers, the crimson rambler twined about the rustic dwellings, all conspired to make one think that, like our first parents, we dwellers in town, had left the garden of Eden in delusive moments and discontent. In a clover-bed there rolled on his back a horse in the transport of joy, kicking up his legs as if contending with Jupiter for the mastery of freedom. So resistless was his example, that one felt almost tempted to follow his example. Talk about football and cricket, why that horse has the best of it. He enjoys perfect freedom by being alone, with no check to his will to live, and no gate-money to pay. I envy that horse.

The flag upon Chelmsford steeple was waving in a gentle breeze that tempered the sun's heat as we reached the town, and the bells were ringing Double Norwich in a style that told of a skilful band present. At 11.30 Divine Service was held. As we took our seats in this beautiful Sanctuary one felt removed from earth, reminding us of the poet's inspiration of—

"Something afar from the scene of our sorrows."

The rich peals from the organ, the robed clergy and choir, the stained windows and the gilded chancel, together with the impressive address of the Bishop of Colchester, seemed to soothe us into the reflection of the souls' need above the common things of this our terrestrial habitation—something above the ordinary aims and ideals of our material existence.

At the close of service the business of the Association was transacted, the Master, Mr. C. Howard, being re-elected, as also the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Eyre. A proposal on the agenda to alter rule v. resulted in a decision to take the opinion of each member by forwarding post cards.

At 1.45 dinner was served to about fifty members in the Victoria Boys' School, the Bishop of Colchester presiding, supported by the Master, hon. secretary and others. There was not the usual animation of former occasions, though the Bishop, in a felicitous speech, spoke of his pleasure in being present, desiring the prosperity of the Association, trusting that no postponement would happen next year. The company separating, a move to the various towers was made, where ringing from Grandsire to London Surprise was kept up until twilight hours, thanks to the presence of two capable conductors, Faulkner and Williams.

By ten o'clock most of the members had met and bidden each other adieu at Chelmsford, until the next merry meeting, everyone expressing their appreciation and satisfaction for the happy hours they had that day found at Chelmsford.

G. F. M.

HOW TO FORM AND INSTRUCT a Band of Musical Handbell Ringers.—Price Sixpence. From W. H. GIGGLE, 52, Manor Road, Ossett, Yorkshire. Music arranged for Handbell Bands.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The weather was anything but encouraging for the summer meeting of this Association which took place at Heighington, on Saturday, July 23rd, and this no doubt accounted for the very small attendance of members. Fifteen enthusiasts who braved the elements, however, were rewarded with some good ringing on the ring of St. Michael's, touches of London and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being brought round during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Jackson, joined the members at tea, which was partaken of at The Bay Horse Inn under the presidency of Mr. J. Baxter, vice-president of the Southern District, and gave some very interesting information with regard to the church and bells, and also the district generally, there being the second largest of the old Roman Camps in close proximity. Perhaps the most interesting to the members was the fact that three of the bells date from the 15th century. Replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, the Vicar expressed the hope that the next time the Association visited the village his own ringers would be able to take their places as change-ringers.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £75 is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

Mr. J. Mckell, of Gargrave, writes:—I wonder if the Rev. H. Law James is entitled to his composition of Treble Bob Major given in your issue of July 30th. In 1881-82 the late James McGoun worked in Gargrave for a Keighley firm, and while here wrote me a good many "service touches" in an ordinary pocket book. I enclose one of them. Being a convenient length it was rung many times, and McGoun himself frequently started with the H just as given in your pages.

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It would be a poor affair if called as a peal, though the novelty of the plain lead part-ends might be something.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.

The annual outing of this Society took place on Saturday, July 23rd, the route being through that portion of South Bucks. known as Milton's Country. A start was made at 8.45 a.m. from Bushey by brake, the sky being overcast. However by the time the party reached Rickmansworth the sun was beginning to break through, and when the first stop was made at Chalfont St. Peter there was hardly a cloud to be seen, and happily these conditions prevailed throughout the day. Here the ringers were met by Mr. Blackmore, leader of the local band, and various touches of Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the bells, a very handy ring of six, with a tenor weighing 11 cwt. After looking round the church and the village, which is situated on the Miskbourne (the clear stream running through the main street) a start was made for Beaconsfield, through rather hilly but well-wooded country lanes, passing on the way Jordan's meeting house, so much visited by American tourists. In the adjoining graveyard are buried William Penn, who founded Pennsylvania, and Thomas Ellwood, a well-known quaker, who was a pupil of the poet, Milton. After dinner had been successfully negotiated a move was made to the church, where the ringers were met by Mr. Buckland, who made them welcome, and soon the fine toned ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) were going to the tune of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with inspecting the fine church and churchyard (where lies buried Edmund Waller, the poet, and Edmund Burke, the great statesman) and various places of interest in the old-fashioned town. After tea had been disposed of a move was made to the next and final stopping place, Amersham. Here the ringers were met by the curate, who warned them that the bells, a heavy ring of six, were not in first-class order. He was right! The tenor is cracked, the bells are out of tune, and the weird evolutions of the 3rd caused accurate ringing to be impossible. However a touch of Stedman Doubles was brought round, but several attempts by different men to ring the 3rd in a course of Treble Bob Minor were failures, the bell slipping wheel and the rope being jerked out of their hands right through the ceiling of the ringing room. The church, a fine building in the Perpendicular style, contains many magnificent monuments to the Drake family, and the brasses are most interesting, one on the south wall to the memory of John Drake, who died in 1623, aged 4 years, being very quaint. A move was made for home about 8 p.m. by way of Chenies, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth, Bushey being reached about 10.15 p.m., all being agreed that a most enjoyable day had been spent, chiefly owing to the smiles of Old Sol, who has been seen so little of late.

FAIRY BELLS.—Splendid sounding Instruments, just like a peal of Church Bells ringing. Every ringer should have one. Play almost any tune. Can be learnt in one half hour. But before ordering write for testimonials received from other ringers. You can imitate raising and falling, or a muffled peal. Price:—Ten bells 7s. 6d.; Twelve bells 10s; Carriage 6d. extra. A few copies of music sent.—ANDERSON, 6 Lock Terrace, Coed-ferenmaer, Pontypridd, South Wales.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Monday, May 30th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Henry Prior, widow of the late Henry Prior, and mother of Walter and William Prior. On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples G. Gray, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little. On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, 416 Loudon Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. H. Barker, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Friday, July 22nd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, sen., T. Salmon, longest length of Stedman, T. Hammond, jun., W. F. Hartshorne, S. Stewart, G. R. Newton, E. Counce conductor, W. Mansell.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Thursday, July 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Stansfield, C. Bewer, S. Wood, G. Garnett, J. Wood, M. Oldfield, S. Booth, B. Gill. Conducted by S. Wood.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service at St. Alkmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. W. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor conductor, E. Jones, G. Burrows, H. Jones, A. Fullick, R. W. Stockdale. On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 600 Stedman Triples. G. Byolin, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, H. Jones, A. Fullick, E. Jones.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ETWALL (Derbyshire).—On Friday, May 20th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. E. Wiles, L. C. Smith, J. T. Dyke, J. H. Topley, A. K. Harrison conductor, J. C. Hunt. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled, in memory of the late King Edward.

COCKINGTON (Torquay).—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service at the parish church, 600 Grandsire Doubles. F. Stevens, R. Peel, F. Moore, W. Stone, A. Bowers conductor, T. Stevens. Longest touch by the local band. Any half-pull ringer visiting Torquay would receive a hearty welcome here. Practice night Thursday, 7.30.

DENTON (near Manchester).—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Fletcher, first 720, A. E. Marshall, J. Pollitt, W. Wright, E. Walters, J. Heckingbottom conductor.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, June 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Oldnall, E. Mapp, W. Turner, first quarter-peal, J. Johnson, W. Hemming, C. Beaman, E. Gilbert conductor, T. Davis.

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Miller, N. Short, P. Hocknell, T. Thyne conductor, J. Pallister, C. Bird, G. Northall.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano, "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

H. WEALE	Treble.	W. H. YOUNG	4.
W. POSTONS	2.	J. P. HYATT	5.
F. VOYCE	3.	THOS AMOS	Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

This peal was arranged for J. P. Hyatt, on his first visit to the parish after leaving it as a lad twenty-five years ago.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE DURLING	Treble.	*EDWARD WIGG	5.
JOSEPH TOWN	2.	*JOHN B. LOVELL	6.
GEORGE W. CLARKE*	3.	*FREDK. TERRY	7.
FREDERIC KING*	4.	†WALTER SMITH	Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

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

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

ROBERT E. STAVERT	Treble.	RICHARD BUCELAND	5.
LEONARD STILWELL	2.	ARTHUR HARDING	6.
BERTRAM PREWETT	3.	WILLIAM WELLING	7.
FRED WILFORD	4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD	Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS	5.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	BERTRAM PREWETT	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	*JOHN DALE	7.
JOHN J. LAMB	4.	ERNEST PYE	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt

WILLIAM LATTER	Treble.	JIM BEACH	5.
GEORGE THOMPSON	2.	EDWIN LAMBERT	6.
ARTHUR H. READER*	3.	FRED J. LAMBERT	7.
FREDK. BUTCHERS	4.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	Tenor.

Composed by J. A. LAMBERT, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Major.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK	5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	6.
ERNEST GOWER	3.	KEITH HART	7.
PHILIP ALLFREY	4.	WILLIAM STENNING	Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK MORGAN	Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN	5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	2.	JOHN BUTLER	6.
JOHN BULLEN	3.	JOHN W. JONES	7.
JOHN PRICKETT	4.	SAMUEL T. BAISSE	Tenor.

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHEWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING	Treble.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT	5.
HARRY F. HOLDING	2.	ARTHUR ALLMAN	6.
JAMES H. RIDING	3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.	7.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	4.	JOHN BAXTER	Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN J. LEIGHTON	Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5.
JOSEPH W. PARKER	2.	WM. STORY	6.
R. ALDER GOFTON	3.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON	Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY WALTER	Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT	6.
BERTRAM PREWETT	3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD	4.	WILLIAM WARNE	Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble.	FREDK. W. WADE 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	HENRY HOWELL 6.
JOHN TURNER 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
CHARLES DOWNING 4.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, being his first peal in the method.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2.	JAMES FREDK. STEELE 5.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JOHN MILES 4.	AMOS TRIPPLER Tenor.

Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

PORTSEA, HANTS.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. SMITH† Treble.	H. NORTHFIELD 5.
W. WHEELER† 2.	J. HARRIS 6.
A. COLLINS 3.	W. LEBBON 7.
J. J. SYMONDS 4.	E. J. HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by W. LEBBON.

†First peal.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES WATMAN Treble.	WILLIAM ALLSOP 5.
JOHN JENNINGS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
T. BERNARD CLAYDON† 3.	BERTRAM LEEDHAM 7.
GEORGE ROBERTS 4.	*JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by T. BERNARD CLAYDON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob; and two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT Treble.	JIM BEACH 4.
FREDK. BUTCHERS 2.	*RICHARD HOPE 5.
WILLIAM BURT* 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
GEORGE W. MOSS 2.	FRED R. KETTLEBORO 6.
JESSE J. MOSS 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

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

Further reference elsewhere.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL Treble.	WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 5.
ERNEST BECKETT 2.	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6.
CHARLES L. JENKINSON 3.	FREDK. W. CURTIS 7.
GEORGE MAYERS 4.	*GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

*First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
RICHARD STREDWICK 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
WILLIAM ALLFREY 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN W. STEDDY 4.	GEORGE SEWARD Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER 2.	*PANCAS PICHARD 6.
EDWIN J. STRINGER 3.	GEORGE F. SWANN 7.
FRANK FAY 4.	JACOB SEABORNE Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal of Stedman.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SLACK Treble.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5.
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 2.	WALTER WOOD 6.
ROBERT THOMAS 3.	HARRY LINDSAY 7.
TOM FLINT 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

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EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE WILSON Treble.	HENRY CUNNINGTON .. 4.
SYDNEY COOPER 2.	HERRERT REED 5.
JOHN ALFORD 3.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR I. HOLMES.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt

THOMAS JENNIONS Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
JAMES WILKINSON 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
GEORGE LUNT 3.	RICHARD NEWTON 7.
JOHN ALLEN 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

CHARLES PIDGEON Treble.	GEORGE ORFORD 5.
HARRY WRIGHT 2.	ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. 6.
DENISON HAYWARD .. 3.	EDWARD R. TODD 7.
WILLIAM BLYTH 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL Treble.	ROBERT E. SPARKES .. 4.
ARTHUR G. ARNOLD .. 2.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
THOMAS J. DIXON 3.	JOHN MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

All the above are members of the Brecknock Territorial Army. This is the first Territorial peal ever rung. It is also worthy of note that the battalion was the first to get up to strength.

Handbell Peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5216 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpire—E. Robbins.

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BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT 35, BEACONSFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY WHITE 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	MISS ALICE WHITE .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—G. F. Hansford. First double-handed peal ever rung in Basingstoke.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, July 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	WILLIAM BURGAR .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—G. O. Dixon. The first handbell peal of Triples by the St. Peter's Society.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

FRANK R. CUNDALL .. 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7-8.
GEORGE A. JOWETT 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire—John Moger. *First peal of Caters.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 28, MAYFIELD AVENUE,

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

FREDRICK G. WOODISS .. 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	JOHN W. KELLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—A. Harding. First peal in the method on handbells by the Association.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major at Lavenham was rung on June 18th, and not on June 11th as reported.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on 8th and 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing suspended till Friday, September 2nd, 1910. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Stannmore on Saturday, August 13th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fnlham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The first monthly meeting will take place at the Sheffield Parish Church (headquarters), today, Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 5 to 7 p.m. General business meeting afterwards. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclist ringers' meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13th. 3.30 p.m.—Rolleston (6); 5 p.m.—Hanbury (8); tea kindly provided by the Vicar; 7.15 p.m.—Tutbury (5).

ERNEST V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 20th, starting by brake from Wolverhampton, and to visit Albrighton, Patsholl (6), Pittingham (8), Trysull (6), Wombourn (8), and Penn (8). Will those ringers who wish to join, send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?

Tamworth REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Further particulars next week. F. WHITBREAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

BOB MAJOR.

BY ALBERT E. SEERS, *Bath.*

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46325	—	—	—	—
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43265	—	—	—	—
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52436	—	—	—	—
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Repeated.

5088.

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53246	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
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Repeated.

Mr. C. Todd, Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, whose address is 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington, wishes for the address of Mr. F. Blood.

NOTE TO PEAL

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—This is the first peal in the method in any county north of London; first by the Association, and by all the band except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. Previous to the peal the band rang 7834 changes in eight practices. This is the longest Surprise peal yet rung on handbells, and in the band are the youngest and oldest ringers who have rung a double-handed Surprise peal. This is also the first band to ring a peal in this method double-handed at the first attempt.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Watkin, H. Burron, W. Dean, F. Hairs, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor, J. Pullen.

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23436 M I & 5ths W H

34256	X		
42356	X		
52436	X	-	
24536	X		
45236	X		
35426	X	-	A
25346	X	-	
53246	X		
43526	X	-	
23564	-	X	-

Twice repeated, calling a bob H at A in the third part, thus producing the ninth course-end.

Rung at Bolsover on July 1st, 1910, conducted by the composer.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MONKSILVER (Somerset).—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, a date touch of Minor, 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being eight 6-scores of Plain Bob, seven 6-scores, and 110 of Grandsire. H. Watts, S. Parsons, C. Greedy, A. Barker, W. Bennett conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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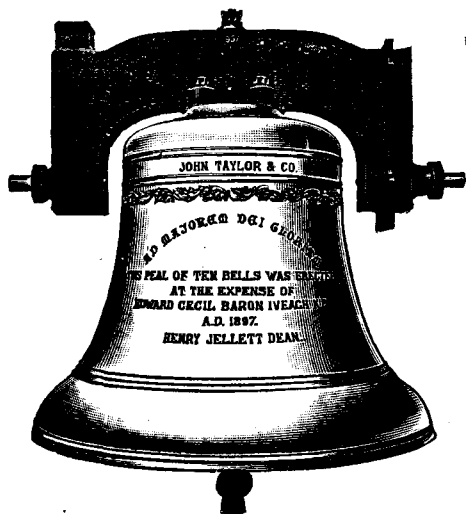
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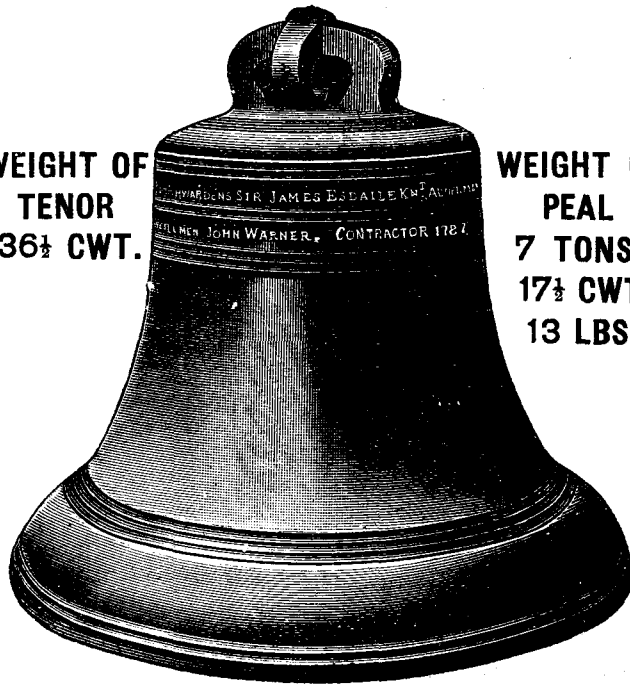
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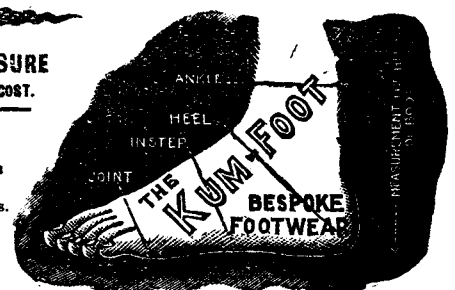
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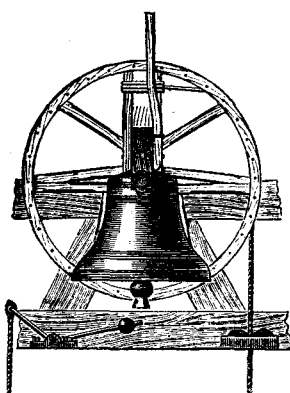
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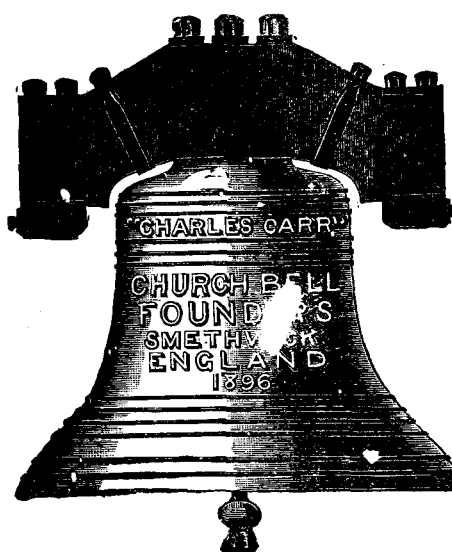
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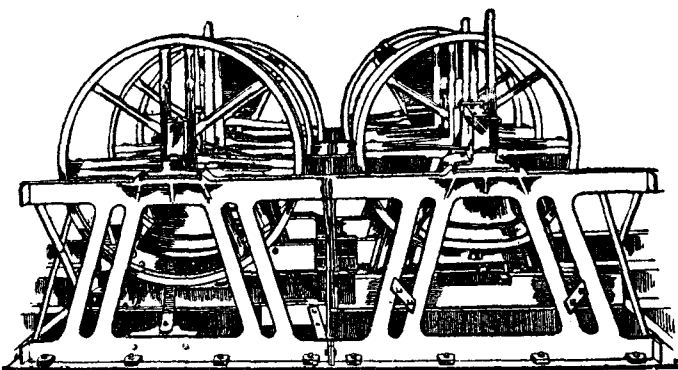
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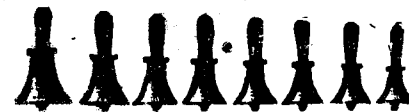
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

For the first time in its history, the annual festival of the Guild was held at Wantage on a recent Saturday. The weather was fine throughout the day, and the whole of the proceedings passed off satisfactory. In all 116 ringers were present. The Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks, who had been Master of the Guild since its inception in 1881, had died during the year, and sympathetic references were made for one who was well-known and esteemed in the Church, and in so many of her belfries. With the exception of short intervals the bells of Wantage parish church rung out merrily all day, and many of the ringers journeyed by brakes to the towers at Abingdon, Ardington, Childrey, East Hendred, West Hanney and Harwell.

The festival commenced with a special service in the parish church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. the hon. M. J. G. Ponsonby. There was a good congregation, and the Ven. T. H. Archer Houblon (Archdeacon of Oxford) preached an appropriate sermon, taking for his text Zechariah xiv., part of the 20th verse.

A business meeting in the town hall followed. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, deputy-master, presided. He said that was the first meeting of the Guild they had had since they had all suffered such a tremendous loss in the death of King Edward VII. The Committee met soon after that Saturday and passed a resolution of condolence. This was endorsed by the members rising from their seats in silence. A vote of sympathy was directed to be sent to the Bishop in his illness and hoping for a speedy recovery.

The Secretary referred to the deaths of several members during the year, prominent among them being the Rev. Francis E. Robinson. Of the twenty-one names appearing on first page of the first report there were now only six living.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis introduced the 29th annual report for 1909, from which we quote the following: "There is, as I write on February 24th, 1910, but one subject before all our minds and in all our hearts, the death of our dear Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose rule has embraced the whole life of the Guild from its inception on January 17th, 1881, and whom we have ever delighted to honour. The fidelity and assiduity of his work, the simplicity, directness and uprightness of his character, the determination with which he set himself to accomplish his aims are household words. We are proud of the memory of his achievements for ourselves, and proud of his reputation throughout the country. For forty years he has been ringing and conducting peals, their number culminating in his 251st peal on January 15th of this year, only a month before his death at the age of 77. The records which from time to time he set up have had there place of honour in former reports."

The Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn said he proposed what he expected would be anticipated by a great many present, that they ask the deputy-master to strike out the word "deputy." In Mr. Jenkyn they had a born ringer, and

he believed the proposition would meet with the hearty acceptance of all the ringers in the diocese.

Mr. Hopgood seconded.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in supporting, said Mr. Jenkyn would make a thoroughly good Master. To do his work well, a Master must have leisure and a certain lining to his pocket. The late Mr. Robinson in one year alone spent £200 in ringing. What was most important to a Master, Mr. Jenkyn had a motor-car. Being a born bell-ringer, and for other reasons indicated, he was certain they could not find in the diocese of Oxford a more qualified man.

The Archdeacon of Oxford also supported, and said Mr. Jenkyn possessed skill in ringing and character. The resolution was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

The new Master then took the chair again, and said he could not thank them enough for the way in which they had accepted the proposition. He felt there was a great crisis come to this Guild. They had lost a most remarkable man; they had lost a master who could not be surpassed, and he did not think could be equalled. His name would go down to posterity as one whom to know was to admire, respect and love, and who did a lot for bellringing, not only in his own Guild but in England. He did not think it was any use for one man to try and copy another if they had not the same talents and the same powers, but there were some things which, perhaps, he would be able to do as Master, and those he meant to do with all his heart and soul.

The Chairman proposed that the Secretary be asked to continue in office. Only those who served on the committee of the Guild realised what work the Secretary had to do, and how very well he did it.

The resolution was carried, and the Secretary, in returning thanks, said it was a great pleasure to work, under the late Master, as he had done since 1881, and as secretary for twenty years. The assistant-secretary, hon. auditor and committee were re-elected. Mr. Pole Routh was appointed representative of the Guild on the Central Committee. The Secretary gave a report of the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Committee. Towards the £350 required £37 had been promised, and an appeal had been made to the Guild members for contributions.

Mr. A. Gregory suggested that each member be asked to give 1s., and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said that by that means £91 would be raised. It was decided to leave the subscription list open and to make no levy on the members.

The Vicar of Wantage said on his own behalf and on behalf of his ringers he would like to say how glad indeed they were to welcome the members of the Guild to Wantage that day. He invited any who liked to go to tea in the vicarage gardens, or in the Victoria Cross Gallery if wet, at 4.30. A great many had made other arrangements and were going out into the country, but he would be glad to see those remaining in the town in the vicarage gardens. It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at High Wycombe, Bucks. The committee recommended that a grant of £2 2s. be made to

Padbury (Bucks.), and this was agreed to. The question of the salary of the Assistant-Secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), was next discussed.

Mr. Wright proposed that the salary be increased from £15 to £20. He said that when anyone like Mr. Hart-Davis was willing to give up time to act as hon. secretary, it was necessary to have a paid assistant-secretary, and £20 was not too much for the work he had to do. It was also necessary to have an assistant-secretary who could ring and go round the towers, and in that way make himself popular, and the Guild popular.

The Rev. A. C. Freeborn seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reeves said he would endeavour to do what he had always done in the past—his very best for the Guild.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge gave a humorous account of the Central Council meeting at Manchester on Whit-Tuesday. The Rev. F. E. Robinson memorial seemed to meet with the favour of the Council, and it was hoped that subscriptions would be forthcoming from that source.

The Secretary said they ought to thank Mr. Coleridge and the other delegates on the Council for their attendance at the meeting, and also for helping forward the memorial to the late Master.

It was stated by the Secretary that hitherto the Guild had been increasing in the number of branches, but that day Henley branch had withdrawn.

(To be continued.)

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting, postponed from Whitsun Monday on account of the death of King Edward, was held on Monday, August 1st, at St. John's, Deptford. The attendance was not so good as usual, only about 120 including a few lady friends, being present at the dinner. No doubt an August Bank Holiday meeting would possess greater attractions if held at a country or seaside centre; but Lewisham High Road was looking its best in the bright sunshine and pleasant summer breeze, and St. John's, though now surrounded on all sides by bricks and mortar, still bears traces of the time not so long ago, when the builder had not devastated the surrounding fields, in its vicarage and other large gardens in its immediate vicinity.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Church Room at 11.15, at which it was agreed to move the deletion of Rule xiv. at the General Meeting, and that the Hon. Secretary should send the circular respecting the proposed memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson to the Secretary of each band in union.

The festival service was held in the church at noon, and was conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Secretary), assisted by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt (assistant-curate of St. John's). Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., organist of Lyminge, presided at the organ. The hymn "O God our help in ages past" was sung after the special lesson, Eph. iv.; before the address "To the Name of our salvation," and after "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." The offertory amounted to £1 7s. 3d., and was given to the Reparation Fund of St. Nicholas, Deptford, at which church the meeting was to have been held on Whitsun Monday. The address was given by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. Taking as a text the well-known words from Heb. x. 24: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and unto good works," the preacher gave a sketch of an Ideal Association, and entreated the

members, individually and collectively, to do what they could to realise such an ideal.

Shortly after 1 p.m. the members sat down to dinner, which was well served by Messrs. Kerslake and Son, of Lewisham and New Cross. The Archdeacon of Lewisham (Ven. C. E. Escreet), presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, Mr. F. G. Skinner (Deptford), Messrs. Groombridge, Jeffries, Barnett, Mannering, the Hon. Secretary, and other members of the Committee. After grace, pronounced by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, the chairman gave the toast of "The King," which, needless to say, was heartily received, the whole company standing and singing the National Anthem.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy," with special thanks to the preacher.

The Archdeacon briefly returned thanks for the clergy; and the Hon. Secretary after responding, went on to make some references to the Report and Balance-Sheet, which had been already printed and circulated, and would therefore be taken as read. The Association continued to flourish, the numbers and financial balance had increased, and by investment of the reserve balance they had raised the annual income of the Belfry Repairs Fund to about £8, which could be given in grants withdrawing a fraction of capital. The Report concluded with a protest against long-peal record breaking, which, the speaker said, he regarded as a most dangerous and hateful abomination.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries then proposed the deletion of Rule xiv.: "No private member shall take upon himself to arrange for the opening of a new or restored ring of bells, but all such arrangements shall be made through the Secretary of the District." The Committee, he said, had decided to propose the abolition of this rule, as it gave rise to much understanding, and there was no power of enforcing its observance.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. W. H. Warnett (Lewisham). An amendment was proposed by Mr. F. T. Riordan (Chatham), and seconded by Mr. G. Marchant (Maidstone), to alter the wording of the Rule instead of deleting it altogether, so as to bring the Association into touch with parishes where a new or restored ring of bells was to be opened.

This amendment would take something of this form—"That the General Secretary offer the services of the Association on the occasion of the opening of any new or restored ring of bells."

Considerable discussion followed, in which Messrs. F. W. Thornton, T. Groombridge, W. Haigh, F. G. Skinner, the Hon. Secretary, E. Barnett, and W. E. Pitman took part. The chairman at length put the amendment to the vote, and it was carried by a large majority.

The officers for the coming year were re-elected, and, the business ended, a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, proposed by Mr. F. G. Skinner, seconded by Mr. T. Mannering (Maidstone), concluded the proceedings. Besides St. John's, the towers of St. Alphege, Greenwich (10), St. Mary's, Lewisham (8), and St. Margaret's, Lee (8), were open for ringing.

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

"On Monday, August 1st, a special express excursion will leave Birmingham for Cheltenham and the West, starting at 7.5 a.m." So ran the G.W.R. announcement, when the train in due course started out from Snow Hill. It had on board a number of members of the above Society en route for the beautiful village of Painswick, to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques on the historical ring of twelve, made so famous in bygone days by Estcourt and his Painswick Youths. Arriving at Cheltenham we were met by our old friends Messrs. Pates and Musty, and conducted to St. Mary's tower, where the bells were ready for us. Stedman and Grandsire Caters on this fine ring of ten soon passed an hour away, and we adjourned to The Plough, from which old coaching hostelry we had commissioned a brake and landau to convey us over the ten miles of intervening country to Painswick. Here we were joined by Messrs. Phillott, J. George, Jessop, and Street. "Rugby George" had come down the previous day, and Messrs. Jessop and Street were touring on their cycles in the district. Boarding our vehicles, after sundry arguments who should have the box seats, we rattled forth from the hotel yard on what proved to be one of the finest ten-mile drives as it is possible to imagine. Cheltenham is of course, always a beautiful town, but at this season of the year it is more than beautiful—it is glorious. Its splendid shops, clean streets, great promenade, flanked on both sides with stately trees, do, indeed, make it an ideal residential place for the retired colonels, etc., who form a large proportion of its population, and who must find it very restful after their various campaigns (and champagnes). However with all its beauty, it must be left behind; so we jog along, the brake with the men in front, the landau containing the ladies behind. We now pass through country which is beyond description, and on arriving at the top of a long hill, up which we had to walk—(poor old Tommy Horton!), we had a magnificent panoramic view, extending for quite twenty miles—Gloucester Cathedral five miles away—standing out in bold relief. Amusement was caused hereabouts by gipsy children who ran alongside, turning somersaults for coppers. One was a girl, and as she could turn splendid wheels, it is needless to say she got the most encouragement. Next we come to Paradise-yes, Paradise itself—and we even found Adam and Eve. The latter is a country inn, and is peculiar inasmuch as you enter the top of the house before you enter the bottom. It is built at the side of the road on ground that drops sharply away, thus its top story is the one within the meaning of the Act. Eventually we arrive at Painswick, and are met by Messrs. Austin and Davis, who have been asked to stand in the peal, and Mr. W. Hale, the genial tower-keeper, who had everything in readiness for a start. A cold collation awaited us at The Falcon hotel, and this was demolished in the usual ringers' style. Immediately we crossed to the tower, and after raising the bells, "go, Stedman" was called, and for 3 hrs. 41 mins. the Cotswolds re-echoed to the tune of most excellently struck Stedman Cinques. The peal will be duly recorded in its proper place. We had achieved our object, and were naturally much pleased to hear our critics outside unanimous in their praise of the striking throughout. That old Painswick "bow-wow" Fred Musty—the only ringing survivor of the original Painswick Youths—declared that he had never heard better Stedman Cinques in all his life. "No, not even in the days of Estcourt himself," which is

the highest compliment he has ever been known to pass. Among the numerous listeners at one time, were the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. D. P. Davies, who had motored over. We felt rather proud of ourselves in being able to "take back the ashes," the Birmingham men having been down one or two occasions previously without having any luck. In this connection it is interesting to recall that the last of these visits took place on Whit Monday, 1888, the day of the record peal of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. Of the band who went on that date, two, Messrs. Godden and Reeves, were with us to-day, and expressed pleasure that, after many years, they had seen the job through. Our visit to Painswick having thus been brought to a successful conclusion, we bade our adieus to Mr. Hale and the other local men, and returned to Cheltenham, where our friends had engaged a room at The Lamb hotel for a social hour or so. Here the old veteran, F. Musty, was immediately voted to the chair, a position he occupied with great credit to himself, and to the intense amusement of the assembled company. He made a great speech—the speech of his life. What he said, we do not quite remember, and we do not suppose he knows himself, but—he said it, and said it again, and kept on saying it.

Mr. Pates then referred to the friendship that had existed for generations between the Cheltenham and Birmingham ringers, and hoped it would long continue.

Mr. Phillott followed, and called on the chairman (if he could tear himself away from the ladies for a few moments), to give a recitation. Nothing loth, the old "bow-wow" was soon again on his feet, and once more we were convulsed with laughter. We venture to say that not many men when they have reached the allotted span, could stand up before a large company, and recite for seven or eight minutes, without once getting stuck for a word.

Train time now approached, and after much hand-shaking we wended our way to the station, whence the train was timed to leave at ten o'clock. Eleven o'clock came, and still no train. but we had a good day, and we had rung the peal, and what else happened, mattered not. So we laughed and waited.

We wish to convey our best thanks to the Vicars of Painswick and Cheltenham for the use of their bells at their respective churches; and to Messrs. Hale, Pates, Phillott, and Musty, whose kindness and thoughtfulness contributed in no small degree to make the day such an entire success.

A. P. S.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

The bells at the above parish have recently been much improved by the recasting of the 2nd. The old bell owing to being cracked had for some years marred the beauty of one of the finest rings in the country. Now a first-rate bell from the Whitechapel foundry has been put in its place by Messrs. White, of Appleton, and the result is that the Hagbourne peal now challenges comparison with any at its weight in existence.

Most of the old ringers having dropped out, a young band has been started under the able conductorship of Mr. T. East. On Friday, August 5th, the following rang a touch of 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Napper, G. C. Rice, J. Napper, J. Butler, T. East, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th are members of the young band, and the above is their longest touch.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, July 26th, at the church of St. Peter and Paul, 720 Plain Bob. J. Burles, J. R. Fenwick, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, A. Martin conductor, R. Constant. On Tuesday, August 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Burles, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, A. Martin, F. Mitchell conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, T. Best, J. Marks, A. Missenden, H. Sear conductor, W. Meager, E. Marks, W. Sear. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mead, F. Hedges, J. Marks, H. Sear conductor, S. Meager, S. Smith, G. V. Hoad, V. Sear.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Stanton, R. Nichols, S. Smith, A. Missenden, T. Best, H. Sear conductor, G. F. Hoad, G. Hopkins. Composed by J. George.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—On Friday, May 20th, at St. Peter's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Nisbet, Miss N. Gillingham, E. Goldstone, Miss M. Jukes conductress, F. May, A. Watts, W. Gillingham, A. Luke. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late King Edward. On May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Williams, F. May, Miss N. Gillingham, Miss M. M. Jukes conductress, A. Watts, J. Nisbet, W. Gillingham, A. Luke.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Monday, July 26th, at All Saints church, the first attempt ever made in Newport for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1500 changes. F. Morgan, M. Selby, J. Bullen, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, F. E. Charles, A. Morgan conductor, J. Pippin. On July 31st, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Morgan, M. Selby, J. Bullen, J. Jones, T. Collinson, F. Charles, A. E. Morgan conductor, J. W. Jones. For evening service 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. Jones, J. W. Jones, T. Collinson conductor, F. Morgan, A. Thomas, J. Bullen, J. Pippin, S. Baiss.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 672 Stedman Triples. W. Prior, H. Little, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. After service 216 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. On Friday, May 20th, for the memorial service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. T. Prior, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan, S. These touches were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late King Edward.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Ross, W. H. Stevens, J. Hayward, E. R. Mackrill, G. C. Iles, E. Cassell, F. Skevington conductor, W. Brooks. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. A. Bunbury, chaplain of the Guild.

KEA (Cornwall).—On July 7th, 378 Grandsire Triples. Rev. R. H. Gowell, W. W. Davy, P. A. Harfoot, H. C. Harris, F. Hall, W. Lawrence, W. G. Sandercock conductor, F. Sandercock. And two 120s of Stedman Doubles. On July 10th, 672 Grandsire Triples. P. A. Harfoot W. W. Davy, H. C. Harris, W. Lawrence, F. Hall, J. Thomas, W. G. Sandercock conductor, J. Ham. On July 11th, 240 Bob Minor. P. A. Harfoot, W. W. Davy, H. C. Harris, J. Thomas, W. G. Sandercock, W. Lawrence conductor. And some touches of Stedman Triples. On July 14th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Thomas, W. W. Davy, H. C. Harris, E. C. Freund, F. Hall, W. Lawrence, W. G. Sandercock conductor, P. A. Harfoot.

KENWYN (Cornwall).—On July 10th, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Cawrse, H. C. Harris, G. M. Smeath, W. Lawrence conductor, P. A. Harfoot, W. Trestain, W. Sleeman, J. Gulley. And 336 in the same method. F. Cawrse, H. C. Harris, G. M. Smeath, E. C. Freund, P. A. Harfoot, W. Sleeman, W. Lawrence conductor, P. A. Harfoot, W. Sleeman, W. Lawrence conductor, J. Gulley. On July 12th, 180 Bob Minor. F. Cawrse, G. M. Smeath, W. G. Sandercock, W. Trestain, W. Sleeman, W. Lawrence conductor. First touch in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd and the conductor.

LITTLE HORSTED (Sussex).—On July 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Hartfield, G. Izzard, A. Cosham, J. A. Hart conductor, A. Holden, A. Diplock.

TRURO.—On July 15th, at the Cathedral, several touches of Grandsire, the following taking part: G. M. Smeath, J. Thomas, A. F. Knight, H. C. Harris, E. C. Freund, W. G. Sandercock, P. A. Harfoot, W. Sleeman, W. Lawrence conductor, J. Pile.

TENTERDEN.—On Monday, May 9th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, J. Unwin, G. Cramp, C. Tribe conductor, A. Hinds, A. Snelling, G. Neve, J. Manktelow. On Monday, May 23rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Edwards, J. Unwin, W. H. Lambert, C. Tribe, A. Bowles, G. Neve, E. C. Lambert, J. Manktelow. And 672 Grandsire Triples by the same band. Rung on the Proclamation of King George. On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service at St. Mildred's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins. G. Cramp, J. Unwin, J. Manktelow, C. Tribe, W. Spice conductor, A. Snelling, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. On Friday, May 20th, with the bells muffled for the late King's funeral, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Baker, W. Unwin, G. Cramp, C. Tribe, J. Manktelow, A. Snelling, G. Neve, S. Hook.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service at St. Alkmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. W. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor conductor, E. Jones, G. Burrows, H. Jones, A. Fullick, R. W. Stockdale. On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 600 Stedman Triples. G. Byolin, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, H. Jones, A. Fullick, E. Jones.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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 the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Saturday, 10th, at 4 o'clock. If members will notify their intention of attending, tea will be provided at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30, where also will be held a social gathering at 8 o'clock.

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at the church of The Immanuel, Streatham Common, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing suspended till Friday, September 2nd, 1910. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at St. Andrew on Saturday, August 13th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the parish room at 6 o'clock at 6d. per head. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclist ringers' meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13th. 3.30 p.m.—Rolleston (6); 5 p.m.—Hanbury (8); tea kindly provided by the Vicar; 7.15 p.m.—Tutbury (5).

ERNEST V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 20th, starting by brake from Wolverhampton, and to visit Albrighton, Patshull (6), Pittingham (8), Trysull (6), Wombourn (8), and Penn (8). Will those ringers who wish to join, send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?

Tamworth. REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 3.30.

E. WHITEHEAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, August 20th. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7.30 p.m. in St. Edward's church. Please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, Dragons Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, how many intend to be present on or before the 17th inst.

REV. C. E. DONNE, *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 4. Tea 6d. per head at the Institute at 5.30.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. Western Division.*

The Midland Counties Association—Derby District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3. Unveiling of a new peal-tablet will take place at the meeting at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Calverley, Saturday, August 27th. Peal attempt at 3. Business meeting at 7.30 at The Thornhill Arms.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 27th. Tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service at 5.10 o'clock. There will be a free tea provided for these who communicate with me not later than Wednesday morning, August 24th.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Firs Street, Dudley.

The Essex Association.—A bye-meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Vicar provides tea on the lawn to those who notify me their intention of being present within a week of the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, September 3rd. A short service will be held in St. George's church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Will those intending to partake of tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), let me know not later than Wednesday, August 31st. The towers of St. George's, Gravesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend, will be open from 3.30 p.m. till 4.45, and after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, and also any proposed new, or alterations to the rules, to be in the hands of the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 5th. All ringing accounts up to August 3rd, to be forwarded to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREARS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlam O'Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringng Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

St. Mary's Church, Chigwell, Essex.—Practice night will be every Tuesday instead of Thursday, from 8 to 9. All friends are welcome.

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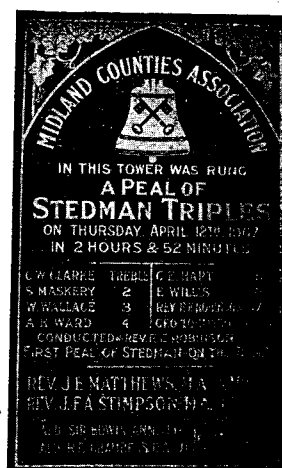
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The West Norfolk meeting of the Association was held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells of the parish church and also those at Necton and Ashill were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day, and were largely used.

Dinner was served at The Greyhound hotel, forty members sitting down to an excellent repast. The Vicar of Swaffham, the Rev. F. Keeling Scott, presided, and supporting him were the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Messrs. G. Moy, F. R. Borrett, J. W. Sedgley, T. Fitzjohn, W. J. Howson (district secretaries), and C. E. Borrett, secretary.

The chairman, after proposing the loyal toast, gave a very warm welcome to the visiting ringers, and expressed the hope that they would spend an enjoyable day.

The Secretary thanked the authorities for the use of the various rings of bells, and the chairman for the kindly welcome he had accorded them.

A quantity of new members were proposed for election at the close of the meeting. Thanks are due to Mr. H. J. Heyhoe and other members of the Swaffham company for their kindness in looking to the comfort of the visitors.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £104 19s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, July 2, 1910, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS,***A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
BERTRAM FREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, July 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY* Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT* 2.	*EDWIN BARNETT 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.* 3.	*RICHARD F. DEAL 8.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES* 4.	*JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
FRANK BENNETT 5.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Royal in the method; also by the Association.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.*On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD Treble.	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5.
ALBERT V. SELBY 2.	HENRY C. MILES 6.
SYDNEY A. WRIGHT 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENGH, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.*On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

LOUIS ATTWATER Treble.	GEORGE B. EDSEY 6.
JOHN HOWES 2.	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3.	SEDLEY J. COLLINS 8.
FREDK. G. WOODISS* 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON 5.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal on ten bells.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, July 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY† 1-2.	BERTRAM FREWETT 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM PYE 9-10.	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—W. Shepherd, C. T. Coles, and A. T. King. †First peal of Stedman Caters.

The Provinces.**LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, July 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,**AT THE FABISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

ELI HARTFIELD Treble.	ALFRED HODDEN 4.
GEORGE IZZARD 2.	JAMES A. HART 5.
ARTHUR COSHAM 3.	ALBERT DIPLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Barchard on their coming to reside at Horsted Place.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS PINCHIN Treble.	HARRY AWFORD 4.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3.	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung to commemorate the complete restoration of the church and bells.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, July 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S No. 48. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES DOWLES Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	THOMAS BLOOR 6.
HARRY DICKENS 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss M. E. Norris and Mr. G. F. Swann, of Erdington.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, July 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHAW* Treble.	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5.
BENJAMIN THORPE 2.	†SAMUEL BOWKER 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON† 3.	†ALBERT HOUGH 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.	JOHN HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by A. HOUGH.

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

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of Plain, two of College Single, and two of Oxford Bob.

BERTIE R. BUCKLE Treble.	JOHN HALL 4.
HARRY HALL 2.	JOHN W. MALLETT 5.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 3.	GEORGE BALLS Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Lily Grant Duff, of The Grange, and the Hon. Gerard Collier, of Chelsea.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ESAU WALMSLEY Treble.	JOHN WATSON 5.
WILLIAM BRIGGS 2.	EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
FRED HINDLE 4.	*JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. WATSON.

*First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM 5.
ALFRED SMITH 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
WILLIAM STEELE 4.	FREDK. ROOPE Tenor.

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

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

NEWCASTLE, BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

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

RICHARD EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM BOLTON 5.
GEORGE ROBERTS 2.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
T. JOHN EVANS 3.	JOHN COX 7.
SIDNEY DAWE 4.	D. REYS JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN COX.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

JAMES M. BRINKWORTH .. Treble.	SIDNEY PALMER 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 6.
ROBERT W. HYNTER 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNTER.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HENRY DICKENS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
A. PADDON SMITH 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BERT COPE Treble.	PERCY COPE 5.
ERNEST ROBERTS* 2.	CHARLES SMITH 6.
HARRY WILLISFORD 3.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. 7.
FRANK RICHARDSON* .. 4.	EDWIN GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMITH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First by an entirely local band.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
CHARLES MASON* 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 300th peal.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HARRY B. HOLDING* .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	GEORGE HARDING 6.
JAMES H. RIDING 3.	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by J. MORGAN, and Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Major.

SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs 20 lbs.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
SAM THOMAS 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
GEORGE HALSWORTH .. 3.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 8.
ALFRED NAYLOR 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 9.
JAMES COTTERELL 5.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This is the first peal on the new ring of ten, which was hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, after the great fire at Selby Abbey. The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 4th, 1907, page 75.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD STEDWICK .. Treble.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
GEORGE GATLAND 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	FRANK BOSWELL 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON 2.	MARK LANE 6.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
BERNARD FISHER 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Treble Bob Major by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th ringers.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

BERNARD J. SADDINGTON Treble.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 4.
ROBERT F. TURNER 2.	MATTHIAS HOES 5.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently, two of Oxford Bob, and one each of Double Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAREY Treble.	FRANK H. TALBUTT .. 4.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 2.	THOMAS BUTLER 5.
WALTER T. WILSON 3.	FRANK ANDREWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK ANDREWS.

First peal as conductor.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

SIDNEY A. FOSTER* .. Treble.	EDWARD MILES 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	THOMAS STEERS 6.
DOUGLASS W. DREWETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
BENJAMIN MORRIS* 4.	ALBERT CALVER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

*First peal.

GRIMSBY.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES KENNINGTON .. Treble.	PERCY C. LONG 5.
WILLIAM DICKINSON 2.	J. WILLIAM SEAMER .. 6.
HARRY JOHNSON* 3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES TAYLOR 4.	THOMAS SCRIMSHAW .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

*First peal in the method. Rung on St. James's Day, and a welcome to Grimsby of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WILFRED ANDREWS .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES .. 5.
GEORGE E. NOICE 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	REV. E. BANES JAMES .. 7.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BRIDSTON, ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY MARKLOVE .. Treble.	JAMES BLAKE 3.
EDWARD SUMMERS 2.	WALTER POSTON 4.
	WILLIAM POSTON .. Tenor.

First peal by all except the conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST A. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

*First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES'S NO. 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LAUNCELOTTE* .. Treble.	CHAS. SEDDON 5.
ALBERT WALLWORK 2.	DANIEL HOWARD 6.
J. W. HINDLEY 3.	†THOS. HOWARD 7.
THOS. LINGARD 4.	JOHN EDGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. HOWARD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Lomax, daughter of the Vicar's warden.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

ALFRED RIDER Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
FRED P. WALWYN* 2.	GEORGE WOODS 6.
JOHN RIDER 3.	JAMES PRATT 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	EDWARD SHERRATT, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

*First peal in the method.

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The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK FEARS Treble.	ALBERT SIMMONS 5.
COLEMAN MORLING 2.	GEORGE PIPER 6.
CHRISTOPHER HICK 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
WILLIAM CLAYTON 4.	ARTHUR BANKS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

SHREWSBURY—THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

HERBERT JONES Treble.	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 5.
FRED W. TAYLOR 2.	ALFRED FULLICK 6.
GEORGE BYOLIN 3.	GEORGE BURROWS 7.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 4.	JOHN C. BURROWS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BYOLIN.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Single Court.

JOHN NEAL Treble.	JAMES OSBOEN 4.
ALBERT E. LARKINSON .. 2.	FRED BLOOD 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	ALBERT S. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal by the local band.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

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L. SLATER Treble.	R. HOWARD 3.
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Conducted by W. MANSFIELD.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST LISH Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
WILLIAM LISH 2.	WILLIAM J. ALLISS 6.
SAMUEL BURT 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY WITHERS Treble.	FRANK WITHERS 5.
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ALFRED PRITCHETT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 4.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT Tenor.

Composed by J. B. LATES, and Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

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On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

WILFRED G. COOK Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX 6.
FRANCIS W. BOND 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 7.
HARRY LEWIS 3.	H. TOM GARDNER 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 9.
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

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ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	WILLIAM J. E. COMPTON Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

*First peal on eight bells.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Superlative has been sent from Leiston, Suffolk, without any number of changes being mentioned.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On August Bank Holiday a meeting of the above was held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, when those attending had every reason to congratulate themselves on having an enjoyable trip across the water, the weather being delightful. Those who cared to mount the steps leading to the top of the tower were amply repaid by the magnificent views obtained both over the water and inland. The meeting was not well attended. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung. The business meeting was held after tea. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and two new members were proposed. This closed the meeting.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The members of the above society journeyed to Poole, Bournemouth, and Christchurch on Saturday, July 9th, for their annual outing, leaving the ever faithful city at 6.15 a.m. The party detrained at Poole, and was met by two Devonians, one of whom, Mr. Case, kindly acted as a guide throughout the day. At Poole touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung; afterwards a stroll through the town brought them to a place where an excellent dinner was served, and after doing the needful, the party proceeded by tram to Bournemouth, calling en route at St. John's church, where a musical peal of eight were set going to the methods of Stedman and

Grandsire. At 4 p.m. the members found themselves in the belfry of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and here some touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung, including a ring with the Bournemouth members; also a touch with an Exmouth ringer, who by chance heard the bells, and was surprised to find that some of his Devonians were in Bournemouth. The ringers then had tea, and the next part of the programme was a visit to Christchurch, but it was with some difficulty before the whole of the party could find tram accommodation to take them thence. At Christchurch the bells were soon going to the method of Stedman Caters, and the ring was thoroughly enjoyed. After a little refreshments the tram was again

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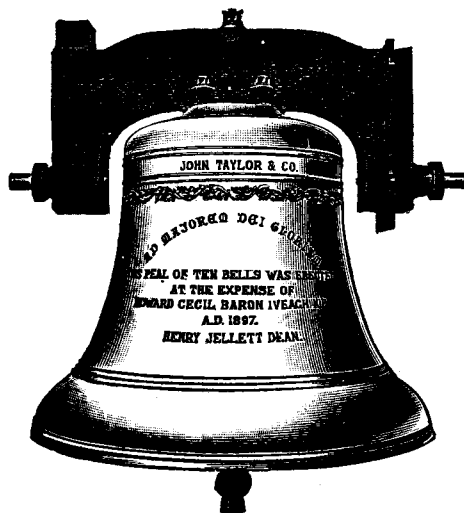
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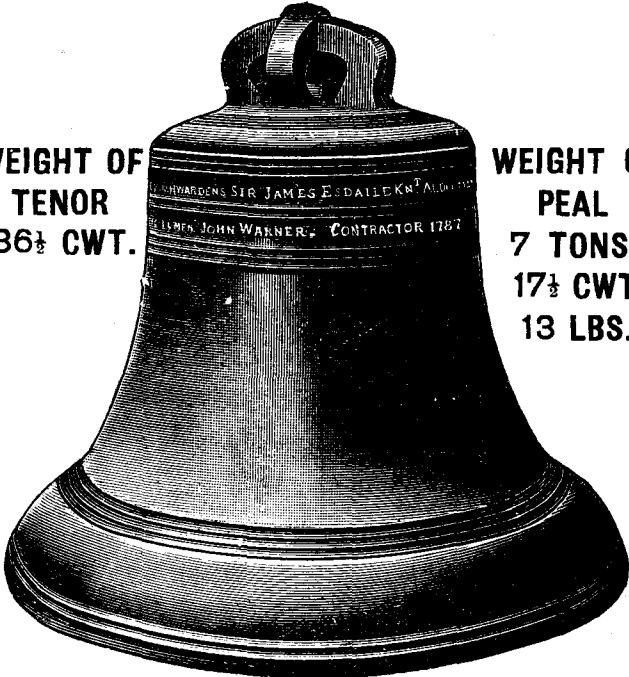
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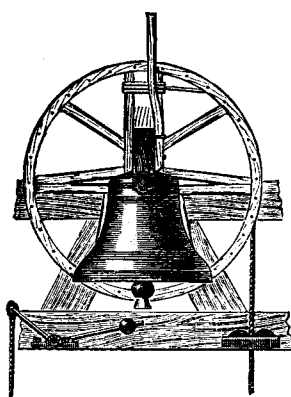
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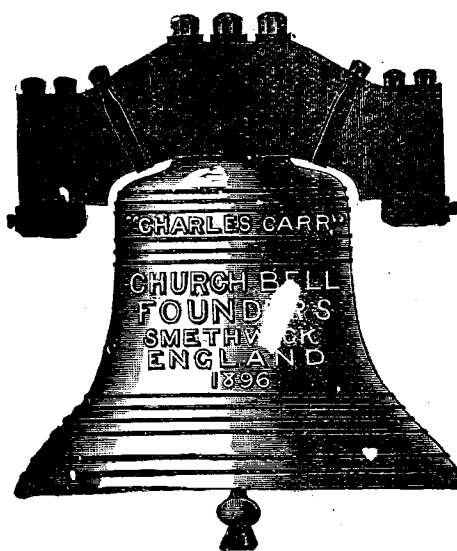
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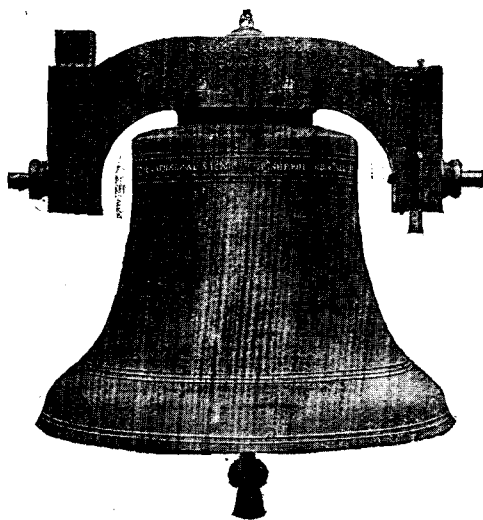
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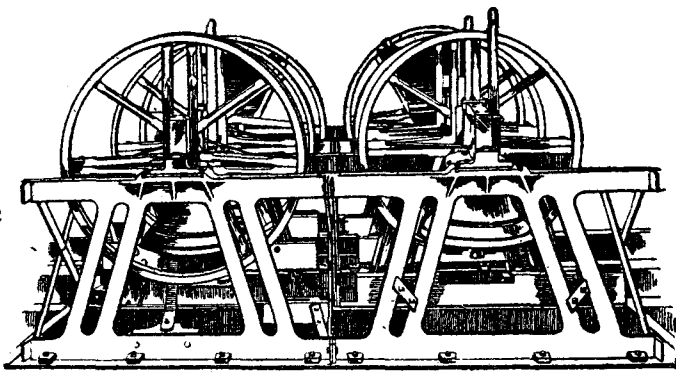
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THE BELLS OF BLACKPOOL.

(FROM THE "BLACKPOOL HERALD" OF AUGUST 9TH).

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Among the many places of interest in this "Naples of the North," perhaps there is none that draws those of a quiet mind more than the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart. Situated close to the North Pier, and certainly not "Far from the madding crowd," as the poet Gray puts it, the observer cannot fail to notice the vast number of visitors who turn aside into the church portals as to a haven of peace.

It was a custom of the ancients in the East, and of the Egyptians in particular, to draw a corpse or mummy on a bier through the company of dancers when the carousal was at its height to remind them of the call of Osiris, and a welcome similarity is seen among the Western Race, when, even in the holiday season and flushed with pleasure, those who call themselves Christians remember the obligations of their faith. To watch those who gather around the itinerant singers on the sands, or those who turn aside at the sound of a church bell, brings home the fact that Englishmen and women are not altogether obsessed by the pursuit of pleasure.

Many of the visitors to the Church of the Sacred Heart have during the past week wandered to the rear of the tower to view the old peal of bells that now stand mouth downwards on the ground, but which recently did duty high up in the stone steeple.

The inscriptions around the bells show that in the year 1866 they were cast by Messrs. Vickers, of Sheffield. About that time an idea got abroad that the ordinary expensive bell-metal—which varies according to the market, from £130 to £150 per ton—could be replaced by steel, with pecuniary advantage, and accordingly several peals of steel bells were cast for various churches. The idea was a fallacy, and those who had burdened themselves with steel bells quickly regretted their action. There is no sort of comparison between the bell of copper-and-tin amalgam and that of steel. There never has been a metal found to produce the sweetness or sonorous tone other than the component parts of bell-metal. The bells now in the churchyard of the Sacred Heart are of steel, and may be found heavily coated with rust. Some years ago, the writer, when visiting Blackpool, heard the steel bells ringing, and it was obvious by the execrable tone that "distance lends enchantment"—the greater the distance the better.

Thus it was that the authorities of the Catholic Church decided to place a ring of bells in the tower worthy of the Church. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, in whose bell-foundry "Big Ben" of Westminster was "born," and whose colossal weight was 13 tons! It may be stated, in passing, that the bells of St. John's, Blackpool, also came from the same famous foundry.

As is the custom in the Catholic Church, the new bells were accorded the rites of blessing and christening, when

the Right Rev. Bishop Whiteside recently conducted the ceremony. Each bell was cleansed within and without with holy water, and anointed in seven places with chrism by the Bishop, and in four places with the oil used in extreme unction. All the bells bear the inscription, "Mears and Stainbank, 1910," and the fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenor (8th) bear also the patron saints respectively:—St. George, St. Ignatius, St. Charles, and St. Monica.

After the ceremony of blessing, the bells were raised to the frame assigned for them high up in the tower. Built upon heavy beams, the new bell-frame is of solid oak, ably constructed to resist climatic conditions of any kind. Although modern bell-frames are usually made of iron in inland towns, a metal frame would be entirely wrong on the coast line owing to the inroads made by the salt-sea atmosphere. Under the conditions that obtain at Blackpool and similar places, an oak frame is undoubtedly the best possible. An examination of the fittings of the bells leaves nothing further to be desired. The treble bell (i.e., the smallest) weighs 5 cwts.; the others increasing in proportion to the tenor, of 14 cwts.

The bell-hangers finished their labours on Saturday evening, and Sunday was the day appointed for the opening ringing. Previous to the service at 10.30 a.m., the bells were sounded for the first time, and gave unbounded delight as they were rung-up by the St. John's branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers. The company who had the honour of ringing first upon them stood as follows:—L. Green, treble; J. Eckley, 2nd; F. Greenwood, 3rd; W. Wilkinson, 4th; H. Threlfall, 5th; J. Smith, 6th; T. Crookall, 7th; and J. Winter, tenor.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Bampton, S.J., to a crowded congregation, and at the close of the service, the ringers, assisted by several ringing visitors, including Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who in 1904 conducted the world's record peal of eleven hours' duration, again ascended the tower and rang 336 "Grandsire Triples," viz., L. Green (Blackpool), treble; F.W. Greenwood (Blackpool), 2nd; T. Rollerson (Rawtenstall), 3rd; G. Nettleton (Shipley, Yorkshire), 4th; R. Wallwork (Bury), 5th; J. Rollerson (Rawtenstall), 6th; T. Crookall (Blackpool), 7th; and William Willson, conductor, tenor.

For evening service, the new bells were rung again, and afterwards lowered in peal. The weight of the whole peal is upwards of 3 tons, and the cost of them, with their fittings, amounts to £650. The new bells are somewhat heavier than those of St. John's, but lighter than the steel ones they have replaced. With the relegation of the latter to the scrap-heap, there exists one less peal of the few remaining steel bells in this country, but Blackpool is all the richer in its bell-music. There is no question that both for melody and stability the bells of the Sacred Heart are second to none for the weight of metal, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have certainly carried out their contract beyond anticipations. Perhaps nowhere but with church bells close to the shore can the words of the grand old hymn be so fully pregnant with significance:—

Far far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the conclusion of the business meeting dinner was served in the Victoria Cross Gallery, and Mr. W. C. Jotcham presided. Afterwards the Chairman proposed the toast of the King and Queen and rest of the Royal Family. The toast was heartily received and honoured.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-Ringers. He was pleased to hear the head of the Diocese, the Bishop of Oxford, was making good recovery. He expressed a welcome to the Archdeacon, who was, in his time, a bell-ringer, and used to pull the tenor bell at Wantage. He knew also that they would like him to express a welcome to the Vicar of the Parish, who was always so zealous in Church work, and also so hospitable and kind to those who were Church workers. He also wished to extend a welcome to the neighbouring clergy who had come there, and who had done so much, no doubt, to foster bell-ringing in that county. He would like to congratulate the ringers on the science in which they had interested themselves. He could hardly think of anything more romantic than the history of bell-ringing. The Church bells were responsible for the beautiful towers which they saw around them, and, in fact, all through life it might be said that the whole of the civilised life was set to music by bells. In a guide book, he read that Wantage was a sleepy old town, where life glided quietly along to the sound of old church bells. There was a beautiful and distinctive feature in this country, and that was, to his thinking, the bells ringing over fields and up valleys on a Sunday morning. To those who lived in the country, he did not know of anything which appealed to them more than that did. Soldiers and sailors went into far distant lands, but they carried with them that sound which they always remembered. He had listened to the bells of Antwerp, which were most beautiful, and it was said that if there was anything that could reconcile man, it was the Antwerp bells. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was well-known to him, and no doubt to all of them. He understood that Mr. Jenkyn had just been appointed Master of the Guild, and he was confident that no one better could have been elected for such a post. He believed the new Master had taken up bell-ringing from early years, and he hoped he would keep it up till old age.

The toast having been enthusiastically accorded, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn responded. He said he could hardly thank them enough for the way his health had been proposed in connection with the Guild, and the way the members present had responded to it. They knew who in times past had always responded to that toast. They could not get him (the late Master) out of their minds, and they did not want to. He (the speaker) could not do exactly what the late Mr. Robinson did, and it would not be right to go about attempting peals as the late Master did. He was very fond of bell-ringing, and hoped to do a good deal. There was something to be done which he felt he could do. First of all there was the question of six-bell towers, of which there were so many in the Guild. A great many six-bell ringers felt that they were cut off from the centre of things altogether, and he would like to have the names of any who wished the Master to visit them. He did not mind where it was, he would make it his business to get there somehow or other. He hoped, perhaps, under the tuition of a six-bell hand, to learn some of the methods with which at present he was not acquainted. There was another

point which struck him very much. In many parts of the Guild they found there were in a band eight bell-ringers or more, and one or two were extremely keen and anxious to make progress, but were kept back by the others. They were quite content to stay where they were. He wished to try and help those who were in that position to make it possible to have what the Reading branch had had in the past with success—combined practices or combined meetings for promoting the advance in ringing methods in the different parts of the Diocese. In the third place, they should aim at fostering the love of the people for the bells. It should be the endeavour of all ringers to make and keep the people fond of the bells. They were fond of them with the exception of a few cranks, who did not represent the people. It was the way they rang them if the people were not fond of them, and Sunday ringing should be beyond reproach.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in a happy speech, said that Dean Butler, formerly Vicar of Wantage, well known as Butler of Wantage, was a man, who, if he took anything in hand, that thing was bound to prosper, no matter what it was. Yet he had been told that when the Rev. Mr. Butler first came to Wantage, he was burnt in effigy, but when he left nothing good enough could be done for him. He was succeeded by another great man—the Archdeacon of Oxford—who, in turn, when he went to Oxford, was proceeded by the great and good Rev. Canon Ponsonby. He was a man, who, it was said, all Swindon would be glad to go down and lick his boots, there being no man loved more than Canon Ponsonby in that town. He was present that day, and the late Vicar of Wantage had been there, but had gone to catch his train. To those two gentlemen he asked the members to give their thanks, the Archdeacon for preaching that morning, and Canon Ponsonby for welcoming them to the Church, and giving them the service they so enjoyed. He might commend them both for their brevity—a short service and a short sermon. On these occasions they did not want long services and long sermons. He coupled with the toast, the organist and the choir for their services, and not forgetting that humble individual, but most important individual—the organ blower.

The toast was accorded with acclamation, and the Vicar of Wantage, in reply, thanked them very much indeed for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and he thanked the proposer for the kind things said about the Archdeacon and himself. He coupled the name of the Archdeacon with himself because he was exceedingly sorry that he was obliged to catch his train, and he relied on him to return thanks. The Archdeacon was a good vicar, and an excellent Archdeacon, and what was better than all, he was a good man. Proceeding, the Vicar said he had great sympathy with bell-ringers. Unfortunately, he had never been a bell-ringer himself; he had never had the opportunity of being one, and now he was not as able as he was at one time. But he visited the bell-ringers in the tower and he had the greatest sympathy for them. They were always before the public; they were better known for their work than any other church workers; they were, perhaps, more or as much criticised as any church workers, and he felt that their responsibility was indeed a very great one. That was the first parish in which he had had the advantage of having a peal of bells. He had always hoped that if he had a peal of bells, and of necessity bell-ringers, he would have thoroughly competent men. But he had hoped a great deal more. If he had bell-ringers, he hoped to have a band of thoroughly good conscientious

men, and he had the greatest pleasure in saying that his bell-ringers carried out his wishes in that respect to the very utmost. They were, he believed, a very competent band of men, and he knew they tried to live good lives, and such lives as all church workers ought to live. If it was right to criticise the organisation of so well-known a Guild as that he would suggest that more encouragement should be given to younger people. He could not help thinking that they should in the various parishes be training up as bell-ringers quite young people who had just passed boyhood. If they turned a lot of lads of 14 or 15 years of age into the belfry and allowed them to pull away as much as they liked there would be complaints about the noise made. He threw out the suggestion that it would be a very good thing if they could possibly train up the younger ones for the work they did. The Vicar added that they were all very glad to welcome the bell-ringers in Wantage. It was his earnest wish, and he knew also the wish of his friends, fellow workers, and bell-ringers, that every prosperity might attend that Guild.

Answering the Vicar's suggestion with regard to training the young, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn stated that 76 change-ringers and 41 probationers had applied for certificates, so that the Guild did not ignore the young. He advised the bringing up of senior choir boys when their voices got "croaky," as they made excellent pupils and filled the places of old ringers very well.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said they owed a great debt of gratitude to the Chairman for his attendance that day. He would be glad to know that that Guild was the largest in the Kingdom and not the last in its performances. The Guild grew year by year, and the progress in other directions was good.

Hearty applause was given the Chairman, who briefly responded.

The members were then at liberty to carry out their own arrangements, and, as stated above, many of the neighbouring towers were visited, whilst a good number availed themselves of the Vicar's hospitality and partook of tea in the Vicarage gardens.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.

When, five years ago, I came to reside among the aristocracy of a northern suburb, the first Sunday morning I sauntered forth to discover a peal of bells, where I might emulate the noble art of change-ringing. Instinct led me to St. Mary's, Walthamstow. The clock had tolled the hour of ten when an elderly gentleman, unknown to me, in high hat and neat apparel, approached the position I had taken up. It was Thomas Maynard. He pleasantly wished me good-morning and inquired if I were a ringer. Hesitatingly I replied in the affirmative. After eliciting further inquiries, he suggested I should join his company, remarking (as an inducement, I suppose) "There's an outing and a dinner free once a year." The terms fairly staggered me at my good fortune, and I closed with him at once, entering my name in the archives of this famous belfry. This year our dear old friend was not with us in our visit to Stanstead, which took place on Saturday, August 6th, and we remembered with sadness his decease, his genial presence, and liberality, and knew we should not see him again "until the morning breaks and the shadows flee away."

Like the patriarchs of old, some of us arose early in the morning, reaching Stanstead by railway in time for luncheon, and enabling us to make an inspection of this

quaint little town. As most ringers are aware, Stanstead is the home of the famous Brothers Watts and Jordan, and Messrs. Prior and Luckey, who kindly came to our assistance when all the company had arrived. Our party included gentlemen and gentleman's sons, who, though not ringers, yet took the greatest delight and interest in the day's programme. We had also the jester with cap and bells to provoke mirth, and the philosopher to moderate the hilarity and effervescence of youth. The musician, too, was there (Mr. A. W. Wilkinson, late organist of St. Mary's, Walthamstow) to soothe the savage breast, while old age, no longer uproarious, essayed the tolerant smile to the exuberances of folly.

Soon after two o'clock the bells were awaking the sleepy echoes of Stanstead Park. The old hall nestles between charming scenery, looking on to the church, and is the home of the Maitland family. The sacred edifice, standing in a portion of the park, presents a charming picture. On either side of the neat gravel paths, roses display their wealth of bloom, so sweet and lovely indeed "a goddess might trail her garments."

And now the bells are raised, and away we go into Stedman Triples.

Then followed an interval for dinner at the Bell Inn, preceding which snap-shots were taken of the party by Messrs. Wilkinson and Coles. About thirty sat down, Mr. Wilkins, sen., and Mr. F. Rumens at the head of the table. The host and hostess were kept fairly busy for some time until the cravings of the stomach became appeased.

At the conclusion of dinner, more photographs were taken, in which figured some of the young ladies of the old hostelry, an event perhaps leading to the more serious results of courtship and marriage on the part of the young gallants of our company.

We now retraced our steps to the belfry to finish the day's ringing, starting with 384 Superlative Surprise, concluding with a course of London Surprise.

During the latter part of the ringing most of the company were taking part in a convivial at head-quarters. Mr. Wilkinson presided at the piano. The vocalists were—The Nut, who gave "Ilford Jail"; A. Chapman and F. Maynard, who so pathetically rendered "Old Folks at Home" as to draw tears from the eyes of the Nut, and who, on being questioned as to the cause of his grief, replied "I was just thinking how my old folks at home would get on if we lost the last train." The young Maynards skilfully played selections on the hand-bells, and they in concert with Mr. Tucker, also completed double-handed, a course of Grandsire Triples.

After singing "God save the King," we took our leave of the Bell Inn, and proceeded to the railway station bound for home. By unanimous approval the trip to Stanstead was pronounced a success. Many were the thanks we paid our worthy and capable brother-strings for welcoming us to their town and church, to the rector for the use of the bells, and last but not least, to Mr. Wilkins, sen., and Mr. F. Rumens for their excellent arrangements during our short and happy stay at Stanstead Mount Fitchet.

G. F. M.

LYTHAM.—On Monday, August 1st, at St. Cuthbert's church, 504 Stedman Triples. Conducted by J. Miller. Also 252, viz.: H. Hardy, W. Willson, Miss L. A. Willson, D. Richards, J. Ward, H. Horn, A. R. Aldham. The visitors beg to tender their thanks to Mr. J. Smith, Blackpool, and Mr. J. Fell, of Lytham, for their arrangements.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Peterborough, on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells at the Cathedral, St. John's and St. Mary's Churches were at the disposal of the ringers from 9 a.m. Ringers attended from Irthlingborough, Rushden, Raunds, Northampton, Yarmouth, Boston, Chatteris, Fleet, Ramsey, Glinton, Whittlesea, Peterborough Cathedral, St. John's and St. Mary's. Touches of Superlative Surprise Major, Kent and Oxford Bob Major, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung; on the Cathedral bells, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

The St. John's bells have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and are a credit to the firm. Service was held in St. John's Church, at 4 p.m., the Rev. Staley delivering a most excellent address. The tea was at the Fitzwilliam Coffee Tavern (the Rev. E. C. Law presiding) when forty-six sat down and did it justice. After tea the meeting was held, the Rev. E. C. Law, treasurer, in the chair, and the Rev. Canon Bury in the vice-chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, also the balance sheet, both being approved and adopted. During the year two peals of Major, one peal of Triples were rung at St. Mary's, Whittlesea; one peal of Minor and two date touches at St. Mary's, Peterborough; an attempt was also made at St. John's, Peterborough, but failed after ringing $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Alterations were made in the committee, the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary were re-elected. Twelve new members were made. A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean for the use of the Cathedral bells, the Rev. Morse for the St. John's, and the Rev. Law for the St. Mary's. It was proposed and carried that the next meeting be in three months time, on a Saturday, and held at Maxey, the secretary to see the rector and obtain permission and arrange the date.

THE ST. GILES'S SOCIETY, READING.

On August Bank Holiday the members of this Society had their annual outing. Taking train to Radley, a brake was in readiness to convey the party to Cumnor, Appleton, Drayton and Abingdon. On reaching Cumnor the fine peal of six bells were soon tapping of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. Then on to Appleton, where we found Mr. R. White busy putting muffles on the famous peal of ten, a sudden death having occurred in the village that morning. There was also there to meet us Messrs. Holifield, sen. and jun. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung here, several of the locals ringing their first course of Stedman Caters with the assistance of Messrs. Holifield and White. A move was then made to The Thatched inn, where the worthy host had prepared dinner, which, needless to say, was done ample justice to. Drayton was the next place of call, where our late lamented Master spent so many years of his useful life. A pleasant eight mile drive landed us outside the tower, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. After a look at the Brass Memorial Tablet which has been erected to our late Master's memory, also the carving which he had done with his own hands, we were again on the road, en route to Abingdon. On arrival tea was the first item. At St. Helen's church we found Messrs. Humfrey and Juggins awaiting us, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung. This ended the ringing for the day. Train time arriving tracks were made for the station, Reading being reached

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "The Bell News" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood

at 10.40 p.m., all having had a most enjoyable day. This was the first outing the ladies had accompanied the ringers, and all expressed a hope it would not be the last. If any ringers should think of visiting the district they cannot do better than write to Mr. Brown, of The Thatched inn, Appleton. Everything is served in splendid style, and at quite a low charge. The company wish to thank the Incumbents for the use of their bells.

Obituary.

WILLIAM LUTHWAITE MASON.

The ringers in the Craven District of Yorkshire have lost a very able member of the Art in the death of William Luthwaite Mason, of Skipton, Yorks, which happened on the 8th August at the Skipton and District Hospital, from cancer in the throat, at the age of 43 years. He had twenty-five years' experience in ringing, being associated both with the Skipton and Gargrave companies. As a composer he was bidding fair to become a master, and some of his compositions have been rung by the local companies. His interment took place at Waltonwrays Cemetery on the 11th, several ringers attending. The bells were muffled at the parish church on the following Sunday, as a parting tribute to their comrade.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Mr W. O. Flower Holmes (Strumpshaw Hall) ...	0	5	0
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild ...	8	8	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Cambridge)	0	5	0
Mr. Ralph Narborough (Wisbech)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

GARBOLDISHAM.—On Monday, August 1st, 240 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moody conductor, F. Dewell, E. Levitt, F. Levitt, W. Radley, H. A. Turner. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moore conductor, F. Dewell, W. Radley, F. Levitt, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner. Also 120 Bob Minor. H. F. Moore, F. Eaton, E. Levitt, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner conductor.

QUIDENHAM.—336 Stedman Triples. W. Radley, H. F. Moore, F. Dewell, J. Levitt, A. E. Moore, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner conductor, R. Moore. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Wilding, A. E. Moore conductor, F. Eaton, E. Levitt, F. Levitt, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner, W. Radley. Also 416 Double Norwich. R. Wilding, H. F. Moore, F. Dewell, W. Radley, F. Levitt, A. E. Moore conductor, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner.

HENNINGHALL.—336 Grandsire Triples. R. Wilding, W. Radley, F. Eaton, F. Coulten, F. Levitt, J. Levitt, A. E. Moore conductor, A. R. Moore. Also 240 Bob Major. F. Eaton, F. Coulten, E. Levitt, J. Levitt, R. Wilding, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner conductor. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Levitt, W. Radley, F. Coulten, J. Levitt, R. Wilding, F. Dewell, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner. Also 224 Double Norwich. R. Wilding, W. Radley, H. F. Moore, J. Levitt, A. E. Moore conductor, T. J. Houcbin, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner. Also 209 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moore conductor, F. Levitt, E. Levitt, T. J. Howchin, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner, R. Moore, J. Beales. Also 336 Stedman Triples. H. F. Moore, W. Radley, F. Dewell, T. J. Howchin, A. E. Moore, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner conductor, R. Moore.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; and St Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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 the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m. If members will notify their intention of attending, tea will be provided at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30, where also will be held a social gathering at 8 o'clock.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at the church of The Immanuel, Streatham Common, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing suspended till Friday, September 2nd, 1910.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peplow. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and there will be a short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at 6.15 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary will be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the parish room at 6 o'clock at 6d. per head. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea 6d. per head at 5.30, at The Lytton Arms.

E. WHITEHEAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, August 20th. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7.30 p.m. in St. Edward's church.

REV. C. E. DONNE, *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 4. Tea 6d. per head at the Institute at 5.30.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. Western Division.*

The Midland Counties Association-Derby District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3. Unveiling of a new peal-tablet will take place at the meeting at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Calverley, Saturday, August 27th. Peal attempt at 3. Business meeting at 7.30 at The Thornhill Arms.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 27th. Tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. There will be a free tea provided for those who communicate with me not later than Wednesday morning, August 24th.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Firs Street, Dudley.

The Essex Association.—A bye-meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Vicar provides tea on the lawn to those who notify me their intention of being present within a week of the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, August 27th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 6d. per head. All who wish to attend tea, are asked to send in their names early to Mr. G. Brown, Market Place, Crich, near Matlock.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, September 3rd. A short service will be held in St. George's church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Will those intending to partake of tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), let me know not later than Wednesday, August 31st. The towers of St. George's, Gravesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend, will be open from 3.30 p.m. till 4.45, and after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 4. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30, 6d. per head. Meeting to follow. All wishing for tea kindly send me word not later than Wednesday, August 31st.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, and also any proposed new, or alterations to the rules, to be in the hands of the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 5th. All ringing accounts up to August 3rd, to be forwarded to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O'Th Height, Manchester.
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St. Mary's Church, Chigwell, Essex.—Practice night will be every Tuesday instead of Thursday, from 8 to 9. All friends are welcome.

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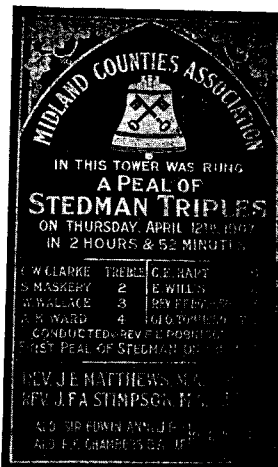
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1910.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

STANFORD J. WOLFE .. Treble.	GEORGE BEERY 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	FREDK. J. SMITH 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS.. ..Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5.
RALPH COLES 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 6.
FRED HAYES 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	FRANK W. BOXALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM IRELAND 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM 6.
CHARLES H. AUSTIN.. .. 3.	FRANK COLE 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 4.	ALFRED WARD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ..Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. ..Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.	KEITH HARTTenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Thursday, July 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT.. ..Treble.	PETER LAFLIN 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS* .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
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GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; -
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK ..Treble.	W. B. SMITH 5.
GEORGE NAYLOR 2.	*ARTHUR GILL 6.
EDWIN WHEATER 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
J. S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

*First peal of Major.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAEY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. ..Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. ..Tenor.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY)

On Thursday, July 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION.

SAMUEL WOOD .. ..Treble.	JAMES WOOD 5.
JOSEPH MELLOR 2.	ALBERT ADAMS 6.
SAM BOOTH 3.	B. THORP 7.
B. GILL 4.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT Tenor.

Conducted by BEN. THORP.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Triples in the method by the ringers of 4, 6 and tenor.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM ..Treble.	*JOHN F. SMALLWOOD .. 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 9.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 10.
JOHN AUSTIN 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Cinques. This peal is No. 158 from Mr. J. Carter's circuit of Stedman Cinques.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble.	GEORGE ADE 5.
HENRY STALHAM 2.	ALBERT D. STONE 6.
GEORGE WATSON 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 q's. 10 lbs.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5
GEORGE JONES 2.	WALTER THOMAS 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
GEORGE PIERCE* 4.	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal in the method.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Oxford Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN Treble.	FREDK. MANSEER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
FREDK. SEAGER 3.	GEORGE WEBDALE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. MANSEER.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	SAMUEL EVANS 5.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 2.	*ALBERT CATIERWELL .. 6.
OLIVER BROYD* 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
THEODORE SLATER 4.	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor.

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHAS. W. GOODENOUGH* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND .. 6.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM G. GRANGER† .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Major on the bells, which have recently been rehung and partly recast by Messrs. Warner, the "go" being excellent.

KINGSTON SEYMOOR, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR RUMBLE Treble.	LEWIS MOORE 3.
THOMAS ATHERTON 2.	JOSEPH CAPLE 4.
GEORGE H. GALE Tenor.	

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM G. GRANGER .. 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 3.	*WILLIAM BASTABLE 7.
CYRIL F. JOHNSON 4.	†FREDERICK S. CASE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
ROBERT S. HAYWARD .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. SMITH .. Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
ALBERT J. GREEN 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 9.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	JAMES DOWLER 10.
ALBERT WALKER 5.	*JAMES E. GROVES 11.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.	PETER LAFLIN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Cinques. Arranged for Messrs. Barber and Gofton. This peal is No. 158 on Mr. J. Carter's circuit.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR DEURY* Treble.	ARCHIE C. STOKES 4.
WILLIAM G. THORPE† .. 2.	†JOSEPH LORD 5.
ALBERT C. DARNELL* .. 3.	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

H. STANFORD Treble.	C. STREET 4.
H. TULETT 2.	C. GOLDRING 5.
F. CHIPPEN* 3.	*G. BRADEN Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

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

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, consisting of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL† .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
LEONARD LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
W. BERNARD CLARKE .. 3.	*EMMANUEL BOWEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. †First peal in two methods.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES PRATT Treble.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 5.
ARTHUR MARKS* 2.	ALBERT YOUNG 6.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	†GEORGE CHAPLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

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

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR HISTEAD .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOK 4.
OWEN PORTER 2.	GEORGE CLEAVE 5.
WILLIAM WICKS 3.	*ISAAC LONG 7.
JESSE HISCOCK† 4.	ALFRED SHEPPARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CLEAVE.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS .. Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 4.
THOMAS JENNIONS 2.	JOHN TURNER 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

LIMSFIELD, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by A. JARRETT.

*First peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. NAISBITT* Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
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Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM.—On Sunday morning, July 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Minor, 1356 changes, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 144 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 72 Grandsire Minor, and 60 Plain Bob. H. Jordan, T. Edwin, R. Matthews conductor, T. Salter, J. Hemming, C. White.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at the church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major in 55 mins. G. Jones, R. Sperring, W. Sconce, Rev. C. Carew Cox, H. Dew, J. Sconce, H. W. Wilde conductor, E. Channell. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method, which had been specially arranged for the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

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ISHAM (Northants).—Recently a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 72 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 96 of Woodbine, 120 Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Oxford, and 360 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob. J. Farby, W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, F. Andrews conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the treble. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for morning service, 720 College Single. W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Andrew, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, E. M. Atkins conductor. First 720 in the method by all the band, and on the bells. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. F. Andrew, F. Talbutt, A. Foust, G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins (composer and conductor).

BLACKPOOL.—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. John's church, 252 Stedman Triples and a touch of Treble Bob Major. A. R. Aldham (conductor), H. Hardy, Miss L. A. Willson, D. Richards, W. Smithson, J. Ward, H. Horn, W. Willson. Also 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Miss L. A. Willson. On Sunday, August 7th, at St. John's, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bolton, W. Wilkinson, C. Bolton, W. Willson (conductor), A. Fallon, J. Smith, F. Whiteside, G. Nettleton. Messrs. Aldham, Hardy, Richards and Willson belong to Leicestershire; Smithson to Redditch; Ward and Horn to Irthlingborough. On Sunday, August 7th, at the Roman Catholic church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. L. Green, J. Eckley, F. Greenwood, S. Rolleson. H. Threlfall, J. Rolleson, T. Crookall (conductor), J. Winter. First quarter-peal on the bells.

HOPTON.—720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Wilding, F. Dewell, F. Levitt, A. E. Moore conductor, H. Foulger, H. A. Turner. Also 120 Bob Minor. H. A. Turner conductor, E. Levitt, F. Levitt, R. Wilding, J. Beales, H. Foulger.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples

in 43 mins. A. Songhurst, E. L. Miles, T. Whilmore, A. Bashford conductor, G. Illman, W. Ives, J. Taylor, C. Osborn.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. H. Varo, T. H. Symonds, W. Fayers, W. Dent, E. Simpson, T. Pryke, W. R. J. Poulson.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the church of St. George, for Divine Service in the morning, 1080 Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars Pleasure and Violet, and 120 Oxford. A. Cripps, J. Rice, J. Akehurst, O. Sippetts, A. D. Mills A. Ellis, (conductor). The band wish, through the medium of the "BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. F. C. Campion for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells and also for his generous hospitality.

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By a printer's error in our issue of August 6th, is given in lieu of 5 in my 5008 composition on page 315.

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DROITWICH (Worcester).—On Sunday, July 10th, at the church of St. Andrew, for morning service, a plain course of Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major, being the first in the methods on the bells. Afterwards a visit was paid to Hanbury and Stoke Prior, where courses and touches of Superlative, Cambridge, London, and Bristol Surprise Major; also 192 of Double Norwich and two 168's of Stedman Triples. W. Shilcock, W. Short, L. Grove, J. H. Sheppard, H. F. Street, G. Pigott, E. J. Dowler, A. Davies, and R. Matthews.

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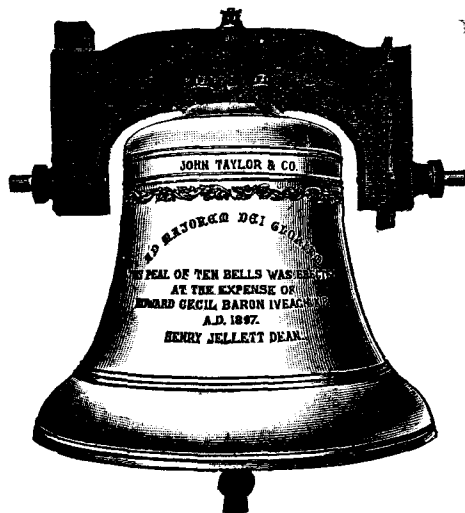
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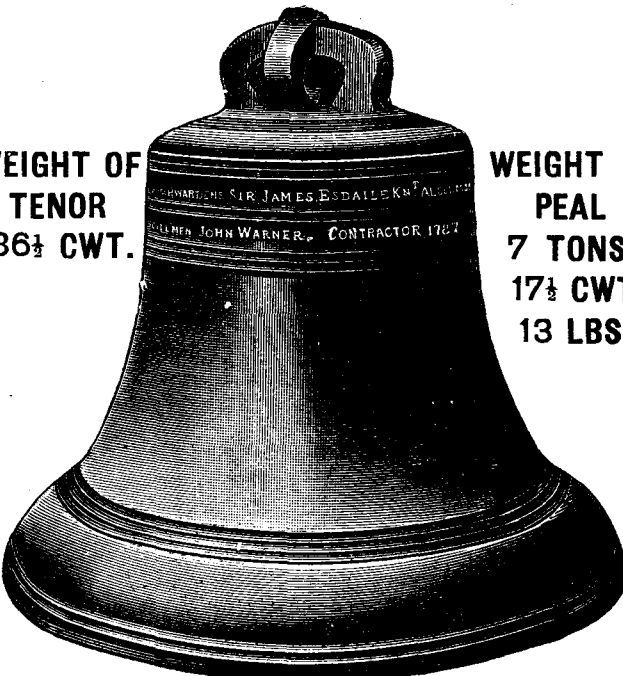
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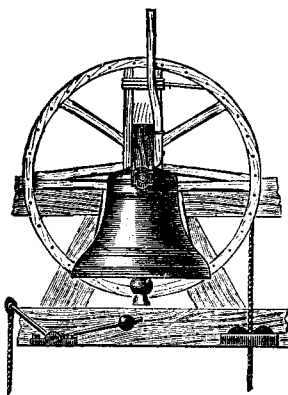
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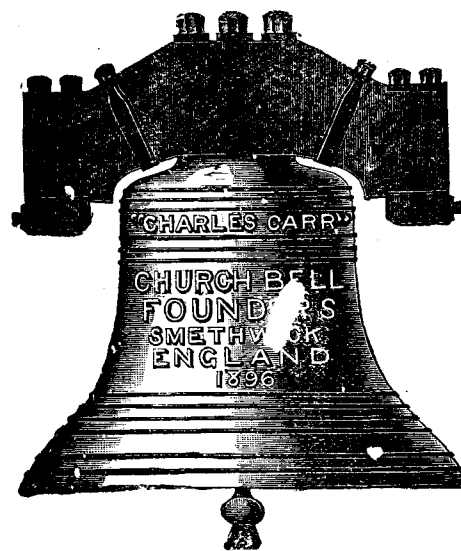
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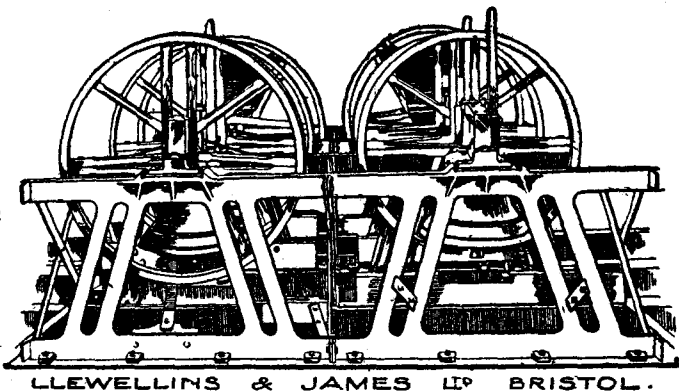
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A PEAL OF BELLS FOR ALDERSHOT.

It is now proposed to place in the parish church tower of Aldershot a ring of bells. At present there are only three bells, dated 1410, 1610, and 1620. It has been a long felt want that there should be a ring of bells erected worthy of the fine embattled western tower, and with the advent of church extension in the way of adding a new central and north aisle, it was considered an appropriate time to have a ring of bells. The first movement was a large bell, as a memorial to the late parish clerk, who held office for over fifty years. The other scheme proposed has developed into the idea of placing in the tower three additional large bells with space for two trebles to complete the octave. This would mean a tenor of about 14 cwt. There is already some subscriptions promised, and others will no doubt be forthcoming; but as the addition to the church in the way of the new aisle, etc., is first, it is to be hoped the appeal now issued by the authorities for the bells will meet with a generous response. It is believed there are a large number of ringers who at one time or other have been connected with Aldershot garrison, who would willingly help in the matter. At the present time the population of Aldershot is about 20,000; this does not include the garrison troops, and strange to say there is no ring of bells in the town, and none whatever nearer than Farnham, three miles away. Any subscription, however small, will be acknowledged in this paper by C. Edwards, Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Steyning, on Saturday, August 6th, a good muster of members being present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Heene, Henfield, Pulborough, Shoreham, and the local band, numbering about thirty. Touches in all the standard methods were brought round. Tea was taken at The Norfolk Arms at 5 o'clock, and in the absence of the Vicar Mr. Tompkins, Master of the Association, presided, being supported by the divisional secretary, and Mr. Whittington, a life member. The usual business followed. Col. E. A. Young was elected an hon. member, Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, a life independent member, and new members were also elected to the Steyning and West Tarring branches. This concluded the business, and the members again adjourned to the tower for more ringing. Upper Beeding bells were also open to the members and kept going till nearly 9 o'clock, which ended a very enjoyable meeting.

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

PRIZE RINGING.

"The Bishop of Truro, having been asked by the ringers of Cornwall to sanction prize campanological competitions as a means of improving ringing in the churches, has given his approval, provided the awards are books, medals, or certificates, and not money. It has been decided to give as prizes medals in the shape of a cross."

The above quotation is from last week's "Church Times." A correspondent who sends it, writes that probably there may be others like himself who would like to see the stipulations laid down by the Bishop ventilated in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." Hitherto, he adds, that prize-ringing has been generally condemned. The question therefore arises how far do the stipulations laid down remove that condemnation. Without expressing an opinion one way or the other, our correspondent concludes that he considers there should have been a condition laid down in the last sentence—which does not appear to have been framed by the Bishop—that the cross should whenever ringing be worn.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A very enjoyable cyclists' outing took place on Saturday afternoon, August 13th. The district visited lay between Burton and Uttoxeter. Nineteen ringers—a record so far—came from Burton, Netherseale, Newhall, Rolleston, Tamworth, Uttoxeter and Wolverhampton. We met at Rolleston soon after 3 o'clock, where fairly recently the bells have been augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor. It was while ringing here that we received from a neighbouring incumbent a pressing invitation to ring at his church, which possesses a ring of three bells. This invitation naturally caused no little amusement. Upon further enquiry we ascertained that a movement had been set on foot to augment them to eight, and we promised that when this took place we would arrange a visit there. Tutbury was the next place on the list. The church is well worth a visit, possessing as it does, among other features, a very fine Norman west front, and so, we were told, is the Castle, but we had not sufficient time to visit the latter. Unfortunately we cannot say as much of the bells, which need considerable attention, it being only with much difficulty that two 6-scores of Grandsire were rung. A move was now made for Hanbury, where we found a nice ring of eight. On the way here one of the party gained some notoriety by cycling

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the REV. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

up Hanbury Hill, which is considered a good test for motors! The Vicar (Rev. E. C. Robinson), very kindly entertained us to a substantial tea, and also ascended the belfry with us. This church claims to possess the oldest alabaster tomb in England, the recumbent figure being that of John de Hanbury, a crusader. A run of four miles brought us to Sudbury, where there is a good ring of six. We were pleased to find that the Vicar (Rev. F. Tufnell), was able to take a rope in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles.

The following methods were rung during the outing: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Treble Bob Minor, and Double Court. It is hoped to arrange another run for Saturday, October 1st, particulars of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" in due course.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £104 19s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	100	19	2
Mr. W. O. Flower Holmes (Strumpshaw Hall) ...	0	5	0
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild... ..	8	8	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughay (Cambridge)	0	5	0
Mr. Ralph Narborough (Wisbech)	0	2	0

£109 19 2

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUMITT TOWN.—On Thursday, July 28th, after meeting short for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. Donaldson, T. Hawkins, R. Sanders, T. Cranfield, H. Clark, I. G. Shade, E. Barnett, A. T. King.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday, July 31st, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, T. Bartlett, L. Green, E. Shepherd, A. Searle, F. Murphy, F. Davey conductor, W. Richardson.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON.—On Monday, August 8th, 720 Kent Minor. F. Smith, R. Davies conductor, W. Shuker, J. R. Pritchard, H. Dransfield, J. Ridyard, Rung after meeting short for a peal of Major.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBORNE.—On Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Bristol

Surprise. H. Price, G. Hughes, G. Pigott, W. Short, J. Bass, A. Davies, W. Fisher, R. Matthews conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the above society.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE.—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, J. Cross, G. Wines, T. Page conductor, T. Hamlin, W. Perrott.

LUGWARDINE (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hamer, O. W. Layng, L. Longney conductor, A. Tomkint, S. Clements, C. Jones.

SHIPLAKE (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Shepherd, W. Wicks, C. Hiestad, W. Wenmae, W. Cook, O. Porter, G. Cleave, B. Neville conductor.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Smith conductor, J. Darlington, E. Smith, W. Washbrook, J. Godber, J. W. Washbrook, jun., J. Johnson, W. Thompson.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, *Chester.*

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23456

This peal has all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, also the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the church of St. George, for Divine Service in the morning, 1080 Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars Pleasure and Violet, and 120 Oxford. A. Cripps, J. Rice, J. Akehurst, O. Sippetts, A. D. Mills A. Ellis, (conductor). The band wish, through the medium of the "BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. F. C. Campion for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells and also for his generous hospitality.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
STAFFORD.

Saturday, August 20th, was indeed a red-letter day in the history of this society, inasmuch as it witnessed the first whole-day outing ever held under its auspices. At 9.30 nine of us left Wolverhampton railway station in a waggonette for a 25-mile drive round the country, which lies to the west of Wolverhampton. The rain, which had been falling persistently since 6 a.m., showed no immediate signs of abatement, but what did it matter, thought some of us, as we saw two of the older members of the party quite happy under a large umbrella. On our arrival at Tettenhall (6), we were joined by two more ringers who had come in a motor. A pleasant half-hour's ringing was done before we continued our journey. On leaving we noticed that one of our number was not with us, but we took it for granted that he had been given a lift in the motor. However, our surprise can well be imagined when, on our arrival at Albrighton (6), five miles away, we found that the motor-party knew nothing of him. Nevertheless, "all's well that ends well," and the motor which was very kindly despatched for him soon picked him up. The second and third ropes in this tower played curious antics with some of their manipulators, but showed themselves quite amenable to having a tight hand kept over them.

The next stage of the journey was much looked forward to, as Lord Dartmouth had kindly given us permission to drive through Patshull Park on our way to Pattingham (8). Up till now implicit confidence had been placed in the driver, although after leaving the main road complimentary remarks upon the surface of the short cut were fairly general. After a while we found our driver temporarily possessed of some inclination to drive over a field of roots, but we soon dispersed any desire he may have had in that direction by directing him ourselves, although none of us knew exactly where we were. Eventually, after a drive along the ridge of a precipitous and wooded hillside, we arrived at a pleasant enclosure, and were much relieved to find that our permit would take us through, although we could not help noticing the amused faces of the occupants of a few lonely cottages which we passed, for we have no doubt that it was the first and last pleasure party they had ever seen driving up there in a brake. Finally we arrived at Pattingham one hour late, having come round quite ten miles instead of four! and were soon inundated with questions by the motor-party which we found had narrowly escaped introducing itself to a drawing-room window. Dinner ready at The Pigot hotel, and none of us needed to be asked twice to take his seat at the table. After ringing here, the party was photographed by one of its amateurs, and then set off for Trysull, where there is as nice a ring of six as one can wish to find anywhere. At this tower we were joined by some Wolverhampton ringers, most of whom had walked out. Wombourn (8), was reached about 5.20, and a little ringing, in which Miss May Cartwright took part, was indulged in before tea. After tea the belfry was again visited, and we essayed a course of Superlative, but just didn't get it. Penn (8) was the last tower on the list, and after ringing here the party perforce, began to break up, whilst the rest of us journeyed into Wolverhampton. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful outings that it has been the writer's lot to take part in; may it not be the last of such. We wish to give our best thanks to the incumbents and tower-keepers of the towers which we visited. The methods rung during the day were

as follows: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, whilst those who made up the party came from Burton, Handsworth, Netherseale, Shifnal, Tamworth, Walsall, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and Wombourn.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY W. WILDE, *Chester*.

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35426				-
43526				-
62534	-	-	-	-
56234				-
25634				-
25346	-			-
32546				-
53246				-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436				-

The first seven courses once repeated completes the peal. This peal has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 6ths place. The bob before is located exactly half-way.

PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS.

BY W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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52436	-	
43526	-	-
45326		S
34526	-	-
52346	-	-
35246	-	-
23546	-	-
54236	-	-
25436	-	-
42536	-	-
53426	-	-
54326		S
35426	-	-
42356	-	-
34256	-	-
32456		S
43256	-	-
24356	-	-
23456		S

Has the 6th at home throughout the peal, with all the 56789xvc's in the last six courses.

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Obituary.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above well known ringer, which took place at his residence 48, Melville Place, Liverpool, on Sunday, August 7th, at the age of 64 years. A member of both the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations, and a College Youth, he was greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact, who will join the writer in extending their deep sympathy to his widow and family in their sad bereavement. He commenced ringing when he was about 18 years of age at St. Peter's church, and as time rolled on succeeded his father as steeplekeeper there, which position he held until about sixteen years ago, when ringing was stopped owing to the foundations of the tower being rendered unsafe through the subsidence caused by the making of the tunnel for the Mersey Railway. Since then he took no active part in ringing, and it is owing to this fact that his brother ringers did not get to know of his death early enough to arrange a muffled peal in his memory. However, the 8th bell in St. Peter's tower was rung muffled for evening service on Sunday, August 14th, as a mark of respect. Unfortunately we have no record of the number of peals he took part in, but they certainly exceeded 100, on eight and ten bells, in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, etc., several of which he himself both composed and conducted. Always a most reliable conductor, his forte however was the teaching of others, and many young bands in the vicinity of Liverpool owe their initial knowledge of the Art to him. Gradually but surely the old faces are disappearing, leaving only a memory behind. His remains were laid to rest in Anfield Cemetery with his father and brother, on Thursday, August 11th. May he rest in peace. J. R. P.

GEORGE GENTLE.

It is with the deepest regret we have to announce the death of the above ringer, of Baldock, Herts., which took place at his home in Orchard street, after a short illness on Sunday, August 14th. Deceased had been a ringer at the parish church for nearly forty years, previous to which he was a ringer at Ashwell parish church, where he used to reside previous to coming to Baldock. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been a member of the Hertfordshire Association since its formation in 1884, and had taken part in three peals of Grandsire Triples. The funeral took place on the following Thursday in the parish churchyard, the Rector (the Rev. Canon Nairne) officiating. Amongst a number of floral tributes sent was one from his fellow-ringers, with the following inscription: "With deepest sympathy and kind remembrance from the ringers of the Baldock company." In the evening touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major, the bells being muffled.

WEST DIDSBURY, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the members of the Christ Church Society had an outing to Port Sunlight. Mr. E. Breeze kindly consented to act as guide, and a most enjoyable day was spent. Starting at 8.30 a.m. Liverpool was reached at 9.15, and an interesting hour was passed in the Museum of Anatomy in Paradise Street. On arrival at Port Sunlight dinner was served, and heartily enjoyed. Then on to the church, where touches in the standard methods were rung. A fifteen minute's walk brought the party to the village of Bebbington, where a 640 of Kent Treble Bob was tapped off on the very light ring. Another walk of half an hour brought them to Bromborough, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire were brought round. This is a fine tower, and holds a good ring of bells, but the ringing room is spoiled by the frame which holds the clock. Tracing their steps back to Port Sunlight, a good knife and fork tea was partaken of. A visit was then paid to Oxton, where more ringing was done. Some of the party went to the top of the tower, and obtained a fine view of the surrounding country. Then an adjournment to the hotel close by for an hour's chat. Mr. W. Davies, in a few well chosen words, said their thanks were due to Mr. Breeze for the perfect arrangements he had made for their comfort. Mr. Breeze, replying, said how pleased he was

to see all had enjoyed themselves. The Vicars and tower keepers were thanked for the use of their bells, and then the 9.30 train was caught from Liverpool, Manchester being reached at 10.15, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUND'S

On Monday, August 1st, the members of the above Society had their annual outing. Leaving Bury St. Edmund's by brake at 6.30 a.m. Garboldisham was reached by 8.45. Here a 720 of Kent and 120 of Plain Bob was rung. On leaving the church we were met by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, who wished us good luck throughout the day. Then away to Quidenham. Here touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were tapped off. We then proceeded to Kenninghall, and having time for a few touches before dinner, we made straight for the church, being met there by one of the local men, who could boast of ringing 5000s before breakfast, and judging by the long peal tablets in the tower, this was ample proof he was a member of the grand old school. Here we rang touches of Grandsire, Plain, and Treble Bob Major. We then made tracks for The White Horse, and here a capital dinner was served. Afterwards some of the party tried their hands at bagatelle, but this did not prove very successful. Mr. Doran, son of the notable W. D., kindly obliged with songs. We were then joined by Mr. F. J. Howchin, of Norwich, who accompanied us to the church, where touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were tapped off. After some handbell ringing a move was made to Hopton, and here a 720 of Oxford and 120 Plain Bob was brought round. We then started for home, Bury being reached about 10.30, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The company wish to thank all who made them so welcome, and the clergy for the use of their bells.

THE JAMES BOOTH BENEFIT FUND.

We have been asked to insert the following balance sheet:—

INCOME.			
To sale of Books	£118	1	8
Donations	0	13	6
	£118	15	2
EXPENDITURE.			
By purchasing of Prizes	£12	10	0
Printing and Advt's.	7	0	4
Postage and Sundries	5	16	1
Purchase of Business	45	0	0
Weekly Allowances to James Booth ...	19	10	0
Cash in Bank	27	18	2
Cash in hand	0	19	9
	£118	15	2

We have examined the books, vouchers, etc., in connection with this balance sheet and find the same to be correct this 25th day of July, 1910.—Signed—T. Bell, M. Oldfield, Auditors.

The Committee desire to thank all persons having assisted in this work, and are very pleased to announce the above satisfactory result. S. Wood, C. Bower, C. Murrell, J. Bell, Trustees.

GARBOLDISHAM.—On Monday, August 1st, 240 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moody conductor, F. Dewell, E. Levitt, F. Levitt, W. Radley, H. A. Turner. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Moore conductor, F. Dewell, W. Radley, F. Levitt, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner. Also 120 Bob Minor. H. F. Moore, F. Eaton, E. Levitt, J. Levitt, H. A. Turner conductor.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m. If members will notify their intention of attending, tea will be provided at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30, where also will be held a social gathering at 8 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at the church of The Immanuel, Streatham Common, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

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

36, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing suspended till Friday, September 2nd, 1910.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peplow. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and there will be a short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at 6.15 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary will be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting. Proposals affecting Rule 12 of the Ordinary Rules, and Rule 3 of the Rules for District Societies, will be considered at this meeting.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the parish room at 6 o'clock at 6d. per head. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Midland Counties Association—Derby District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3. Unveiling of a new peal-tablet will take place at the meeting at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next monthly meeting at Calverley, Saturday, August 27th. Peal attempt at 3. Business meeting at 7.30 at The Thornhill Arms.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 27th. Tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Firs Street, Dudley.

The Essex Association.—A bye-meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, August 27th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 6d. per head.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, September 3rd. A short service will be held in St. George's church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Will those intending to partake of tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), let me know not later than Wednesday, August 31st. The towers of St. George's, Grovesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend, will be open from 3.30 p.m. till 4.45, and after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be held at Horsell on Saturday, September 3rd, and Yateley on Wednesday, September 7th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE B. EDSEF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *M.A. Hon. Secs.*

J. W. JONES,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to those who send me word not later than Wednesday, September 7th.

WATSON-le-dale. E. R. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above

will be held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by the usual business meeting, election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present at the tea, kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, September 14th. The usual allowance of one penny per mile single fare, maximum 2s., will be paid at this meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby—by kind permission of Canon Austen—on Saturday, September 17th. Circulars in due course. Will members please note my change of address as below.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, and also any proposed new, or alterations to the rules, to be in the hands of the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 5th. All ringing accounts up to August 31st, to be forwarded to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Islam O'Th Height, Manchester.

J. H. BARNES, *Ringling Secretary.*

462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 4. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30, 6d. per head. Meeting to follow. All wishing for tea kindly send me word not later than Wednesday, August 31st.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

St. Mary's Church, Chigwell, Essex.—Practice night will be every Tuesday instead of Thursday, from 8 to 9. All friends are welcome.

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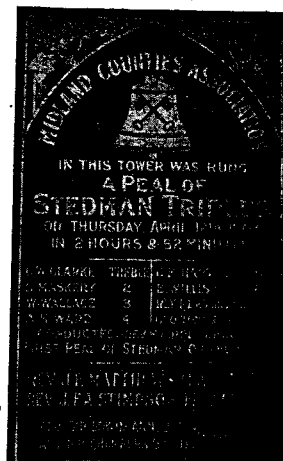
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1910.

WIMBORNE MINSTER BELLS.

It is proposed to restore this peal, which is now in a very dilapidated condition. Tenders have been received for the work required, which is somewhat extensive, involving the re-casting of the 5th and 6th with new fittings throughout, and it is highly desirable that the present wooden frame should be substituted by a modern iron one so that the bells may be put in perfect ringing order. A gentleman resident in the town has provisionally undertaken to augment the peal with two trebles, making a ring of ten, subject to funds being provided to carry out the necessary repairs. Apart from this generous gift a sum of £250 has already been collected locally, including a donation of £50 from the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher, but a further sum of £100 is still required that the work may be thoroughly and efficiently carried out, and the assistance of the Exercise at large is very cordially invited. Any subscription may be sent to the churchwarden, Mr. F. Blount, Bank House, Wimborne; or to Mr. Martin Stewart, Fern Down, Wimborne, and will be duly acknowledged.

RADYR, NEAR CARDIFF.

On Thursday, August 18th, the erection of the new ring of eight bells, tenor about 11 cwt., was completed, and in the evening, before the bellhangers left, the bells were raised and the first touch of Grandsire Triples (210), was rung by J. Clutterbuck, W. Biss, A. Rowley, F. Chamberlain, T. Cox, S. Dawe, J. W. Jones conductor, G. Vinnicombe. The tone of the bells and the go is excellent, and reflect the greatest credit on the Founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Several touches were afterwards rung. A new tower has been built, and the church is undergoing restoration and extension. The Dedication and opening will take place in October.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, August 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON* Treble.	† HAROLD W. CLARK 5.
THOMAS H. HAWKINS 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN Treble.	FRANK J. HAIRS 5.
HERBERT LANGDON 2.	WILLIAM J. DEAN 6.
HAROLD BURTON 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
HENRY E. ELLIS 4.	WILLIAM ESSERY Tenor.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

The Provinces.**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, July 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALDERMAN LING Treble.	JAMES STARLING 4.
DAVID LEGGETT 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK 5.
CHARLES FISHER 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

HONITON CLYST.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE 5.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 2.	FRANK J. DAVEY 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	ADOLPHUS SNOW 7.
THOMAS LAVER 4.	WILLIAM ACREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ADOLPHUS SNOW.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, August 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	FREDK. W. WADE 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	HENRY HOWELL 9.
JOHN BURFORD 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. JONES Treble.	C. SUMMERS 5.
J. THOMAS 2.	SYDNEY MASON 6.
SAM MASON 3.	G. ATKINS 7.
W. HOYLE 4.	J. R. PASSMORE Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung as a farewell peal to C. Summers, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES WARDLEY Treble.	CHARLES FISHER 4.
DAVID LEGGETT 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK 5.
ROBERT MILES 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT V. INNS Treble.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
FREDK. TINGLE 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Arranged for F. Tingle, a member of the Ripon Cathedral band, who was on a visit to Rushton.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED CLEMENTS Treble.	GEORGE ABLITT 4.
CHARLES FISHER 2.	ROBERT MILES 5.
DAVID LEGGETT 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. R. KETTLERBORO Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5.
JOHN HOLMAN 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES FLETTY* 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

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

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BRESTON .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	SAMUEL BOWKER 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 4.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BRESTON.**MÖSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY)

On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK WILD Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5.
CHARLES BOWER 2.	SAM BOOTH 6.
JOSEPH GODDARD 3.	HARRY HAMPSON 7.
SAM STOTT 4.	B. THORP Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOFF* .. Treble.	*ISAAC EMERY 6.
CHARLES J. NORTH 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	*ARTHUR N. HARDY 8.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL 9.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells, and in the county.
The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the local band for so kindly giving up the tower, to allow the attempt being made.**SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TSEBLE BGB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN WILSON, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. .. 5.
ALFRED SMITH 2.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDK. J. ROOPE 3.	*RICHARD BALDREY .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER .. Treble.	CHARLAS DOWNING .. 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	FREDK. W. WADE .. 6.
RICHARD CLARE 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID TABLING .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	EDWARD WALLAGE .. 6.
HENRY T. GOWLETT .. 3.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	GEORGE COLE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. A. Alps, Master of the local Society, to Miss Isabella Menzies, the band wishing them long life and happiness.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. W. PARSLOW .. Treble.	P. L. PARSLOW 4.
E. J. BROADBRIDGE .. 2.	A. J. SMITH 5.
A. MILLER 3.	R. RAPSON Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED MILLER.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the ringer of the 5th.

PONTEFRAC T.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 8, 1910, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. PICKARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. 5.
HARRY C. WALTERS .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON .. 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	ARTHUR WALKER .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	FREDERICK MOODY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. E. BAMES, and Conducted by WM. PEARSON.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED NAYLOR .. Treble.	HENRY RODMELL .. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMODE .. 6.
JOHN W. STICKNEY .. 3.	LEONARD RODMELL .. 7.
THOMAS WHITFIELD .. 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Major Judge, J.P., one of the churchwardens.

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On Tuesday, August 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. A. MILLER† Treble.	J. H. LENTON 5.
J. T. BROWN 2.	*C. C. RYDER 6.
G. H. TAYLOR* 3.	JACKSON PALLISTER 7.
HARRY PEVERELL 4.	G. L. PEVERELL Tenor.

Composed by C. FLEMING, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

†First peal. *First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Pallister, a former member of this company.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9.
NORRIS WAY 5.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE† Treble.	BART MITCHELL 5.
REV. ERNEST V. COX 2.	JOHN FLOWER 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	*HENRY GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM C. WAXLEY 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

†First peal of Major. *First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in G.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	ALBERT D. STONE 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
WILLIAM STEED 4.	RICHARD STREDWICK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

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

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble.	EDWARD TRENDLE 5.
FREDK. G. BRETT 2.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6.
ERNEST G. DOBBIE 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 7.
FREDERICK J. HARDY* .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 8.
ALBERT COLES 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 9.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 5.	SAMUEL SOUTHEY Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal on ten bells.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	*LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 6.
GEORGE HALESWORTH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
JOHN HOLMAN 3.	WILFRED R. COLLIER .. 8.
FREDK. S. W. BUTLER .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 9.
FRANCIS WARD* 5.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal of Royal.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

A. SIMPSON Treble.	G. J. LONGLEY 5.
W. PILLAR 2.	F. JACKSON 6.
R. STEPHENSON* 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
J. G. HALL 4.	G. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble.	*JOHN C. DICKEN 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
FRANK JACOBS 3.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
GEORGE HOLLIS 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, and Woodbine.

ALFRED CRIPPS Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETS 4.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN AKKHURST 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Cripps, the band wishing him many happy returns. They also wish to thank the Rev. A. G. Baker for granting the use of the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

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

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

*First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

RICHARD LANE .. ..Treble.	*ALBERT B. MASON 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	JOSEPH DAVIES 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	*JOHN T. BOTTRILL 8.
JAMES HUTCHLEY 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
EDWARD JACKSON* 5.	HORACE F. STUBBS ..Tenor.

Composed by F. DEXTER, and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

TYLDESLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5220 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s and nine 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUGH WATTS* .. ..Treble.	HERBERT ALLRED 5.
JAMES ALLRED 2.	ROBERT ALLRED 6.
JOHN T. ALLRED 3.	*HARRY WORTHINGTON 7.
HARRY ALLRED 4.	*MOSES HEATHCOAT ..Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

*First peal. First peal by the local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

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(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

BEN CHORLEY .. ..Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
HENRY HUTTON 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING 3.	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DICK ILIFFE .. ..Treble.	*JAMES BOLTON 4.
JOHN WATERFIELD, JUN... 2.	W. NEAL ADKINSON 5.
JOHN T. TAYLOR 3.	*JOHN BUGBY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. NEAL ADKINSON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Reverse College Single, three 720s of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOYES .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR MACKERRAS 4.
FREDERICK TUNNADINE 2.	CHARLES NICHOLSON 5.
JOHN H. HAYNES 3.	SIDNEY WHALEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WHALEY.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

ISHAM (Northants).—Recently a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 72 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 96 of Woodbine, 120 Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Oxford, and 360 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob. J. Farby, W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, F. Andrews conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the treble. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for morning service, 720 College Single. W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Andrew, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, E. M. Atkins conductor. First 720 in the method by all the band, and on the bells. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. F. Andrew, F. Talbutt, A. Foust, G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins (composer and conductor).

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at the church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major in 55 mins. G. Jones, R. Sperring, W. Sconce, Rev. C. Carew Cox, H. Dew, J. Sconce, H. W. Wilde conductor, E. Channell. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method, which had been specially arranged for the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

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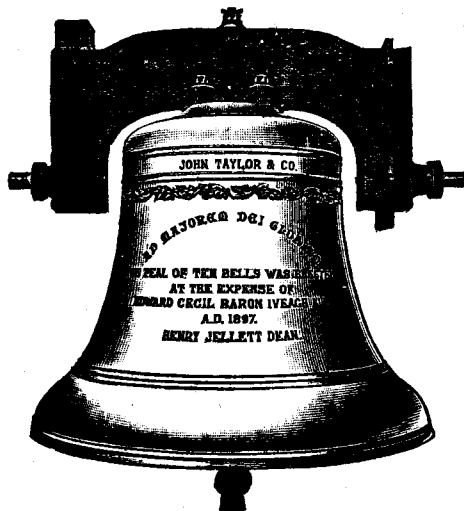
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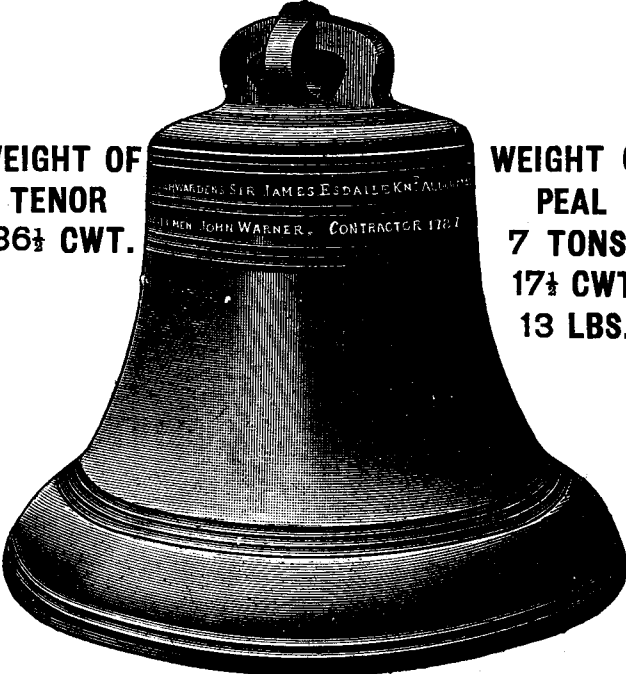
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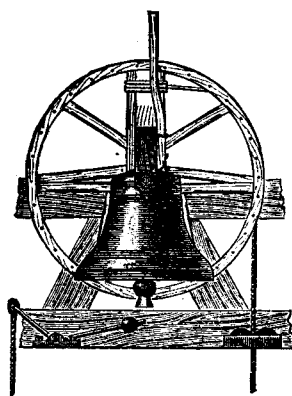
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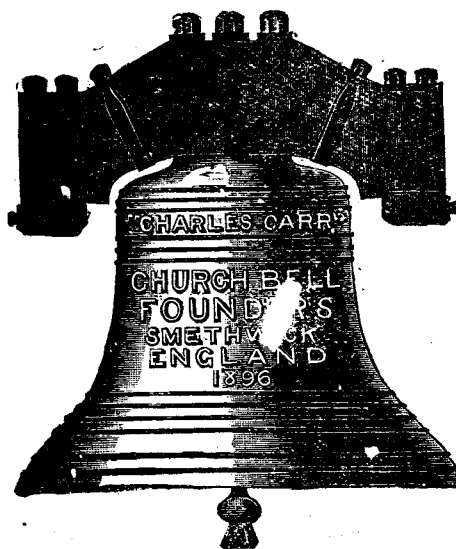
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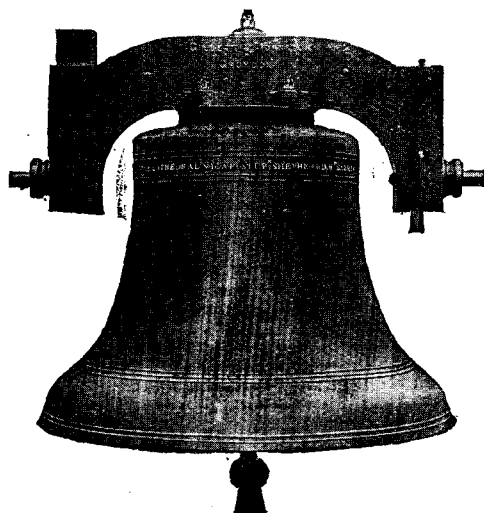
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THE PEAL BOOK OF THE UNION SOCIETY, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

Some months ago there came into my possession an old ms. book measuring 14½ inches by 9½ inches and 2 inches thick. It is bound in whole calf, elaborately tooled and gilded both on back and sides. On the back is stamped "Peal chronicle from 1770." On outside of front cover on a black label 4½ inches by 3½ inches is inscribed in gilt letters "Union Society, Newport, Isle of Wight, commenced November 6th, 1770." On a similar label on the outside of the back cover is the inscription "The gift of Willm. Rayner, January 7th, 1802." It has two large brass clasps with parchment hinges on each of which is engraved "U.S. 1770." The leaves are gilt-edged, and the penmanship throughout is very good, towards the end quite elaborate. The title is somewhat misleading, as the entries are not confined to peals rung by the above Society, as the following account of the contents will show. Probably they were collected and entered by the William Rayner above mentioned.

December 27th, 1718, was rung by the Society of Union Scholars at St. Dunstan's in the East, near Billingsgate, London, a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bobbs, consisting of 5120 changes, being the first ever rung in this method.

A TRUE AND SINGULAR ANECDOTE.

On the 28th May, 1723, as the ringers of St. Peter's church in Shaftesbury were ringing changes (the bells at that time being hung in a double frame) the treble swung out of the frame at the distance of ten feet into the mouth of the tenor and lodged therein to the no small consternation of the whole set of ringers who left the belfry in the utmost confusion and terror. It is remarkable that neither of the bells were broken, and that the same bells are now in the present set.

July 7th, 1751, at St. Margaret's Westminster, was rung 5040 Grandsire Tripples, being the first true peal of Tripples ever rung in England which was composed by Mr. Holt.

December 26th, 1760, by the College Youths, at St. John's, Hackney, 5600 College Exercise, being the first peal ever rung in that method.

Monday, 12th August, 1765, being the Prince of Wales' birthday, who then entered into the 4th year of his age. In the morning the grand peal of bells at the Cathedral of St. Peter's at York, was opened by the City ringers from Norwich with 1660 Bob Royal. The weights of those bells as follows: Treble 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.; 2nd 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.; 3rd 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.; 4th 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.; 5th 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.; 6th 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.; 7th 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.; 8th 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.; 9th 33 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.; Tenor 53 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.; total weight 205 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

Friday, 4th June, 1762, being His Majesty's birthday, who then entered the 25th year of his age. In the morning the famous new bells at Bow Church, London, the finest in all England, were rung for the first time. The weights of those bells as follows: Treble 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 7

lbs.; 2nd 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs.; 3rd 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.; 4th 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.; 5th 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lbs.; 6th 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 11 lbs.; 7th 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.; 8th 24 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.; 9th 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.; Tenor 53 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.

On Sunday, 29th Jan., 1769, at St. Mary's, White-chapel, 5040 Double Bobb Major, with bobs behind and before alternately, called by Mr. G. Gross, and the first rung in that method.

1st October, 1770, the new peal of eight bells at St. Mary's church, Carisbrook, were opened by the College Youths, London, with 5040 Bobb Major, in 3 hours and ten minutes (names of performers given), called by Mr. Watkins.

December 10th, 1770, was rung at St. Magnus the Martyr, London, 5165 Real Double Caters, with the bobs before and behind alternately, composed and called by Mr. George Grose.

24th May, 1779, was rung at Brighthelmston in Sussex, by the Cumberland Youths, 11,088 Bob Majors, in 6 hours and 50 minutes, called by G. Grose.

September 6th, 1779, was rung at Hornchurch in Essex 720 Plain Bob, in 28 minutes. This has been frequently attempted by the College Youths but without effect.

October 31st, 1780. On Sunday last, was rung at St. Olive's Tooley Street, by the College Youths, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Eight in, in 3 hours and 16 minutes.

7th April, 1781, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5040 Tittum Bob Royal ten in, with 40 bobs only, the 6th at home twelve times together and never wrong, in 3 hours and 54 minutes.

Friday, 4th Jan., 1782, was rung at St. Olave's, Tooley Street, by the College Youths, 5632 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 29 minutes; and is supposed to be the greatest number of changes ever completed true in this method on eight bells.

7th October, 1782, was rung at St. Martin's church, Birmingham, by the St. Martin's Youths, 5040 Treble Bob ten in, in 3 hours and 46 minutes.

January 18th, 1783, was rung at St. Michael's Cornhill, by the College Youths, 5170 Grandsire Cinques, in 4 hours and 15 minutes, by 13 men only, being the first peal rung at this church for 40 years.

February 23rd, 1783, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, by the College Youths, 5152 Cambridge Eight in, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistartean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men.

April 4th, 1783, was rung at Northampton by a Society of ringers from Leicester, Holt's Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 22 minutes.

April 11th, 1783, the new peal of eight bells at St. Giles' Huntingdon, was opened by change-ringers from Leicester with 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hrs. and 22 minutes.

September 2nd, 1783, was rung at Reigate, Surrey, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. The treble ringer was 79 years of age.

March 10th, 1784, was rung at St. Saviour's, South-

work, 7008 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 6 hours and 5 minutes, by 12 men only, notwithstanding the tenor is upwards of 52 cwt.

March 24th, 1784, was rung at St. Bride's, London, by the College Youths, 5160 Real Double Twelve in, with two Bobs in one lead, being the first true peal rung in the above method on any number of bells which was composed and called by Mr. John Povey.

March 25th, 1784, the new peal of eight bells of Chad-desley Corbett, in Worcestershire, was opened by the Stourbridge Youths with 5040 Holt's Tripples.

March 26th, 1784, was rung at St. Saviour's, South-wark, by the College Youths, 6048 Real Double Twelve in, being the most ever yet rung in that method.

March 27th, 1784, was rung at Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 9 hours and 5 minutes, which was reckoned a very extraordinary performance.

July 5th, 1784, was rung at SS. Peter and Paul, Ton-bridge, Kent, by the Bromley ringers, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

August 14th, 1784, was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the College Youths, 5088 Stedman Cinques in 4 hours and 5 minutes.

February 1st, 1785, was rung at Spilsby, Essex, by six men of that place, eight six-bell peals, consisting of 5760 changes, in 3 hours and 12 minutes (names of performers given).

October 9th, 1785, was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, by a set of young men, 5040 Holt's Tripples in 3 hours and 20 minutes. The bobs were called on the 2nd by John Black, a youth only 16 years of age.

October 9th, was rung at Lewisham Parish Church by the Bromley ringers, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 16 minutes.

November 22nd, 1786, was rung at Hemsley, in York-shire, by ringers of that place, 5040 Holt's Tripples in 2 hours and 53 minutes.

December 24th, 1786, at Farnham, in Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 5040 Bobb Majors in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

December 26th, 1786, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 6410 Union Caters in 3 hours.

November 5th, 1787, was rung at St. Peter's, Sheffield, by the St. Peter's Youths, 6048 Cambridge Surprise in 4 hours and 18 minutes. This was the first peal rung in the county in the method.

March 30th, 1788, was rung at St. Peter's, Aston, near Birmingham, by four St. Phillip's and four St. Peter's Youths, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 18 mins.

April 5th, 1788, was rung at St. Peter's, Aston, by the Youths of that place, 5040 Bob Majors in 3 hours and 17 mins.

May 21st, 1788, was rung at Wakefield, in Yorkshire, by the ringers of that town, a new composed peal called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5040 changes in eight courses; the same ringers without setting a bell began another peal called Wakefield Surprise, consisting of 5040 changes in 12 courses; the whole was performed, including the raising and setting the bells in 7 hours and 1 minute. What adds to the singularity of the performance, there were 2 fathers, 5 sons, 5 brothers, 4 cousins, 1 uncle, 1 nephew, yet no more than eight persons and with only two names.

(To be continued.)

BELL FOUNDERS AS CHANGE-RINGERS.

It has been remarked how very few bellfounders have happened to have been change-ringers; but it is a curious fact that in the second peal known to have been rung in the county of Wilts. two bellfounders took part, viz., James Wells and Edne Witts. The latter must be considered a founder in a small way. He however cast the ting-tang at Culham, Oxfordshire, inscribed "I was cast by Edne Witts, of Albourne, anno domini 1774." I have several small globular bells marked "E. W." similar to those in pattern cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne. He may have been a moulder for Wells. The peal referred to was rung at Aldbourne on May 3rd, 1791. The copy of this belfry record appeared in *Church Bells* of July 28th, 1877, page 411, but the name was incorrectly given as "Edw." Witts.

W. W. GIFFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of this Association was held at Woolwich, on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m. Shortened evensong was held at 5.30, and a very appropriate address given by the Rector, the Rev. A. N. Pickering. After the service a splendid tea was served on the rectory lawn, most kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Pickering, to which forty sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, two new members were elected, and Erith was selected as the place of the annual meeting on the last Saturday in October.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Pickering for their very kind hospitality, to which the Rector suitably responded. This closed the meeting, and the tower was again visited.

BURNHAM SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the ringers of St. Andrew's church, had their annual outing, the places visited being Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Swanage. Arriving at Bournemouth soon after 9 o'clock, breakfast was partaken of at The Derby hotel, and after doing justice to the good things provided, all felt equal to the day's programme. The company then took tram to Christchurch. Here they were met by Mr. Preston, who took them to the grand old Priory church, and a few touches were rung on the fine ring of bells. On the return journey a halt was made at the Aviation Ground, and all had the pleasure of seeing a flight. After a good dinner at The Derby hotel, the company took a trip by steamer to Swanage. At the church they were met by Mr. Bastable, who took them to the belfry. After ringing a few touches on the fine peal of bells, a move was made to the Oriental Cafe, where a capital tea awaited them. A short time was spent at Swanage, and then the return trip to Bournemouth by steamer. The remaining time was spent in Bournemouth, and at 10 p.m. a start was made for home, and Burnham was reached soon after 1 a.m., all being pleased with the day's outing. The ringers wish to thank the clergy, ringers, and others concerned, for granting permission for the use of the bells.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 26th, thirty members being present. The Association service was said in All Saints church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. T. Silvester, curate of the parish, who also delivered an interesting address. Mr. Westwood, a blind youth, ably presided at the organ, making the service a bright and happy one. At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was awaiting all present. The Rev. T. Silvester presided at the business meeting which followed.

After the minutes of the last quarterly meeting had been read and confirmed, apologies were read from the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the Guild, and Mr. Harry Mason (hon. member). Several new members were enrolled, and Oldbury was selected as the place for holding the next quarterly meeting.

After other routine business had been transacted, a proposition by the Master (Mr. S. Spittle), seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, was carried, that a committee be appointed to revise the rules of the Guild.

Mr. J. Smith (Tipton), read a statement containing the action taken by a committee of the Worcestershire Association, with a view to dividing that Association into districts, and the discussion on that subject was deferred.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. T. Silvester for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist, the donors of the tea, and the ladies who had taken such pains in preparing and serving the tea; the rev. gentleman responding on their behalf.

Mr. J. Smith, in a happy speech, referred to the fact that the Master of the Guild was about taking a trip to America for his summer holiday. He thought he was voicing the feeling of that meeting when he proposed that their best wishes be given for a pleasant voyage out, a happy time there, and a safe return home, renewed with strength and vigour to continue the conduct of this Guild.

Mr. Small seconded, adding to his other remarks the wish that he was going with him.

The chairman supported, adding the hope that Mr. Spittle would prove a better sailor than he was, or his journey would not be a very pleasant one.

The proposition was carried, and Mr. Spittle very humourously responded, which brought the meeting to a close.

On Sunday evening, August 28th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung before Divine Service as a send-off to the Master, by Messrs. West, Goodman (4), Mills, Sheppard, Watton, Spittle, and Faulkes.

CHARLES CLARKE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Friday, August 19th, under tragic circumstances. The deceased left home that morning in his usual health to go to his work, but in the course of the day was found to be missing, and sad to relate, he was found drowned the next morning in a lake in Black Park, near Langley. The deceased was forty-seven years of age. He had been connected with the Farnham Royal choir for about thirty

years. He rang his first peal on October 20th, 1883, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Altogether he had rung 22 peals: 12 of Oxford Bob Triples, 5 of Grandsire Triples, 2 of Bob Major, 2 of Kent Treble Bob, and one six-bell peal. Deceased was very fond of six-bell ringing, and always took a keen interest in attending the monthly meetings.

The funeral took place at Farnham Royal on the following Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of many relatives and sympathising friends. The coffin, which was borne on the hand-bier, was almost hidden from view by lovely flowers. At the lych-gate the mournful procession was met by the Rector (Rev. F. M. Hargreaves), and the choir, and as the opening sentences of the Burial Service were read, the choir led the way to the church door. Here a halt was made, while the wreaths were taken off the coffin, and four members of the choir stepped forward and reverently carried their late comrade into the church. The 39th Psalm was chanted to a setting from the Cathedral Psalter, and hymn 428—"The Saints of God, their conflict past," was sung after the Lesson. At the conclusion of the hymn the congregation remained standing while the organist (Mr. A. G. Millard (A.R.C.O.)) played the Dead March in "Saul." The procession then re-formed, and proceeded to the churchyard, the organist playing Chopin's "Funeral March," as the four choirmen bore the coffin down the aisle and along the pathway deceased had so often trod. The choirmen also performed the last sad rite of lowering the coffin into the grave.

Prominent among the magnificent floral tributes was an imitation bell, composed mainly of asters and dahlias. This bore the inscription "With deep regret and much sympathy from his fellow-choristers and ringers."

In the evening a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled by his brother-ringers.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, August 14th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. J. Poole, G. Yeandle, E. E. Burgess, F. Millard, R. J. Cousins, W. Evans, J. Maddock conductor, E. Purdie.

WORDSLEY (Staffs.).—On Thursday, July 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. J. Bretherton, J. H. Parsons, C. F. White, A. Dakin, J. E. Sykes conductor.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, May 9th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Gregg, G. Hinton, W. Powell, G. Checkets, A. Hill conductor, J. Morris, W. H. Johnson, W. Stone. On Friday, May 21st, at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, W. Powell, J. Morris, W. C. Jones, A. Hill, H. Wilkes conductor, J. R. Newman, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late King Edward.

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720 ORIGINAL MINOR.

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64532	I	5	6		
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32456	-	-			
25364	-	-			
56243	-	-			
64325	-	-	-		
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65243	-	-			
54632	-	-			
43526	-	-			
32465	-	-			
26543	-	-	-		
64352	-	-	-		
45623	-	-			
52436	-	-			

Repeat this part once gives—

53246					
34562	I	5			
46253	I	5	6		
65432	I	5			
53624	I	5			
53462	I	2	3		
36245	I	5	6		
64523	I	5	6		
42635	I	5			
23456	I	5			

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24365				-
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36524	-	-		-
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45236	-	-	-	-
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43526	-			-
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Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on September 5th and 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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 the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m. If members will notify their intention of attending, tea will be provided at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30, where also will be held a social gathering at 8 o'clock.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at the church of The Immanuel, Streatham Common, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peplow. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and there will be a short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at 6.15 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary will be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting. Proposals affecting Rule 12 of the Ordinary Rules, and Rule 3 of the Rules for District Societies, will be considered at this meeting.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at Fulham parish church. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, September 3rd. A short service will be held in St. George's church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. The towers of St. George's, Gravesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend, will be open from 3.30 p.m. till 4.45, and after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be

held at Horsell on Saturday, September 3rd, and Yateley on Wednesday, September 7th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE B. EDEEP, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 4. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30, 6d. per head. Meeting to follow.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *M.A. Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.—Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to those who send me word not later than Wednesday, September 7th.

WATKIN-le-dale. E. R. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Northbrook Hall at 5.30.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonersh and Bramley on Saturday, September 10th. 2.0.—Bells (6) available at both churches. 5.0.—Service at Wonersh church. 5.45.—Tea at The Grantley Arms. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brathay on Saturday, September 10th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Brathay (6 bells), and Ambleside (8 bells), available during the day.

W. ROBINSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above

will be held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by the usual business meeting, election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present at the tea, kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, September 14th. The usual allowance of one penny per mile single fare, maximum 2s., will be paid at this meeting.

C. TRIER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
British Sch. of Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby—by kind permission of Canon Austen—on Saturday, September 17th. Circulars in due course. Will members please note my change of address as below.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, and also any proposed new, or alterations to the rules, to be in the hands of the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 5th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKE, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O' Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

St. Mary's Church, Chigwell, Essex.—Practice night will be every Tuesday instead of Thursday, from 8 to 9. All friends are welcome.

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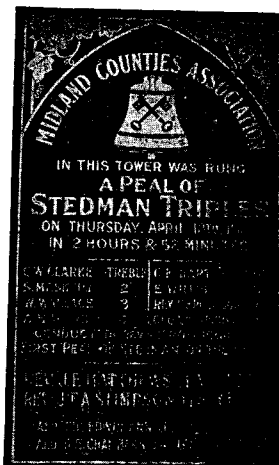
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
RICHARD F. DEAL* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	HARRY HOSKINS 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM SPICER† 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN Tenor.

Composed by Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*Fiftieth peal. †First peal of Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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First peal in the method on the bells.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

W. H. HARRISON* Treble.	A. C. CAUDLE 5.
F. A. PRATT* 2.	*A. F. HUNT 6.
T. HUNT* 3.	W. TOWNSEND 7.
W. B. HABLEY* 4.	*G. WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

First peal on the bells by a local company.

[The above peal came to hand on Thursday, August 25th.]

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE**THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Monday, July 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

W. T. PATES Treble.	W. YEEND 5.
G. PEARCE 2.	W. TOWNSEND 6.
A. C. CAUDLE 3.	J. BALLINGER 7.
W. BRINKWORTH 4.	G. WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, July 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
JOHN TURNER 2.	GEORGE CONDICK 6.
HENRY PRING 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 4.	SYDNEY ABRAHAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

(CORRECTED ISSUE.)

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, August 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 7.
FREDERICK J. HARDY* .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 8.
ALBERT COLES 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 9.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 5.	SAMUEL SOUTHEY .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal on ten bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HENRY STALHAM Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
CYRIL HERBERT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by G. CONYARD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
RICHARD CLARK 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK 8.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD 9.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 5.	SYDNEY ABRAHAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.**BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JOHN BATES Treble.	CHARLES STAPLETON .. 4.
PERCY J. COOKE 2.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	CHARLES ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE,

Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. W. J. Finedon, a member of the
band: and also as a birthday compliment to C. Robinson.**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Tuesday, August 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN RAY Treble.	HARRY JEAVONS 5.
JOHN BROWN* 2.	†THOMAS WATTON 6.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. 3.	WILLIAM MILLS 7.
FRED EVANS 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WATTON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Brown and
Griffiths were elected members of the Association and Guild previous
to starting.**STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. JORDAN.

*First peal in the method. †100th peal; reference elsewhere.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
ALBERT D. STONE .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Reference elsewhere.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	ALBERT D. STONE 6.
ERNEST GOWER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4.	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	JESSE SCREEN 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	JOHN BRADNEY 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
DANIEL JONES 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal on the bells, which is a new ring by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	RICHARD JONES 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JOHN W. DAVIES 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER* .. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by J. MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal of Major.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble.	*WILLIAM SABAN 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
GEORGE A. CARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman in the above Association conducted by a lady.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES S. SHIPP* Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
CECIL C. BISHOP 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

*First peal.

WEST MEON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	GEDRGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 2.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung through meeting short for Double Norwich

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PIPES Treble.	JOHN M. BROOK 5.
JOHN HALL 2.	WILLIAM ALLSOP 6.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
SAMUEL PORTER 4.	ARTHUR BENTLEY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER SMITH Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
CYBIL HERBERT 2.	PEARL INSKIP 5.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double Oxford, College Single Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	JOHN BASS 4.
ALFRED DAVIES 2.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in ten methods by all except the tenor man, and first peal in ten methods on the bells.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	ALFRED J. TUENER .. 6.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3.	KEITH HART 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT E. SPARKES Treble.	†CHARLES POWELL 4.
FREDERICK R. SPARKES* .. 2.	THOMAS J. DIXON 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3.	*W. HENRY BICKNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

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

SAWSTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY Treble.	†B. D. BUTTRESS 5.
PERCY WHEE 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 6.
T. R. DENNIS* 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR 7.
PERCY TAYLOR* 4.	†W. F. SYKES Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

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

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect
to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARREY'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER Treble.	JOHN WARDMAN 5.
T. HARRY GREATORX 2.	GEORGE BOWMER 6.
WILLIAM FOX 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORX .. 7.
FREDERICK JOHNSON 4.	BRIAN HILDITCH Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORX.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT KELLY Treble.	GEORGE HISLOP 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 3.	EDWARD BRIGHT 7.
FREDERICK THOMAS 4.	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

ISLIP.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

JAMES CLARK Treble.	JOHN MALINS 4.
WILLIAM H. BECKLEY 2.	ERNEST J. NASH 5.
GEORGE E. STONE 3.	HENRY BATEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. J. NASH.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor, and first peal as conductor.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 18½ cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD.. Treble.	ROBERT GOFTON 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

PENDLEBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. HINDLEY Treble.	CHAS. SEDDON 5.
GEO. MORRIS 2.	A. WALLWORK 6.
THOS. LINGARD 3.	THOS. HOWARD 7.
DAN HOWARD 4.	JOHN EDGE Tenor.

Conducted by G. MORRIS.

First peal as conductor.

Handbell Peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES E. BOBRETT .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON 3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Umpires—B. Thompson and G. A. Sparkes. G. Sparkes also heard the last half of the peal. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Norwich on the Gabriel ring of eight.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

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

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Umpire—W. Hollingworth.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

FRANK R. CUNDALE .. 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 7-8.

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

Umpires—W. H. Pasmore and G. A. Jowett.

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Date Touches.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

WOOD GREEN.—On August 27th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Webb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, C. Tricker, F. Barker conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, July 17th, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Stedman Triples. P. C. Long, E. Brown, H. Brook, H. Wilson, R. Bayles, T. W. Gore, G. Halksworth, A. W. Long. A quarter-peal in the same method. A. W. Long, R. Bayles, H. Brook, H. Wilson, J. W. Seamer, T. W. Gore, G. Halksworth, A. B. Shepherd. And 84 in the same method, with E. Brown 2, R. S. Long 3, the rest as before, all conducted by G. Halksworth. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service at the parish church, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Coote, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Hammond, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, F. Eley, G. A. Black, H. J. Collins.

STISTED.—On Sunday afternoon, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coote, A. Shufflebotham conductor, W. Hammond, H. J. Collins, F. Eley, G. A. Black. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Saunders, G. A. Black conductor, A. Shufflebotham, E. Radley, C. H. Howard, H. J. Collins.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, June 26th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 360 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Prior, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor, 8. On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, 576 New Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor, R. Burgess. On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. A. Jordan, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at All Saints church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Cook, E. Newell, W. Newnham, A. Wright, J. Ladley, H. C. Ingle, E. H. King conductor, R. Rayment. On Sunday, July 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Davies, H. Cook, A. Wright, E. H. King conductor, E. Newell, H. C. Ingle, J. Ladley, R. Rayment. On Sunday, July 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. O. L. Twist, H. Cook, A. Wright, W. Newnham, E. Newell, H. C. Ingle, E. H. King, R. Rayment.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. D. Mills, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, Rev. A. L. Byrne, A. Mitchell, J. Rice conductor, P. Tyler, E. Pearce. The above was arranged for the Rev. A. L. Byrne, who was spending the week end at Crawley, while on a driving tour.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Single. L. B. Porter, G. M. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon conductor, H. Kilby, A. Hill. In the evening 720 in the same method. T. Rickwood, G. M. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, A. Hill, H. Kilby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BERROW.—On Friday, August 19th, at the parish church, 720

Bob Minor. J. Coram, F. E. Tyler, E. B. Crowder, F. Iley, G. H. Gale, G. Chamberlain conductor. First 720 on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY.—On August 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob. G. Webb, W. Tubb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Barker conductor.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. A. Garrard, J. Hayward, W. J. Daubney, A. V. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard, E. G. Stibbons. On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Caters. T. Edwards, W. E. Garrard conductor, W. A. Garrard, W. G. Matthews, W. J. Daubney, A. E. Bradley, E. G. Stibbons, S. A. Wright, J. R. Mackman, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard, W. A. Garrard, W. J. Daubney, J. Hayward, A. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, R. Mackman conductor, C. H. Phipps.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, July 10th, for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. C. Edwards, G. Tompkins, H. J. Green, C. Smith, T. G. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. Before evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Tompkins, W. G. Cowley, H. C. Edwards, G. W. Tompkins, H. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. After evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Clark, T. G. Tompkins, G. W. Tompkins, W. Bonham, H. C. Edwards, C. A. Valentine conductor. Specially arranged for G. W. Tompkins, on attaining his 23rd birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Sherman, H. Pederick, J. Beams, H. G. Beams, E. T. Grove, H. Greenhill, C. E. Read, conductor, T. Everett.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. A. S. Ough, B. Harvep, W. H. Hollier, W. J. Troughton, E. V. Harvey, A. Jones, L. Attwater, C. Charge conductor, J. Herbert, R. H. Burgess.

STOKE GOLDING (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. White, A. Needham, T. Dicken, H. Cure, T. W. Chapman, A. R. Aldham conductor. First 720 on the bells. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. D. Argyle, T. W. Chapman conductor, H. Argyle, H. Cure, J. Clarke, J. H. White. First Treble Bob on the bells, which have been recently rehung and two new trebles added by Taylor, of Loughborough.

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BRILES, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 16th, short touches were rung on the heavy ring of six bells at the parish church by ringers from Rugby and Warwick, who were met by Mr. W. Large, of Todenham. The tenor is reputed to weigh 37 cwt. or more, but this is incorrect by her measurements, which are as follows: Diameter 58 inches, thickness of soundbow 3½ inches, which makes her weight 31 cwt. per calculation. The bell is very thin. The tone of the ring is magnificent. The bells go badly, and the tenor is never rung single handed. However it will be noticed that the giant strength from Rugby and Warwick made her go single-handed in the touches rung. Mr. George rung her with a determination, but she nearly did for him in spite of his divesting himself of nearly all his clothes to ring her. J. G. will have to feed himself up on "Oxo" before he rings his 720 Bob Minor

on the Briles tenor. The visitors stood as follows in the touches. 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. L. Coleman, W. G. Dickins, A. J. Hessian, T. Male, W. Large, J. George. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Male, W. G. Dickins, W. Large, A. J. Hessian, J. George. W. Male. 180 Bob Minor. W. Male, W. G. Dickins, T. Male, A. J. Hessian, W. Large, J. George. A. L. C.

THE PEAL AT ROTHERFIELD.

The peal rung at Rotherfield on Wednesday, August 17th, was the culmination of a very enjoyable excursion to one of the prettiest spots in Sussex. The ringers and a few friends, including Mr. J. R. Lusted, churchwarden of Southover, Lewes, went as the guests of Mr. J. T. Rickman, M.A., one of the Southover band, and were entertained to a sumptuous meat tea at The King's Arms hotel. The peal of

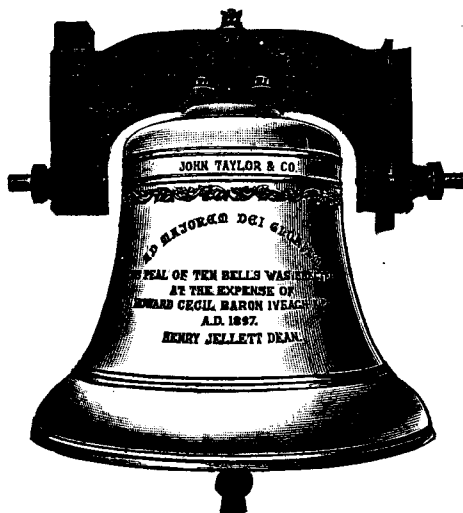
Double Norwich was attempted in the evening, and was accomplished, as recorded in another column, in 3 hrs. 25 mins., excellent striking characterising the whole of the ringing. The peal was one of five rung in a fortnight by nearly the same band and, with one exception, under the able conductorship of Mr. K. Hart. The exception was a peal conducted by a gentleman, who, rather more than a decade ago, was a leading light in the ringing world—Mr. F. E. Dawe. The following peals were rung in the fortnight: August 8th, Double Norwich, St. Peter's, Brighton; August 13, Stedman Triples, St. Peter's, Brighton; August 17, Double Norwich, Rotherfield; August 18, Stedman, Hurstpierpoint; August 20, Stedman, Ringmer. The fortnight's ringing also had the pleasurable result of bringing together several old friends, who met again after a number of years, and in addition practices were attended in other towers and a helping hand given to younger ringers.

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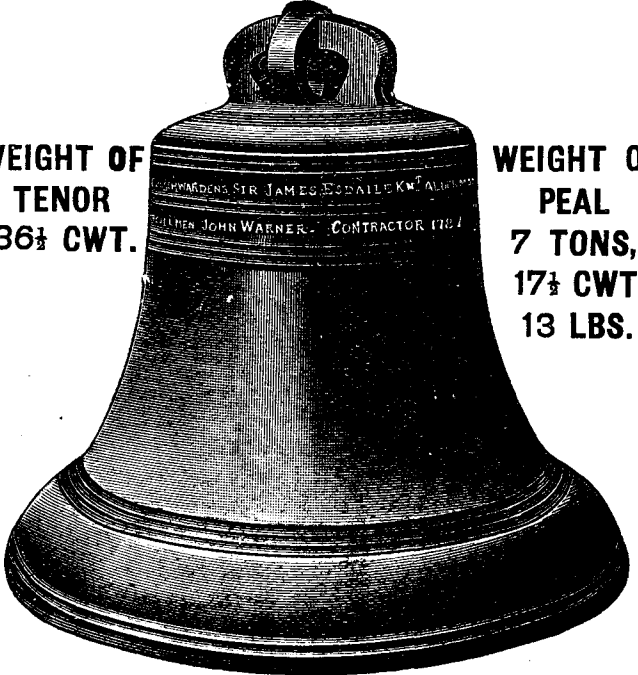
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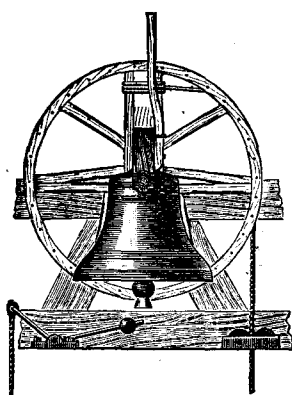
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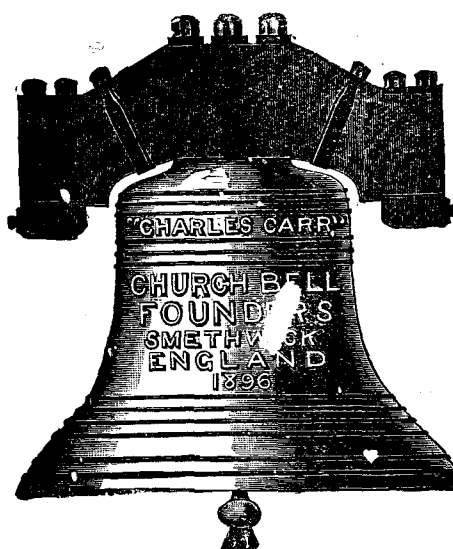
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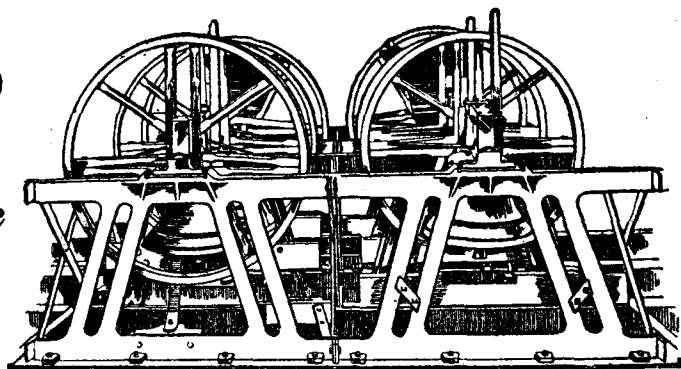
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THE PEAL BOOK OF THE UNION SOCIETY, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

June 30th, 1788, at St. Matthew's, Walsall, by the Union Society of that place, 6000 Bob Majors, in 4 hours and 1 minute. The sixth dodging at home 11 times wrong and 11 right.

August 23rd, 1788, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5184 Stedman's Caters, in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

October 6th, 1788, at St. Peter's, Colchester, by the Chelmsford Youths, 5120 Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 25 minutes.

October 8th, 1788, the new peal of six bells at Soham, in Cambridgeshire, was opened by a Society of gentlemen of Ely and Soham, with a Peal of Oxford Treble, Court, and Plain Bob, consisting of 720 changes each.

February 23rd, 1789, was attempted at Aston, near Birmingham, by eight youths of that place (some of which were under 20 years of age) a peal of Bobb Majors consisting of 15,120 changes, but after ringing a considerable time they found themselves so much fatigued that they begged the caller to bring the bells home; which he did omitting a Bob; therefore the Peal terminated at the 14,224 change end in 8 hours and 45 minutes. N.B.—This is the longest peal ever rung by one set of men in the kingdom.

February 25th, 1789, at Alton, Hants., by the Cumberlands of that place, 5040 Bob Majors, in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

March 19th, 1789, at Bromley, Kent, by the Bromley Youths, 5520 Real Double Eight in, with bobs behind and before with 2 bobs in a lead in 3 hours and 44 minutes. This is the full extent of changes that can be obtained in this method, and the first peal of it with 2 bobs in a lead rung in England.

March 19th, 1789, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by ten of the Sherwood Society in that town, 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hours and 48 minutes.

March 21st, 1790, at Shifnal in Shropshire, by the Albion Society of that place, 6272 Oxford Treble Bob, in 4 hours, being the first peal in that method on the bells and in the county.

February 23rd, 1791, at Long Melford, in Suffolk, by a Society of that place, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

March 8th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 5 minutes (names of performers given) conducted by Wm. Rayner, the donor of this book.

March 14th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by a Society of that place, 5040 Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

May 9th, 1791, at Auburn, Wilts, by a Society of that place, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in a very masterly manner.

July 18th, 1791, the new peal of eight bells at Rumsey, Hants., was opened by the College Youths with 5088

Treble Bobb in 3 hours and three minutes (names of performers given) called by Thos. Blakemore.

July 20th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the College Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 5 minutes (same performers as last peal.)

December 25th, 1792, at Canterbury, by the Leeds Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 17 mins.

December 26th, 1792, at Lenham, Kent, by the Leeds Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 14 mins.

January 1st, 1793, at Canterbury, by the Leeds Youths, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 12 minutes. The performers were—Samuel Gravling Treble, aged 82 years; Thomas Barham 2, aged 74 years; William Barham 3, aged 70 years; William Davis 4, aged 65 years; James Hunt 5, aged 70 years; Thomas Lacey 6, aged 65 years; James Barham 7, aged 67 years; Jonathan Freeland Tenor, aged 84 years. Total 577 years. It is remarkable that this peal completes the hundredth (rung in several places) with 5040 changes each by James Barham one of the above-named youths.

June 13th, 1797, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 23 minutes.

February 17th, 1801, at St. John's, Hackney, by the Cumberlands, 5040 of Tripples in 3 hours and 28 minutes, without a dodge or single, and the first peal ever rung in that method. The Society in honour of the union of the Kingdoms named the peal Cumberland's Imperial Tripples.

April 7th, 1801, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5220 Court Bob Royals, in 3 hours and 45 minutes.

March 1st, 1802, at St. James, Epsom, Surrey, by the United Society of Ringers, 6720 Oxford Treble Bob in 4 hours and 1 minute.

May 2nd, 1802, at St. Alphage, Greenwich, by a society of that place, 5040 London Court Bob in 3 hours and 12 minutes. N.B.—This is the first peal ever rung in this method.

August 9th, 1802, a Ringing Match took place at Lewisham in Kent between a set of Ringers from Maidstone and that of Greenwich, for fifty guineas a side, which was won by the latter with ringing 5280 London Court Bob, in 3 hours and 35 minutes.

September 27th, 1802, at St. Martin's in the Fields, by the Junior Cumberlands, 5015 Tittum Cinques in 3 hours and 50 mins. Tenor 34 cwt.

December 12th, 1802, at Kingston upon Thames, by 10 of the College Youths, inhabitants of that town, 6011 Grandsire Caters in 4 hours. Tenor 27 cwt.

March 22nd, 1801, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Holt's Tripples in 3 hours and 6 minutes (names of performers given.)

April 21st, 1801, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 8 minutes (names of performers given.)

January 20th, 1803, at Kingston upon Thames, by the Kingston Company, 10,386 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 56 mins.

August 5th, at All Saints, Hertford, by a select party

from London, 5003 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

August 11th, 1803, the new peal of ten bells at St. Paul's, Shadwell, was opened by the Cumberland Youths with 6603 Stedmans Caters in 4 hours and 10 minutes; the first peal on the bells ever rung in that method, and was composed by Mr. J. Purser.

January 10th, 1804, at Kingston-upon-Thames, by the Kingston company, 5040 Bob Major Royals in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

November 12th, 1804, at Aylesbury, Bucks., six men of the society of that town, assisted by two from Watford, Herts., 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 16 minutes.

August 11th, 1805, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

August 25th, 1805, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 6736 Bob Major in 4 hours and 22 minutes.

October 7th, 1805, at Alton, Hants., by the Farnham ringers, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 1 minute, being the first peal of that kind rung at that place.

October 12th, 1805, at Farnham by the Farnham ringers, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 6 mins.

November 5th, 1805, a long depending bell-ringing match was decided at Christ Church, Spitalfields, between the ringers from Norwich and twelve of all London for 100 guineas aside, which was won by the former. They took the lead by ringing 7008 changes of Treble Bob Royal in five hours and nine minutes, being nearly 26 changes a minute. The London men after getting through 4000, Purser, their tenor-man, became quite exhausted, suddenly fell over, and did not recover till the following day. Tenor 44 cwt.

March 10th, 1806, at Walden, Essex, by the ringers of that place, 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 15 minutes (names of performers given).

May 4th, 1806, at Harrow-on-the-Hill, by a select band of College Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 20 minutes, being the first in the method on the bells.

August 12th, 1806, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 6160 Bob Major (as mentioned in *Clavis Campanologia*, pages 89, 90), in 3 hours and 53 minutes.

December 22nd, 1806, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, 12 of the Junior Cumberlands, 5086 Stedman's Grandsire Cinques in 3 hours and 55 minutes.

February 8th, 1807, at Gravesend, Kent, by the Union Youths of that place, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

March 5th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, by the College Youths, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

March 8th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Junior Cumberlands, 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 19 minutes, conducted by Mr. John Noonan. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

March 9th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Senior Cumberlands, 5057 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 57 minutes, conducted by Mr. G. Gross.

March 13th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Senior Cumberlands, 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 55 minutes, conducted by Mr. G. Gross.

March 22nd, 1807, at All Saints, Fulham, by the College Youths, 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 27 mins.

March 27th, 1807, at St. Michael's, Coventry, by the St. Martin's, Youths, Birmingham, 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 29 minutes.

March 29th, 1807, at Gravesend, by the Union Youths

of that place, 8160 Oxford Treble Bob 8 in, in 5 hours and 7 minutes.

March 30th, 1807, at Keighley, near Leeds, a peal of bells augmented from six to eight was opened by six select ringers from Leeds, and two of Keighley, who rang 5088 New Treble Bob in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Conducted by Mr. T. Tebbs, of Leeds, who rang the tenor 14 cwt. The youths from St. John's, Wakefield, next rang 5280 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 19 minutes, conducted by Mr. W. Woodhead. The society from Halifax concluded the day by ringing 5120 New Treble Bob in 3 hours and 21 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Hudson.

March 31st, 1807, at Keighley, near Leeds, by a company from Sowerby, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Tripples in 2 hours and 50 minutes, conducted by Mr. N. White, who rang the treble.

April 1st, 1807, at St. Magnus, London Bridge, by the Surrey Youths, 5111 Grandsire Caters brought round at hand in 3 hours and 30 minutes. Tenor 22 cwt. (Names of performers given).

CONTESTED HARMONIOUS RINGING.—A contest of ringing at Christ Church, Spitalfields, lately took place between two societies of that Art, the Senior and Junior Cumberland Youths on the twelve church bells for six weeks back; each company making their weekly attempt; the Juniors on Monday, and the Seniors on Saturdays. The Junior Society rang on Monday, February 13th, a complete peal of Stedmans Grandsire Cinques consisting of 5086 changes in 3 hours and 55 minutes, and performed by 12 men only. The Senior Society rang on Saturday, 20th, a complete peal of Stedmans Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 6344 changes in 4 hours and 55 minutes, and performed by 12 men only; which finally closed the harmonious contest, each society being perfectly satisfied; the Juniors by ringing the first peal, and the Seniors by exceeding it in number of changes. The Junior's Society's peal was called by J. Noonan; the Senior Society's peal was called G. Gross. Tenor 44 cwt.

November 28th, 1807, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, by a select company, 5392 Bobb Major in 3 hours and 12 minutes. Composed by Thomas Edwards and called by Charles Barber. (Names of performers given).

(To be continued.)

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOWERBY, HALIFAX, MAY 21ST, 1910.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Before touching upon the very enjoyable gathering at this old ringing centre in the county of broad acres, it will be of general interest to those who are watching the society's scheme of Life-membership if we glance at what has happened since the account we gave of the Annual Meeting in January last.

It was then stated that it rested with the Committee to solve the problem of raising additional funds to meet the growing expenses, and that, presumably, from the Life-members, many of whom had only been called upon to pay a solitary levy of one shilling in the past 25 years. This exemption from payment can hardly go on, now that the number of peals per annum has so enormously increased.

It should be fully understood that the Yorkshire Committee enjoys the confidence both of the Life, and Paying Members to such an extent that the present Executive is composed *entirely* of Life-members. This is as it should

be, as these elder members—especially if they can be trusted to act fairly—have had a longer term in which to gather experience, and should know better how to act at such a time as the present.

After a long discussion relative to the best and easiest way of calling on the Life-members for further contributions—for if we except a minority of one, there would seem to have been no disagreement as to these being singled out—the Committee, with a majority that stands at 18 to 1, determined to make a charge both on *themselves* and all other other Life-members, of threepence per annum for those who wish to be supplied with the Annual Report. This is to be the only charge, and it is optional; those who wish to save it forego their Report, that is all.

Somewhat curiously the single executive vote against this seems to be based on what it is held the members might have done, and had the power to do, twenty-five years ago when Life-membership was under consideration. At that time it is freely granted that at a General Meeting of the members—properly called of course—the money might have been turned into any useful channel that took the fancy of the majority. But as a matter of fact Life-memberships were proposed as the specific application to which the surplus funds were to be devoted.

Now this, as a settled policy, has been held out by the Executive to the younger brethren as a distinct inducement to enrol themselves in the Society. What wonder then that the majority of the Committee—18 to 1—hold very strongly that they are unable to withdraw this settled scheme which has so far worked with wonderful success.

It is difficult to understand exactly what the member in minority thinks, but it seems from his point of view, better to meet the trouble by spending the capital that has been so carefully saved. Against this the majority say,—why kill the goose that has laid golden eggs for some twenty-five years for the Life-members, and is now laying better than ever?

To meet the legal difficulty as to whether the Executive *can* now spend this funded capital, the gentleman in minority has found—at least he thinks so—that some years ago when the rules were revised the word "income" (income from the reserve funds) was first used! The revision of the rules was carried out in 1897—thirteen years ago—was accepted by the Committee, the said revised rules were then printed for the approval of the members, and they were finally accepted by them.

And yet it appears that in all seriousness it is proposed by the minority to put back the clock for 13 years. Why?

The answer is—because they have found a "mare's nest."

"Alas for love, alas for truth!
Alas for memory's shakey lot!
Alas for all the hopes of youth
That set up this entangled knot!
We can't tell what the deuce it was
That spoilt our view and balked our shot."

We apologise to Professor Aytoun for the above version, but it serves the purpose, we hope, for a laughable anticlimax!

At the time Life-memberships were proposed, there sat on the Committee, one Jasper Snowdon, its President; the Cheeryble brothers Hattersley (both Tom and Charlie); grand old Howard of York; staunch Wm. Whitaker, Hon. Secretary; good-tempered Charlie Jackson, and many others. For any one to say that these members did not know what they were proposing, would

be tantamount to applying for admission to the nearest lunatic asylum. Now, what they *did* say was—"And shall (that is the Life Members shall) so far as the *income* from the surplus funds will allow, be provided with the report and notices of the society without payment of any further subscription."

For further details the fifth Report of the Yorkshire Association may be consulted with advantage—and here will be found the words "income" from "the surplus funds"—(not the surplus funds themselves), so all we ask for is leave to pass on to our real subject:—

Sowerby having paid its loyal tributes to our dead King Edward, the muffles had been taken off the bells with a view of extending a more joyous welcome to the members of the Association, who were foregathering to the number of 150 or more. Probably the fact that the Whitsuntide holidays were barely over, may have reduced the number of visitors somewhat, but in any case the warmest of warm welcomes fell to the lot of those who toiled up to this happily situated village. Placed along with their church on the summit of a hill, 667 feet above the level of the sea, the inhabitants are able to descend into two valleys, so no variety is lacking in pretty walks and shady lanes; and as in May, foliage was resplendent with its spring tints, everyone must have brought away with them very pleasant memories of the locality where William Sottanstill spent his fifty-two years as Parish Clerk.

The church is an exceedingly interesting specimen of Greek architecture, and in its interior a very beautifully balanced one. Built in 1761-2 (we are quoting from data very kindly supplied by Mr. Rawson, ex-churchwarden), Watson, the then Vicar of Halifax, says of it—"it is on the inside one of the most elegant chapels of the north of England." This is a very happy criticism of it, because the style chosen lends itself better to an interior than to its outward appearance, as Greek Temples had no towers. It is of course well-known that ringers cannot be expected to admire towerless structures, so a campanile there had to be of some sort, and the effect after all is not in any way displeasing. An interesting monument to Archbishop Tillotson, who was at Canterbury during the reign of William and Mary, will be found in the church, the date of his death being given as 1694. Much interesting data could be collected in this neighbourhood, but as we have the meeting to describe, and wish to touch on Sottanstill's Elements of Campanology, we feel we must leave it.

(To be continued.)

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	109	19	2
Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
	£110	3	2

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

The ringers of St. Andrew's church with a few friends held their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th, when Blaenavon was the scene of the day's festivities. The party left Yatton by the 8.14 a.m. train and travelled via the Severn tunnel to their destination, where they were met by Mr. W. Lewis, Captain of the local company, and Mr. J. A. Smith, a former resident of Congresbury. The party visited St. Peter's church, where there is a nice ring of six bells, and after a few touches had been rung the party were conducted over the Blaenavon Company's Colliery and Steel Works by Mr. Lewis, who explained the different processes of pressing and rolling the steel, whilst two of the party descended the coal pit and brought up a few black diamonds as a memento of their visit. The visitors then proceeded to The Vine Tree inn, where an ample repast had been prepared by Mr. J. Styles, a local ringer. Justice having been done to the admirable menu a move was made to the smoke room, where a pleasant hour was spent. Later the belfry was again visited, and after a few more touches in which some of the local band joined, the bells were lowered. The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and in reply said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members. A start was made for the station, and the homeward journey commenced. A short stop was made at Newport en route, and the outing was regarded as one of the most pleasant experienced for some years.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LYTHAM.

On Thursday, August 18th, the ringers and verger of this church left Lytham at 5 a.m. for Shrewsbury, for their annual day's outing. On arrival St. Mary's church was visited, but a disappointment awaited them, being informed that the bells in their present condition had been condemned as being unsafe for ringing. A visit was paid to the belfry loft and a peep taken at the bells. From hence a move out on to the roof was made, where a splendid view of Shrewsbury was obtained. Leaving the belfry an inspection of the church interior was made, the stained glass windows being greatly admired. From the church a tour of the town was taken, the old buildings being noted with interest. Dinner was the next item, after which the show ground claimed their attention. A round of the several tents containing the floral and fruit exhibits was first made, and from here a visit was paid to the different items provided for the entertainment of the public. 5.30 p.m. saw the ascent of the two balloons. A remark was here made as to whether the party would see the balloons again, and if so where. Singular to relate, on the return journey home the balloons were seen packed up on Crewe railway station ready for dispatch to their ultimate destination. Enquiries were made as to where the balloons had descended, and the reply given was one at Nantwich, and the other at Middlewich. Leaving the show ground a return to the town was made and tea partaken of. Then the party wandered about the town, visiting the market place, etc., and making purchases for their wives and families. The return journey was commenced at 9 p.m., the party arriving back in Lytham at 1.45 a.m., having had a most enjoyable day's outing.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

A pleasant day was spent on Saturday by the ringers of the parish church of North Stoneham. Arriving at Bournemouth in good time, the party were met by the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, the Rector, who is staying at Southbourne, at one o'clock. Luncheon was partaken of at the restaurant on the Undercliff Drive, then some went for a water trip to Swanage, and others strolled on the sands and through the well kept gardens. St. Peter's church was visited, permission having been kindly given by the Vicar for the ringers to try the ring of eight bells there. After taking part in some rounds the Rector left the party, having to return to North Stoneham in preparation for the Sunday services, but another ringer came in the person of the Rev. — Farrow, a visitor to the town, who, hearing the bells going, soon found his way to the belfry and took part in the ringing. After tea a move was made to Christchurch,

the Vicar having granted permission for the party to ring on the famous Priory bells. On the way to the station Mr. C. Goodenough, of St. Peter's, was met, also Mr. Garrard and his son, and they soon made up their minds to go with the party to Christchurch. They were met at the tower by Mr. G. Preston, and other local ringers. The tower was ascended, and the fine view from the top much admired. The ten bells were raised, and several of the North Stoneham ringers took part in a course of Grandsire Caters. 252 Stedman Triples conducted by W. H. George, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by W. T. Tucker, brought the ringing to a close, all admiring the beautiful tone and harmony of the bells. Christchurch was left at 9 o'clock, and Eastleigh was reached about 10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Obituary.

EDWIN SMITH.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above named ringer, which occurred on Thursday, August 18th, at the early age of twenty-nine years. Deceased had a very brief married life, having been wed only eighteen months, and during that time was only able to work six weeks. He was taken to Tunbridge Wells Hospital, where he remained twenty weeks. After leaving hospital he spent six weeks at Folkestone, but nothing seemed to bring him back to himself, and he gradually became weaker and weaker until he succumbed to that most dreaded consumption. Deceased, who was a member of the Chiddingstone band of the Kent County Association, was carried to his last resting place by eight of his brother ringers, a distance of nearly a mile, on Monday, August 22nd, when many relatives and friends paid their last tribute of respect. Among the many wreaths to be seen was a massive one in the shape of a bell measuring 3 ft. by 2 ft. suspended over the head of the grave by a broken rope, and inscribed "With deepest sympathy from by whom he is missed. Twelve peals stand to his credit, eleven of Grandsire, conducted 3, and one of Stedman to which he rung the tenor, although quite capable of ringing an inside bell, and which is the first and only peal in the method on the bells. This peal was conducted by the late Jack Preston, of Edenbridge, who died some three months previous from the same complaint. The bells on the Sundays following the death and funeral were rung half muffled as a token of respect, some good touches being brought round. "Teddy," the name he was best known by, was a very safe ringer, always willing to stand in touch or peal, and was a good striker. His place as an inside Stedman man will take a long time to fill. May he rest in peace.

THOMAS BULL.

Mr. T. Bull, churchwarden of St. Paul's, Bedford, for nearly forty years, passed away on Saturday, September 3rd. He was one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association, and held the position of Treasurer for many years.

Correspondence.

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

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

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—I wish to withdraw my name from the peal of Superlative Major published as my composition in your issue for August 27th, page 350, as Mr. A. Knights has written to me pointing out that it is not original, he having obtained the same peal in 1907, the figures of which appeared in the Norwich Diocesan Association report for that year.

H. W. WILDE.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on September 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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 the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, September 24th. 3 p.m.—Members assemble at the church for ringing. 5 p.m.—Short service with sermon by the Rev. Canon Papillon. 6 p.m.—Tea in the Church Room, followed by the meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them, are requested to give intimation in writing to the Hon. Secretary by the 19th inst. at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made. The space being limited, the applications will receive consideration in the order in which they are received. Resolutions will be proposed to vary Rule 12 of the General Rules, and Rule 3 of the District Rules of the Association.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*
Walton-le-dale.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Northbrook Hall at 5.30.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the

parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Womersley and Bramley on Saturday, September 10th. 2.0.—Bells (6) available at both churches. 5.0.—Service at Womersley church. 5.45.—Tea at The Grantley Arms. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brathay on Saturday, September 10th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Brathay (6 bells), and Ambleside (8 bells), available during the day.

W. ROBINSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30., to be followed by the usual business meeting, election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present at the tea, kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, September 14th. The usual allowance of one penny per mile single fare, maximum 2s., will be paid at this meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby—by kind permission of Canon Austen—on Saturday, September 17th. For full particulars see circular. Will members please note my change of address as below.

C. GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.6d. each. Will members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 13th, as it is a rather inconvenient place to arrange for tea.

ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Tea provided free at 5.50. Those intending being present at tea, kindly let me know by Tuesday, September 13th.

P. H. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*
"Danesbury," Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than the 13th inst.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The North Wales Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Abergele on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. in the church vestry. A meat tea at 9d. each, or

plain tea with cake at 8d. each, will be provided at the Metropole Cafe at 4.30 p.m. to those sending in their names to Mr. Edwards, Mountain View, Pwll Coch Road, not later than September 15th. Bells will be available from 9 a.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Unveiling of two peal-tablets at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30. Committee meeting in the choir vestry at 4.30. Those intending to be present at tea please notify Mr. W. Richardson, 16, Park Street, Uttoxeter, not later than Wednesday, September 20th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O' Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A half-day meeting of the above will be held at Stroud on Saturday, September 24th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business in the schools at 7.30.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 24th. Full particulars next week.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, October 1st. Tea will be provided at the Deanery at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly notify

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colehill on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 6, to be followed by the business meeting. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea for all those sending in their names not later than Tuesday, September 27th, to

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

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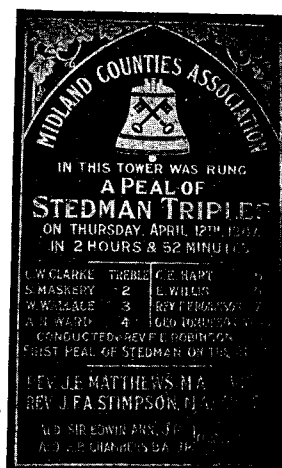
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PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN T. ALLRED Treble.	HERBERT ALLRED 4.
JAMES ALLRED 2.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

First 5040 on the bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEO. MAYERS Treble.	WM. MAYERS 5.
GEO. H. CROSS 2.	FREDK. CURTIS 6.
GEO. A. SPARKS 3.	FREDK. J. CROSS 7.
C. CHARGE 4.	GEO. P. BURTON Tenor.

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On Thursday, August 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR D. BURGESS* .. Treble.	JOHN POWNALL 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	SAMUEL HILL 6.
ARTHUR JACKSON* .. 3.	BANJAMIN THORPE 7.
WILFRED HINCHLIFFE* .. 4.	*SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to a veteran ringer at this tower, William Fawcett

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble.	JOHN MONK 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7.
ALBERT BROOKS* 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
EDMUND TOMLINSON* .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Caters. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member previous to starting.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAC G. SHADE 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ESAU WALMSLEY Treble.	EMMANUEL DUTESON 5.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
WILLIAM BRIGGS 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7.
FREDK. HINDLE 4.	JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

This is the first peal on the bells by eight members from one tower.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD† Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	EDWARD A. HERN 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
JAMES A. ROBINSON† .. 4.	*JAMES FORMAN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. ‡First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. Treble.	JOHN G. HALL 5.
ALFRED R. WEBSTER .. 2.	JOHN W. WILKINSON 6.
GEORGE WELBURN* .. 3.	THOMAS METCALFE 7.
REV. A. J. DE DENNE .. 4.	ALBERT SIMPSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 6.
FRED HAYES* 2.	*RALPH COLES 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	*RICHARD BUCKLAND 8.
FREDK. G. BIGGS 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters in the county of Bucks.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOBBS Treble.	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6.
FRANK HOCKADAY 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
HAROLD BENNETT 3.	*FRANK DUNAWAY 8.
JOSEPH WAGHORN* 4.	WALTER H. MARSH 9.
WILLIAM FORD 5.	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WALTER H. MARSH.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Arranged for J. Waghorn, of South Tottenham, who was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES PAGETT Treble.	JOSEPH DAVIES 5.
REV. ERNEST V. COX .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH 3.	JAMES PRATT 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 4.	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GHOVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED JOHNSON .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. PLAYER .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	FRANK S. BROWN 6.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
EWART G. JOHNSON .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of G. Johnson, the ringers wishing him every happiness.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE—PAAT. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED SHEPPARD Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
WALTER WENMAN 2.	OWEN PORTER 6.
ARTHUR HISTEAD* 3.	GEORGE CLEAVE 7.
WILLIAM WICKES 4.	JESSE HISCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Hebir Mardon, of Clifton, Bristol, whose golden wedding took place that day; the beloved parents of R. H. Mardon, esq., of "Haileywood," Shiplake.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMLS FLEUTY 2.	FRANK CLAYDON 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
GEORGE A. BLACK 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 5.
WILLIAM J. DAUBNEY 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. MERRINGTON Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	WM. SAUNDERS 6.
JAMES YORK 3.	WM. JONES 7.
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4.	HAROLD ASTON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

Wm. Jones has now rung each of the back four bells through a peal. J. Overton was proposed a member of the above Guild before starting.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITEFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BUCKLEY Treble.	*EGMONT T. MALKIN .. 5.
JOE MARSDEN 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
H. BRADLEY 3.	JOE MALONEY 7.
W. MARSDEN 4.	ELI GARSIDE Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.

*First peal.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 5.	FRANK MAY Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Reference elsewhere.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

†First peal in the method. *Fiftieth peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to C. Samson, the band wishing him many happy returns.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	*THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	REV. C. CAREW COX 7.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS* 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
FREDK. DICKENS 4.	HARRY DICKENS 9.
REV. E. V. COX* 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	*ARCHIBALD G. ORMSBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BEES. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble.	GEORGE WHITE 5.
FREDK. G. BIGGS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
FRANK BOBBHAM 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	FRANK BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

DANIEL RICHARDS Treble.	MAURICE ATKINS 5
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
ALBERT MASON 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
EDWARD JACKSON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

The ringer of the 5th, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from
St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY† Treble.	WILLIAM JENNER 5
GEORGE ADES 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
CHARLES H. HUMPHREY .. 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT .. 4	ALBERT HUNTER Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

†Elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.
These bells having just been overhauled by Messrs. Warner, the
"go" was very satisfactory.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6
THOMAS PEERS 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
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JOHN W. LANG Treble.	SYDNEY GOODALL 5
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EDWIN WHEATER 3	FRANCIS BABBER 7
JOHN F. CLAYTON 4	†WILLIAM BEEALEY Tenor.

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*First peal.

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On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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WILLIAM HOYLE Treble.	ERNEST PARKER 4
JAMES WATTS 2	WILLIAM BENNETT 5
JAMES SULLY 3	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT NOAKES* Treble.	†THOMAS BURTENSHAW .. 5
WILLIAM HENSON† 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ELLMAN BROWN 3	HARRY STALHAM 7
LIONEL SEARS 4	ERNEST MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.

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

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ALBERT COPPOCK Treble.	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
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WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE .. 7
ARTHUR LOWE* 4	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. Tenor.

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*First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor.

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M. LOMAS	Treble	SAMUEL HORSFALL	5.
JAS. H. PETERS.. .. .	2.	JOHN E. ASHCROFT	6.
ARTHUR KINSEY.. .. .	3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE	7.
GEORGE H. WHEELER	4.	W. LEIGH	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO	Treble.	THOMAS JULL	4.
GEORGE J. MABBS	2.	WM. G. KITCHINGHAM	5.
LANCE-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN	3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The umpires for the peal of Bob Major rung on handbells at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2nd, were Messrs. B. Thompson and Geo. H. Cross. G. A. Sparkes only heard the last half of the peal. The number of changes in the peal of Treble Bob rang at Westmeon on August 20th, and recorded in our last issue, was 5088, not 5120.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT MANSFIELD.—This peal was arranged for Mr. Wm. Gosling, sen., who attained the age of 83 on August 3rd, 1910, it being his ambition to ring a peal of Stedman, it being his first peal in the method. At the close of the peal, the old gentleman was warmly congratulated by his brother-ringers on the able manner in which he had rung his bell throughout. Mr. Gosling claims to have been a change-ringer for over 68 years. Mr. J. A. Parnell mentions in his manuscript a peal of Bob Major, 6000 changes, was recorded in this tower as being rung in 1806 by the Youths of Mansfield, but, alas! at the restoration of the tower, all the old tablets were taken down and chopped up.

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PRESENTATION.

On a recent Friday, after practice at Minehead parish church, a social was held at The Lion hotel. The Rev. H. H. Bell presided, and about twenty-five ringers and friends were present, representing the towers of Carhampton, Withycombe, Wootton Courtney, and Timberscombe. The loyal toasts having been honoured and the National Anthem sung, Mr. G. Stacey proposed "The Church and Clergy." All present, he thought, were good loyal churchmen, and it was their duty to defend their Church against the attacks that were levelled at it in these days. They had a splendid lot of clergy in the Dunster Deanery who were always ready to do all they could to keep the bells in good ringing order and to welcome ringers whenever they wished to attempt a peal. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The chairman thanked the company for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and said it gave him pleasure to have anything to do with ringing and to welcome ringers there. They did well to be loyal to their Church. He gave some interesting particulars of Timberscombe church, and mentioned that the list of Vicars went back as far as 1213. He then proposed "The Health of Mr. Henry Moore," one of the Minehead ringers, observing that it was the toast of the evening, because they had met there now to do honour to Mr. Moore, and he (the chairman) felt proud to have been asked to come and make a presentation to him of a beautiful teapot. Mr. Moore was one of the oldest ringers in the neighbourhood, having been a ringer for forty years, and he took a very deep interest in the Art. He was a composer of peals and an able conductor, and, further, he was always ready and willing to help and teach young beginners, and often put himself out of the way to attend a practice. In recognition of his useful help, members of the towers who had benefited had subscribed to the gift as a small token of their esteem and regard. He trusted that Mr. Moore and his wife would be spared many years to enjoy a cup of tea from the pot he had the pleasure of handing him.

The tea pot bore on one side the following inscription: "Presented to Henry Moore, as a token of esteem, by a few of his brother-ringers, August, 1910." On the other side were the initials "H.M."

Mr. Moore said he had been taken entirely by surprise, as he had not the slightest idea of what was going to occur. He thanked the subscribers very sincerely for their kindness, though he did not know what he had done to merit such a beautiful gift. He had been ringing over forty years, and he had rung at Minehead when there were only five bells, and also when there were eight, and now there were ten. He was never happier than when in the tower ringing, and he wished that a lot more members would join the ringers' association, for he found it a hard job to get young men to take up ringing and learn it.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Stacey to the chairman for kindly presiding, and he expressed the opinion that it would create a much closer and friendlier feeling if the ringers saw more of the clergy at their meetings, for they ought to take interest in the ringing.

Marriage.

BORRETT-HOLMES.—On Wednesday, September 7th, at the parish church, Old Lakenham, Norwich, by the Rev. A. J. Alpe, Rector of Garvestone, Norfolk, Charles Edward Borrett (Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association), to Edith Holmes, both of Norwich.

ABRAHAM HOWARD.

On Sunday evening, August 28th, the above-named ringer passed to his rest. He was the second, if not the oldest bell-ringer in England. For 70 years he had handled the ropes on the bells of St. Peter's church, Wisbech, where it is recorded (in brass rivets filed down), his name, the date of his birth, and his age when he started ringing. He had held the position of bellringer and organ blower at the parish church for fifty years. In the early part of his time he used to go up to the belfry nearly 300 times a year. There are 36 steps up to it, and in spite of his age he managed to perform his duties until November 1907, his hours commencing with the matins bell at 5.45 a.m., and finishing with

the curfew at 8.45 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no record of the peals he has rung, but liking six-bell work better than any other, he is known to have rung numerous 720s. He took part in ringing the merry peals at the marriage of the late King, the two Jubilees, King Edward's Coronation, the relief of Mafeking and Ladysmith, and later on at the Declaration of Peace. On Monday morning the bell he had so often rung was muffled and tolled, announcing in mournful tones the death of one, who knew it better than any other. On the day of the funeral the whole peal of ten in muffled tones rang out solemnly. Prior to the interment a service was held in the parish church, and the Dead March was played on the organ

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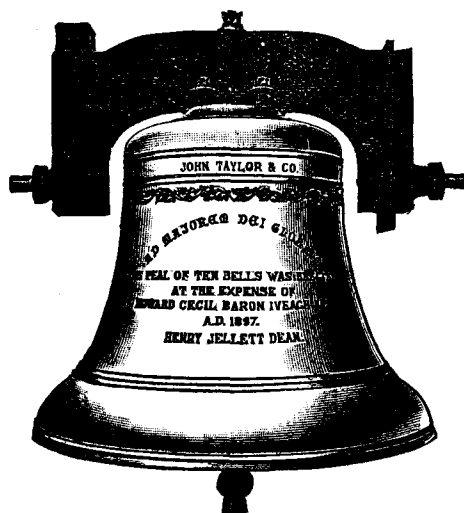
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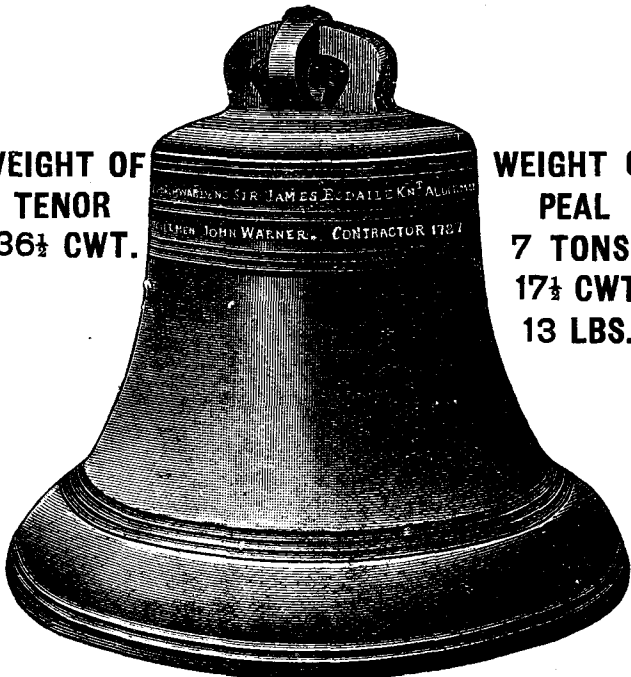
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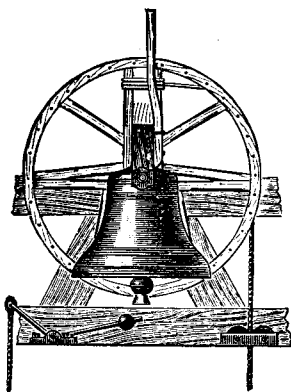
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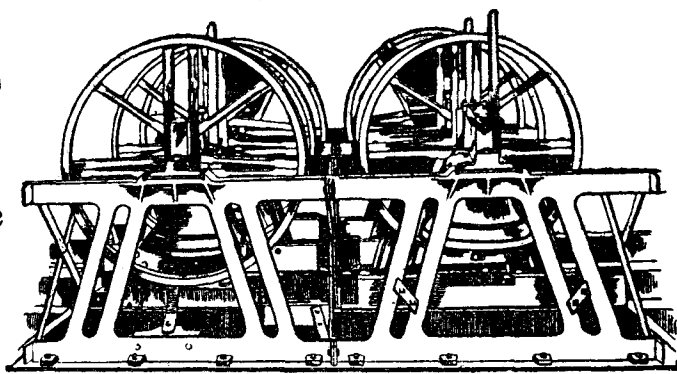
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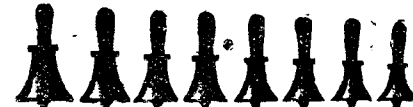
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DEDICATION OF MOTTRAM CHURCH BELLS.

The usual feeling of calm and quiet which prevails at the little village of Mottram-in-Longdendale, was on a recent Saturday changed to one of expectancy, and later to great enthusiasm, for on that day the Bishop of Chester came to dedicate the new peal to the memory of Mr. Henry Gartside.

The history of Mottram bells is both long and interesting, an outline of which may prove not uninteresting to our readers. The Commissioners of Henry VIII. found at Mottram a "rynge of iij belles" in 1548. These bells were recast into five, and a new treble added to make them "a compleat ring of six bells" in 1723. Eight years later, the tenor being cracked, was again recast in 1731. Nos. 1 and 2 were added in 1805, whilst 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 were quarter-turned. In 1910 the tenor had been broken up for some years, and after being examined by Dr. Starmer, the whole peal was condemned as being hopelessly out of tune. The frame, a wooden one, which had done service for nearly 200 years, was found to be decayed, and altogether too weak, so the bells had to be silent. Various schemes were considered as being the best way to raise the funds, until on a Sunday morning the Vicar was able to make the very welcome announcement that Mr. John Edmund and Miss Ruth Gartside would defray the whole cost of having the bells rehung and recast as a memorial to their brother. Three firms of bellfounders were called in to estimate what they could do the work for, and finally the tender of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, £491 12s. was accepted by the donors. The work was begun with, and expeditiously carried out, with the result that the bells were dedicated three weeks before the expected date. Every bell has its inscription, the one on the 7th referring to the donors in the following terms: "This peal was recast and hung in a new frame by John Edmund and Ruth Gartside, in memory of their brother, Henry Gartside, who died 10th March, 1909. J. T. & Co., 1, 10, A. R. 1723." It may safely be said that Mottram church, or as it has been so aptly called "The Cathedral of East Cheshire," possesses a peal of bells second to none in the country. Hung as they are in an iron and steel frame, and fitted with iron headstocks, the Hasting's stay and slider, and Heywood's patent lubricator, they certainly represent the latest, if not the last, word in modern bell-hanging.

The service on Saturday was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. C. Sutcliffe (Staleybridge), and the Rev. T. A. Sheriffe (Staley). In the middle of the service, and immediately after the anthem—"O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts,"—the Bishop preceded by the choir, left the chancel and proceeded to the

vestry, where after more prayers had been said, his Lordship pulled the rope attached to a bell-rope in the ringing-chamber above. This being the signal, the local ringers commenced to ring rounds, continuing so until the choir arrived back at the chancel, and the Bishop in the pulpit. Taking for his text 1st. Corinthians, parts of the 26th and 40th verses—"Let all things be done unto edifying; Let all things be done decently and in order,"—his Lordship made a lengthy address to a crowded congregation which overflowed into the churchyard. After the Benediction the local ringers rang a short touch, afterwards resigning the belfry to their many ringing friends, amongst whom were Mr. Samuel Wood and company from Ashton; H. Chapman with friends from Eccles; and a band from Huddersfield. Numerous touches in different methods were rung, the bells being lowered about 8 o'clock, thus ending a day, the events of which will long linger in the minds of the people of Mottram.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th, when forty-two members were present representing fifteen towers. A service was held in the parish church at 3 p.m., conducted by the Rev. W. A. Swan. The meeting was held in the parish room at 3.45, the Rev. C. E. Parker, Master of the Association, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and one Honorary and a few Performing Members elected.

The place for the next meeting was fixed for Shepton Mallet. A slight alteration to Rule 3, which was brought forward and discussed at the Annual Meeting, was read and passed. On the proposition of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Bridgwater for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, and was carried unanimously.

Tea was partaken of, after which, the most pleasing part of the business was gone through. This took the form of a presentation to Miss Gillingham, of Portishead, who conducted a peal at Portishead on December 20th, 1909, she being the first lady known to conduct a peal. The presentation took the form of a clock with Westminster chimes.

Mr. Parker, in a few well-chosen words, saying how proud all the members were that the honour of the first

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the Rev. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

lady ringer to conduct a peal, should belong to the Bath and Wells Association, asked Miss Gillingham to accept the clock, as a token of the esteem she was held by her fellow-members.

Miss Gillingham suitably responded, and Mr. Gillingham also thanked the members for the very nice present given to his daughter.

This finished the business, and a move was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major until 8 p.m.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A thoroughly enjoyable and instructive meeting was held at Micheldever on Saturday, September 10th. Members attended from Winchester, North Stoneham, Twyford, Basingstoke, Eastleigh and Wonston. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire methods. Several 720s of Bob Minor were successfully brought round. By the kindness of Mr. John Pain, churchwarden, an excellent tea was provided in the Northbrook Hall, at which Mr. Pain presided, being supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), Mr. W. George, Mr. Tucker and others. The district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), read a communication from the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Johnston) granting permission to use the bells and the hall, and regretting his inability through absence from home, to offer to the members the hospitality he would otherwise have wished to offer them.

Mr. George proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Pain for presiding, and for his generosity, which was seconded by Mr. Colchester, who also said he hoped the Guild would soon have the ringers of Micheldever as members.

Mr. Pain, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers to Micheldever, and regretted the absence of the Vicar, whom he knew would also have given them a cordial welcome. He also expressed a wish to become an hon. member of the Guild. Everyone expressed themselves delighted with the "go" of the bells, which is a very musical ring of six. Several of the local band were piloted through some courses of Grandsire, and it is hoped they will take up change-ringing.

A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL.

On a recent Saturday, the St. Luke's (Wolverhampton) ringers had their annual outing. It had been customary to have it on a Saturday afternoon, but this year a move was made in the right direction by having a full day. An early morning start was made, reaching the attractive seaside resort at 11.30. The monotony of the journey was relieved by one of the party, whose funny jokes and antics were a source of mirth for the rest. Nor did the supply of fun seem at all exhausted. Even while holding his first-born, to give his wife a rest (who by the way accompanied the party), caused merriment; for one could see it was not the first time he had administered paternal caresses to the bairn.

Arriving at Blackpool the company were met by two of their number, who had been spending a few days there previously, and who had made necessary arrangements for the welfare of the rest. Breakfast, which had been ordered for 10 o'clock, was the first move. This over, a walk along the sea-front to Holy Trinity church where was to be found a pretty little edifice, both exterior and interior, and a nice light ring of six bells. Here Mr.

R. Rawcliffe, the genial captain, gave the visitors a hearty welcome, also joining in the ringing. Another stroll round, and back to a late dinner, which it is scarcely necessary to state, was done full justice to. An hour's sail on the briny was much enjoyed by those who took advantage of the opportunity, while others amused themselves otherwise. Next to the Winter Gardens, where, after a resuscitation, a pretty sight was witnessed in and about the spacious ball-room—a confetti carnival being held—several hundreds of young people doing the "light fantastic." The whole was a sight not to be forgotten. The tiring efforts of a long day called forth a rest. Train time drawing near, a move was made for the station, reaching Wolverhampton in the "wee hours o' th' morn." Thus ended a delightful outing.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, August 20th, the members of the above society held their annual outing, Reigate, Surrey, being the place chosen. Leaving Reading by the 9.3 train, Reigate was reached some 90 minutes later. A move was then made to find the church, also to refresh the inner man. In the meantime one of the company was told off to find Mr. G. Hoad, and he soon found him and brought him to where the rest of the company were regaling themselves with a little light refreshment. Having satisfied the inner man, a move was made for the tower, where the ten fine bells were soon changing to Stedman Caters. The "go" and quality of the bells satisfied everybody. As it was getting on for one o'clock, and dinner was ordered for that hour, it was decided to make our way to The Grapes hotel, where a capital spread was done justice to. It was then proposed that a brake be chartered to take the party for a circular trip, touching Buckland and Leigh, a proposition which was carried "go" being called at 2.30. Off we went, reaching Buckland in half-an-hour, where Mr. Hoad soon found the key of the church. We climbed up the belfry, and soon set the light ring of six going to Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Lowering the bells in peal we went on our way rejoicing, passing through a village where they were playing cricket on the village green in the old style. We reached Leigh at four o'clock, and found the bells were rung in the porch, the ropes passing through the gallery floor. It was very amusing to watch the ringer of the 3rd and 4th, as when they were pulling at backstroke their hands were up to the holes when the ropes came through, but they are a pretty ring of six, and we rang a very good 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Leaving Leigh we started for our hotel, which was reached at 6.15. Here a nice tea was awaiting for us, and getting that over in nice time we visited the belfry again, and rang some Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Messrs. Reeves and Hoad taking a rope. As the time was getting on for the party to get to the station, the bells were lowered, and a move was made for the hotel to wish our hostess farewell, leaving for the station, accompanied by some of the local ringers. The train came all too soon at 8.38, and we were right away for home, Reading being reached at 10.30, all being perfectly satisfied with the outing, and the way they had been treated. The company wish to tender their best thanks to all who had contributed towards helping them to have such a pleasant time.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th. Proceedings commenced at 4 o'clock with a service in the parish church, a very instructive address being delivered by the Rev. R. G. Fairhurst.

Immediately following the service the business meeting took place in the vestry, the first item being the reading of the minutes by the Hon. Secretary of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed.

Arising out of the minutes the Hon. Secretary explained that no information had been received from Canon Lewis as regards the proposal of increasing the present ring of eight to a ring of ten at the Cathedral.

It was announced that the new tower at Radyr was completed, that a new ring of eight bells was fixed there, and that the dedication and opening was to take place in October. It was also mentioned that the completion of the Caerphilly tower was now being proceeded with, and that in all probability in the near future a ring of eight would be fixed there too.

It was decided for the next Monmouthshire meeting to be held at Caerleon.

The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, December 26th.

New members were elected, and subscriptions taken, and after the Hon. Secretary had stated that the printed circular issued by the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the Rev. F. E. Robinson's testimonial had been sent each tower affiliated to the Association, and that subscriptions were coming in, the meeting closed.

An invitation was then extended to all present to tea by the Rev. R. G. Fairhurst, where at Harris's restaurant an excellent one was found waiting, at the conclusion of which the very best thanks of the members were accorded the rev. gentleman for his hospitality. Steps were afterwards made for the tower, and the evening finished by ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The meeting proved to be a very pleasant and successful one.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern district was held in the schoolroom, Boreham, on Saturday, September 3rd. The Vicar (Rev. D. N. Yonge), presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. W. Parker (Springfield), C. H. Howard (Braintree), the District Officers, and members from Baddow, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Springfield, Writtle, and the local company. Although only fifteen sat down to tea, good justice was done to these minutes. Grace having been said, the Vicar called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly signed by him. The election of Mr. Lewis Green, of Exeter, as a non-resident Life Member, was carried unanimously. Great Baddow, with its service of motor buses, was selected for the annual meeting to be held in December. There being no other business, the meeting closed with a welcome and short address by the Vicar, which was responded to by Messrs. Howard and Edwards. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

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THE STANSTED COMPANY.

Saturday, September 3rd, was the occasion of the above company's outing, when Watford was selected this year. Bushey, Oxhey, and Rickmansworth were at our disposal. We started ringing at Bushey, where London, Cambridge and Stedman was rung. We then proceeded to Buck's restaurant to dinner, where a capital spread was placed before us, and after doing justice to the good things provided, we went on to Oxhey, where we were met by Mr. Price and Mr. White, and other ringers. London, Cambridge Surprise, and Stedman was rung. Watford was next visited, when Superlative and Stedman was the result. We then went on to Rickmansworth, and rang London, Double Norwich, and Stedman, thus bringing a successful day to a close.

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NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James's Society), established 1824.—The eighth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15, commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence, reserved seats, one shilling, to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. J. Hairs, H. Burton, R. Bevan, W. Coombes, J. E. Davis, W. Essery, W. J. Kemp, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner and others; also from 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E. T. H. TAFFENDER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, October 1st. Service with address by the Rev. I. Robertson, Rector, will be held in the parish church at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards, at which arrangements have to be made for the formation of branches. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, October 1st.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, at the parish church, 1230 Stedman Caters. W. Newton, W. Stephenson, O. W. Layng, R. Alcock, J. W. Newton, G. Hall, T. Metcalfe, R. Greenwood, T. Stephenson conductor, A. Barratt.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOWERBY, HALIFAX, MAY 21st, 1910.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

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A sumptuous tea was served at the schools, Mrs. Hervey, the respected wife of the Vicar, being supported in her endeavours on behalf of the visitors by the more influential ladies of the parish, with many other kind assistants.

The business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Hervey, Mr. ex-churchwarden Rawson, Mr. Glenn, Hon. Sec., Mr. Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer, etc. The minutes of the annual meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, having been read and passed; loyal tributes to the throne and in memory of the late King, were duly passed with the every possible mark of respect.

Coming to matters more immediately connected with the Exercise itself, a motion of sympathy with Mrs. Robinson on the death of her husband, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was also passed with every one standing in silence.

The choice of locality for the next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee.

In the matter of issuing warrants for Annual Reports—heretofore free to Life Members—notice was given by the President, on behalf of 18 of the 19 Officers and members of Committee to make the first paragraph end with the words "on payment of threepence—postage extra"—which means that for a few years a Full Life Member will have to pay 3d. for his Report.

Notice was also given by Mr. George Bolland to alter Rule II., paragraphs 3 and 4, to read: "when the total subscriptions of a member amount to not less than 12s. 6d., no further payments shall be required so long as the funds of the Society amount to £200." Also to withdraw that portion which states: "Any clergyman in the county having five or more bells under his influence, may become an honorary member on payment of 5s., and have the Annual Report without charge."

The official motion was seconded by the Hon. Treas., Mr. Cotterell, whilst the unofficial notice met with a seconder in Mr. James Baxendale.

On a motion from the chair, seconded by Vice-president Bolland, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools. In putting this the President remarked that they were all specially pleased to meet Mr. Hervey, who was a brother of the new Vicar of Barnsley (late of Birstal), as the Association was much indebted to the latter gentleman, not only for his kindness to the members of the Association and to his ringers generally, but also for the fact that it was through his instrumentality that the Rev. C. C. Marshall, now a member of the Society's executive—the first clergyman to hold office for the members—was induced to take up change-ringing whilst a curate at Birstal. In this connection it was pleasant to bear in mind that Mr. Marshall had now a church in Leeds with a good peal of eight bells; the obvious moral being clear, that it was the duty of a Vicar to make his curate qualify as a change-ringer!

The Vicar in an interesting speech spoke very highly of his ringers, in their double capacity not only of tower experts, but also as churchmen who had no wish to shirk their duty as worshippers.

Mr. Rawson, who also spoke very encouragingly, endorsed all that Mr. Hervey had said, adding that every-

one at Sowerby was fond of their bells, and they were always interested in their ringers and their welfare.

On the motion of Mr. Percy Johnson, of Holbeck, Leeds, seconded by Mr. Joshua Woodhead, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Sowerby branch, and to the ladies presiding and assisting at the tea.

The veteran, Mr. Smith, in replying for the local company, made a delightfully breezy speech fully of interesting reminiscences: he was proud of having rung with their local celebrity the late Mr. Sottanstill, as also with having secured a 5000 with the late President, Mr. Jasper Snowdon, whom he described as one who rang his peals with mighty little clothing on: this was vastly enjoyed by many who knew that boating costume was Jasper Snowdon's favourite ringing attire; he had also no cause for complaint in the amount of ringing that he had personally had, for had he not had a hand in the opening of new rings at Ripponden, Sowerby-Bridge, and Lightcliffe, to say nothing of what might yet be in store for him.

A vote of thanks to the chair on the motion of Mr. C. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Willey, of Sheffield, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Mr. Wm. Sutcliffe acted as Local Hon. Sec., and his efforts, ably seconded by the Committee for whom he was acting, made the meeting in the matter of clever management quite on a par with anything heretofore done for the Association. The one opinion was that it had been a delightful outing.

(To be continued.)

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the above Guild was held on Saturday, September 10th, at Womersley and Bramley, and was attended by between 30 and 40 ringers from Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Bramley, Farnham, Merrow, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Dunsfold, Shalford, and other towers. The service was held at Womersley church, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Brown, M.A. Tea was provided at The Grantley Arms, Womersley, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by Mr. C. Willshire. Several new members were elected, and the peal-master presented a favourable report. The question of combined practices was eventually referred to the Annual Meeting in November, and one more trial was to be given to the system at St. Nicholas church, Guildford, in October. It was explained that these meetings were for the benefit of learners, and although there was a London Surprise band present on the last occasion, only Grandsire Triples and Stedman were rung, and it was therefore hoped that more would attend. The memorial to the Rev. F. E. Robinson was also deferred to November.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £206 is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

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 September 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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 the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, September 24th, 3 p.m.—Members assemble at the church for ringing, 5 p.m.—Short service with sermon by the Rev. Canon Papillon, 6 p.m.—Tea in the Church Room, followed by the meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them, are requested to give intimation in writing to the Hon. Secretary by the 19th inst. at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made. The space being limited, the applications will receive consideration in the order in which they are received. Resolutions will be proposed to vary Rule 12 of the General Rules, and Rule 3 of the District Rules of the Association.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICK, M.A. *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Samesbury on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

WALTON-LE-DALE.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Northbrook Hall at 5.30.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the

parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Womersley and Bramley on Saturday, September 10th. 2.0.—Bells (6) available at both churches. 5.0.—Service at Womersley church. 5.45.—Tea at The Grantley Arms. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brathay on Saturday, September 10th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Brathay (6 bells), and Ambleside (8 bells), available during the day.

W. ROBINSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. Canon Dyke), at 5.30, to be followed by the usual business meeting, election of officers, &c. The usual allowance of one penny per mile single fare, maximum 2s., will be paid at this meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby—by kind permission of Canon Austen—on Saturday, September 17th. For full particulars see circular. Will members please note my change of address as below.

C. GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.6d. each.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Tea provided free at 5.50.

P. H. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*
"Danesbury," Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The North Wales Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Abergele on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. in the church vestry. Bells will be available from 9 a.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Unveiling of two peal-tablets at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30. Com-

mittee meeting in the choir vestry at 4.30.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th.

A. E. WREAR, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O'Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford

Leeds and District Society.—Next meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business in the schools at 7.30.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 24th. The bells at All Saints church, and at the Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m., also the bells at Stanford. Committee meeting at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock in the Fearon Hall. As there will be no charge for tea, it is particularly requested that all who intend being present will notify me not later than Thursday morning, September 22nd. N.B.—The Hon. Treasurer will be greatly obliged if all outstanding subscriptions are paid in at or before this meeting.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A half-day meeting of the above will be held at Stroud on Saturday, October 1st. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 11 a.m. Tea and meeting at The Eight Bells hotel. For further particulars see circular.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6.15, 9d. per head, at The Indian Chief.

E. WHITBRAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Boaking on Saturday, October 1st. Tea will be provided at the Deanery at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly notify

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 6, to be followed by the business meeting. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea for all those sending in their names not later than Tuesday, September 27th, to

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. 2 p.m.—Seighford (5); 3 p.m.—Haughton (5); 3.45 p.m.—Church Eaton (6); 5 p.m.—Gnosall (6).

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. <i>Treble</i> ..	FRANK BENNETT ..	5.
SGT. MAJOR A. PYE ..	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	6.
GEORGE R. PYE ..	ERNEST PYE ..	7.
ISAAC EMERY ..	WILLIAM PYE ..	Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a farewell peal to R. J. Carter, who is leaving Woolwich for Scotland.

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

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford, College Single, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

THOMAS E. RICKWOOD <i>Treble</i> ..	THOMAS LANGDON ..	4.
GEORGE M. KILBY* ..	ALFRED HILL ..	5.
GABRIEL CHALELEY* ..	HARRY KILBY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

WILLIAM SHILVOCK <i>Treble</i> ..	SAMUEL GROVE ..	5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS ..	ALFRED DAVIES ..	6.
THOMAS T. GOFION ..	JOHN BARBER ..	7.
WILLIAM SHORT ..	WILLIAM H. BARBER ..	Tenor.

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

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY LAFLIN <i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM SHORT ..	5.
THOMAS T. GOFION ..	SAMUEL GROVE ..	6.
ALFRED DAVIES ..	JAMES DOWLER ..	7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS ..	WILLIAM H. BARBER ..	Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5175 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN THOMAS <i>Treble</i> ..	JESSE B. TYLER ..	6.
GEORGE CONDICK ..	JOHN A. BURFORD ..	7.
HENRY PRING ..	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ..	8.
ALBERT E. SEARS ..	HENRY T. HOWELL ..	9.
ALBERT STOWELL ..	WILLIAM KNIGHT ..	Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal of Stedman.

BENHALL SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE COOPER <i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES STARLING ..	4.
DAVID LEGGETT ..	CHARLES FISHER ..	5.
HENRY PUTTOCK ..	WILLIAM SAWYER ..	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

CROYDON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED T. JONES* <i>Treble</i> ..	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
ISAAC EMERY ..	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH ..	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
AMOS W. CLARK* ..	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAIFS, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal in the method, and on the bells. The ringers of 5 and 6 were proposed members of the Association previous to starting.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

WILLIAM DEDMAN* <i>Treble</i> ..	SIDNEY SMITH ..	5.
JOSEPH MARKS ..	HARRY SEAR ..	6.
C. ROLLINGS* ..	†CECIL C. MAYNE ..	7.
THOMAS BEST ..	*FREDE. VICKERS ..	Tenor.

Conducted by H. SEAR.

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

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE,

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY PRICE <i>Treble</i> ..	JOHN BASS ..	5.
GEORGE HUGHES ..	ALFRED DAVIES ..	6.
GEORGE FIGOTT ..	*WILLIAM FISHER ..	7.
HERBERT KNIGHT ..	ROBERT MATTHEWS ..	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method away from the treble, and first in the method by the rest of the band, on the bells and by the above Society. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, Mr. D. Jones and the local men for allowing the band to meet for practice and attempt the peal.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY <i>Treble</i> ..	*NEVIL WIDDOWSON ..	5.
HENRY FLETCHER* ..	*FREDERIC ROWLEY ..	6.
JOSEPH HALL ..	ALFRED PARKER ..	7.
ARTHUR FREEMAN* ..	EDWARD C. GOREY ..	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOREY.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble.	†THOMAS MACK 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	THOMAS BURDOCK 6.
RICHARD HAYES† 3.	HERBERT J. ELLIS 7.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4.	†CLAUDE REMMANT Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 100th peal as conductor.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. ERNEST TURNER Treble.	FRANK CLAYDON 4.
OLAVE BROYD 2.	WALTER NICE 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL 3.	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor.

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

EMSCOTE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	*THOMAS MALE 5.
JOHN PINFOLD, JUN.* 2.	REV. C. CAREW COX 6.
WILLIAM MALE* 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 4.	†WILLIAM LYNES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5.
FREDK. J. SMITH 2.	GORDON F. THOMPSON 7.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

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

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

RICHARD JONES* Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	WILLIAM SCONCE 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, his brother-ringers wishing him the usual congratulations.

HOW TO FORM AND INSTRUCT a Band of Musical Handbell Ringers.—Price Sixpence. From W. H. GIGGLE, 52, Manor Road, Ossett, Yorkshire. Music arranged for Handbell Bands.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS C. M. GARFORTH* .. Treble.	WALTER KERRISON 4.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
CHARLES MOSS* 3.	ALBERT LEE Tenor.

Conducted by F. E. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL HELLIWELL .. Treble.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	JOSEPH HECKINGSBOTTOM .. 5.
JNO. W. CHADWICK 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Heckingbottom (late of Armlay), now of Denton, near Manchester, who was on a visit to the neighbourhood.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	REV. H. J. ELSEY 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR T. PEGLER.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST OLIVER† Treble.	T. ROLAND FLINT 5.
ALBERT COPPOCK 2.	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM 3.	H. ROBERT COBBIN 7.
FRED BLOOD* 4.	FREDK. S. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

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

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	HENRY HEAD 5.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS .. 2.	HENRY F. COOPER 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged for L. Green, who hails from Exeter.

EARLS COLNE.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
FRANK CLAYDON 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
JAMES FLEUTY 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First in the method on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK WEBB* Treble.	REV. C. B. HULTON 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW* 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 6.
FREDK. J. MYNARD* 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
FRANK BOISWELL* 4.	GEORGE ALLEN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Heelis, of Turvey Rectory, to Mr. A. R. Hulton, of Johannesburg.

LIVERSEDGE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	*GEORGE NAYLOR 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
ARTHUR GILL 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

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

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BLANCHARD .. Treble.	HENRY LETTS 5.
PERCY WALKER 2.	JOSEPH DYKE 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	JOHN W. STIKLAND 7.
JOHN FLOWER 4.	HAROLD G. JENNEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by H. DAY.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	THOMAS NEWALL 5.
WILLIAM BRISCOE 2.	CHARLES COVENTRY 6.
HARRY MOORE, JUN. 3.	WALTER THOMAS 7.
CHARLES PRICE 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by J. B. LATES, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and for allowing them to be rung throughout the service; also the tower-keeper.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 21 cwt

ARTHUR BUMBLE Treble.	HARRY ENGLAND 4.
JACK ATHERTON 2.	GEORGE H. GALE 5.
THOMAS ATHERTON 3.	HENRY PORTER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	NORRIS WAY 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL 9.
CHARLES DOWNING 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL Treble.	ALBERT HILL 6.
JAMES HILL* 2.	HENRY WILKES 7.
WILLIAM POWELL 3.	*JAMES R. NEWMAN 8.
JOHN MORRIS* 4.	*EDWARD WATKINS 9.
WILLIAM C. JONES 5.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WILKES.

*First peal of Caters. Mr. G. Hinton checked the course-ends as they were rung.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	ALFRED WRIGHT 5.
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS .. 2.	HARRY RICHELL 6.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3.	ARTHUR HEAD 7.
GEORGE R. CRUSH 4.	WILLIAM C. WADE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARPENTER'S SIX-PART.

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WORCESTER.—On Friday, June 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Powell, J. Norris, W. E. Jones, A. Hill, R. G. Knowles, J. R. Newman conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. Rung in honour of the birthday of King George V.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Friday, August 26th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. S. Webb, aged 13, C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, J. Heckingbottom, A. E. West churchwarden. And 720 Treble Bob, being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. C. Jackson, R. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, A. E. West, J. Heckingbottom. On Tuesday, August 30th, at Holy Trinity church, Hull, 720 Bob Minor. Miss Frances Winifred Webb (first 720), C. Jackson, A. Naylor, G. T. Miller, A. E. West, D. W. Brown. 288 Kent Treble Bob, 498 Stedman Triples, 197 Grandsire Caters, 168 Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: A. E. West, H. Rodmell, J. W. Stickney, T. Whitfield, T. Southwick, G. Hedge, G. T. Miller, F. Merrison, D. W. Brown, G. Dowling, J. Highfield, A. Naylor, C. Jackson conductor. Mr. A. E. West kindly entertained the ringers afterwards.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPTON.—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. H. Cooper, J. Barry, W. J. Kemp, P. C. Hislop, H. Rumens conductor, H. F. Hull, H. C. Alford, A. Riley. The above was rung on the occasion of the unveiling by the Vicar of a peal board to commemorate a peal of Grandsire rung on 29th February, 1909, by the above Association.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BANGOR.—On Wednesday, August 24th, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major were

rung by Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Rev. C. Marshall, W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, M. J. Morris, A. J. Hughes, J. H. Midwinter, W. Crane, sen., W. Crane, jun., W. J. Jones. Rung on the christening of the son and heir of Mr. A. J. Hughes, a member of the local band.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 16th, at Charles' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. E. W. Marsh conductor, J. Hobbs, W. G. Hiscott, W. James, H. Bennett, F. Dunaway, F. Hockaday, T. Purse. On Sunday, August 21st, 387 Stedman Caters. E. W. Marsh conductor, J. Hobbs, W. James, J. Waghorn, H. Bennett, R. Dobson, W. H. Marsh, F. Dunaway, F. Hockaday, F. Purse. On Monday, August 22nd, at St. George's Stonehouse, 756 Treble Bob Major. W. Ford, E. W. Marsh, W. Thomas, J. Waghorn, W. Ruddle, H. Bennett, F. Hockaday, F. Dunaway conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT FINBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, July 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Copeland, E. Diaper, W. Souter conductor, G. Melbourne, W. Fishbourne, A. Grimwood. Another 720 in the same method. W. Welham, W. E. Tydeman, E. Welham, S. Scarff, C. Alderton, W. Souter conductor. On July 28th, 720 in the same method. H. Copeland, C. Clarke, W. Souter, G. Melbourne, E. Diaper, A. Grimwood. This was the first 720 by Messrs. Grimwood, Welham, Scarff, Fishbourne, Clarke and Copeland, who are all Finborough men, and only started ringing when the bells were opened on February 3rd last. Great credit is due to them for sticking to it so well. The other men are from Stowmarket, and the Finborough men are very grateful to them for assisting them through their first 720.

BILLINGBOROUGH.—On Friday evening, August 26th, at the parish church, 1080 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Plain Bob. W. E. Allen, A. Andrews, W. Carpenter, C. Carpenter, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, Clement Glenn conductor. Rung on the occasion of hanging up the framed tablet presented by Mr. Glenn to commemorate the first peal rung on the bells on November 7th, 1909.

MITCHAM.—On Sunday, July 24th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. J. Lambert, J. D. Drewett, D. W. Drewett, B. Morris, A. Calver, T. Steers, R. Grimwood, W. S. Smith conductor.

OXFORD.—On Monday, August 26th, at the church of St. Cross, 720 College Single Minor. W. Turner, H. Bennett, V. Bennett, G. E. Stone, A. Woodward, F. Taylor conductor.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, after service, being the jubilee of the church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Cross, J. J. Jutson, G. J. Jutson, F. T. Cooke, A. Johnson, W. T. Johnson conductor.

YARNTON.—On Sunday, September 4th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bennett, G. E. Stone, F. Taylor, V. Bennett, W. C. Hedges, E. Hims conductor.

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was taken, also a visit to the sweet pea garden, all agreeing that a finer show had never been seen before. Returning to The White Hart they settled down for the remainder of the evening. Mr. Faux being asked to take the chair, gave way in favour of Mr. Ellis. After thanking the host for the good things provided, preparations were made for the return journey, Birmingham being reached about 11.50 p.m., everyone agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent. The ringers wish to thank the clergy, tower keeper, and others concerned for the use of the bells.

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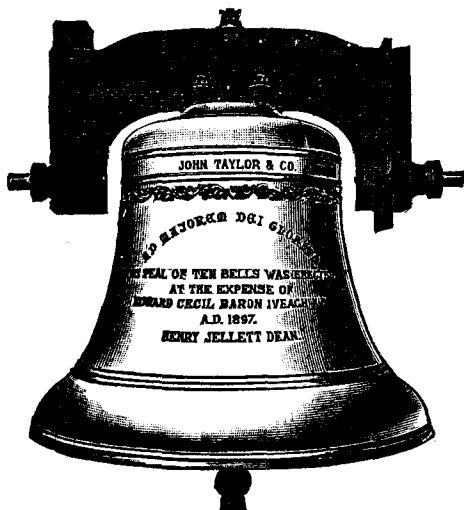
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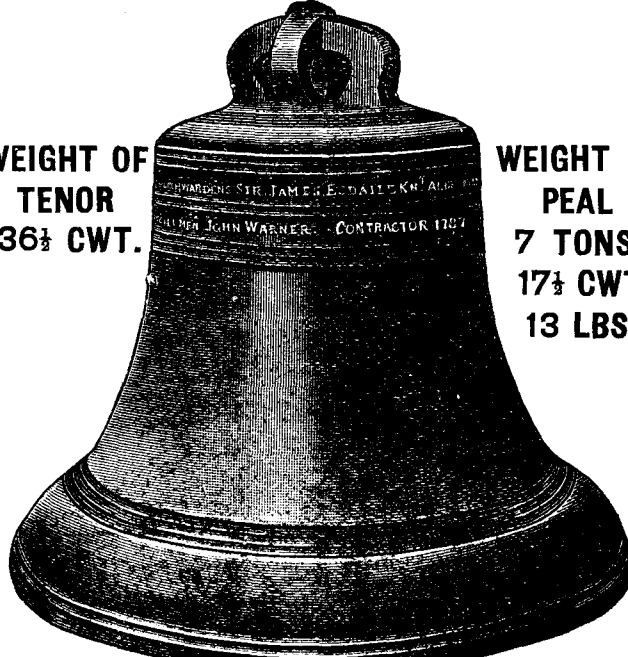
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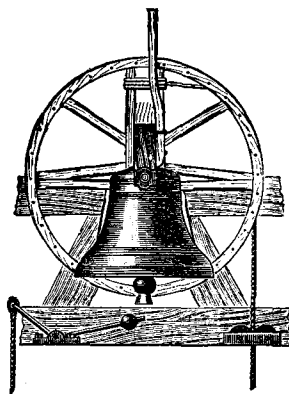
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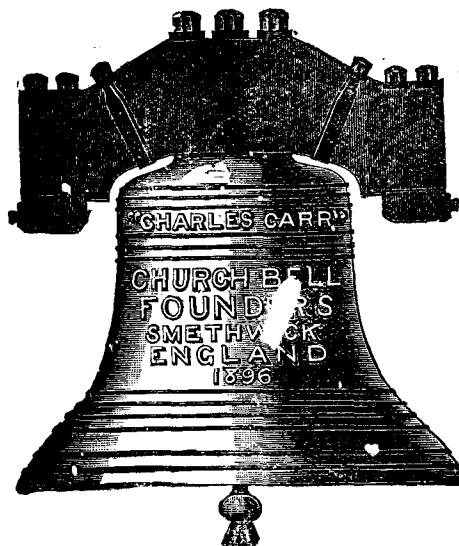
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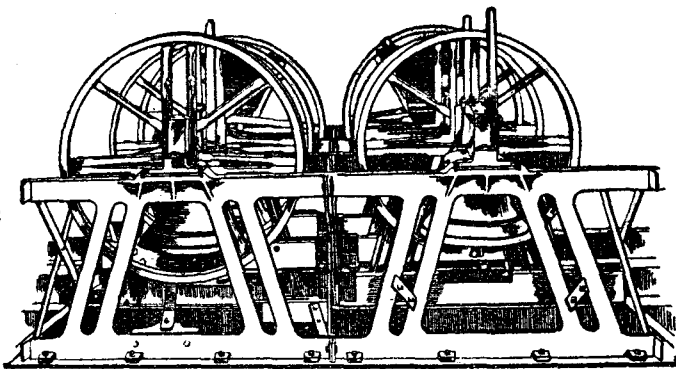
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MANACCAN CHURCH, CORNWALL.

At Manaccan, a remote little village in Cornwall, not far from the famous Lizard, there were until ten years ago but three bells in the church tower, and these were all cracked. In commemoration of the Coronation of the late King Edward these were recast and three others added to complete a ring of six, the whole expense being defrayed by Sir Arthur Pendarves Vivian, of Bosahan, and the work carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Unfortunately, owing to the weak state of the tower, the bells had to be hung "dead." But this state of things has not been allowed to continue, for the tower has now been restored and the six bells, after having been returned to the Croydon Foundry, where they have been fitted with complete ringing fittings of the most modern type, including cast-iron headstocks, have been rehung in the tower in a new steel and iron H frame.

The bells were formally re-opened on August 25th, when the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Ormerod, welcomed a large number of the clergy and friends from the surrounding district. Many of the local ringers were also invited, including the members of the band from the adjoining parish of St. Keverne, and the bells were kept going for a considerable time, one and all expressing delight at the perfect "go" of the bells and the thoroughly successful manner in which the work has been carried out.

ST. STEPHEN'S, EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

Dedication of tower, spire and ring of eight bells by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, the Right Rev. C. G. Lang, D.D., on Monday, October 3rd, at 3 p.m. At the conclusion of the Dedication Service and opening touch, the bells will be available for ringing during the day. Arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. Clement Glenn and C. H. Hattersley, and at the request of the donor, Col. C. J. Stoddart, V.D., J.P., companies will be formed with the sole object of securing good striking. Col. Stoddart has kindly promised to provide tea in St. George's Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, September 30th.

CLEMENT GLENN.

11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the REV. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

THE CHICAGO GUILD, U.S.A.

The first Annual Meeting of this Guild was held on Monday, September 5th, which day is one of the legal holidays in this country, and known as "Labour Day." The Alice Freeman Palmer ring of ten was, by kind permission of the chimes committee, at the disposal of the ringers. The business meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the Mitchell Tower, the President, Mr. F. J. Rumens, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. J. Rumens, president; B. Reed, vice president; N. Wakefield, hon. treasurer; F. R. Barraclough, secretary; Messrs. Cartwright and Skitt, trustees. Other business followed, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the University Chimes Committee for the use of the bells. It may be of interest to ringers in the old country to know that the following members of this Guild belong to the undermentioned societies in England: Dr. A. H. Nichols, College Youths and Middlesex, J. Worthington, Yorkshire and Midland Counties, G. Barraclough, Yorkshire, F. Pates, Middlesex, F. J. Rumens, Middlesex and Essex, W. Whitaker, Yorkshire, N. Wakefield, Surrey and Sussex. Messrs. T. Cartwright, T. Smith and H. Skitt have been in the States over twenty years, and they did not belong to any English Societies. With the exception of Dr. Nichols and Mr. J. Worthington, the above are ringers living in Chicago, together with Mr. B. Cowling, of the Yorkshire Association, and who has not yet joined this Society.

Owing to the structure on which the bells are placed the "go" of the tenors are not what they should be to make ringing either practicable or good, and until some alterations can be made it is advisable not to ring them. Consequently the ringing was confined to six, the striking throughout being of the best. The first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the bells, followed by 320 Plain Bob, Mr. T. Smith taking part, this being his first touch since leaving England over twenty years ago. Other methods followed, the ringing in the tower finishing at 6 p.m. A social evening followed, touches of Grand-sire Caters, Grand-sire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob being rung on handbells, "Caller Herrin" finally bringing to a close a successful and enjoyable meeting, and one which is hoped will be the forerunner of many others in a country where such things as ringing meetings are as yet unknown.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £220 is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, July 26th, at Northallerton. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), the chair was taken by the Vice-president (Dr. H. Pauli), who was assisted by the Rev. R. Hodgson, of Skelton-in-Cleveland, the Rev. A. J. Chambers, and Mr. T. Metcalfe (Secretary). The annual report showed that great progress had been made during the year. There are 200 members, including the Northallerton band, and good work throughout the district has been done in the way of Belfry Reform and Church Work, as is evidenced by the keen interest and friendly feeling which exist among the ringers. The Association has rung double the amount of peals of 5000 changes, which ringing occupies not less than 3 hours for each peal. Seventy-four members have taken part in these peals, which have been rung in fourteen different towers belonging to the Association. Merry indeed and very pleasing indeed was the music of the changes rung on the Northallerton bells during the day of the visit of this Society. Luncheon was provided at The Rose and Crown. The financial state of the funds is in a satisfactory condition. Meetings for the coming year have been arranged as follows: In September, at Ormesby; Easter Monday, at Tanfield, Masham, and Kirby Malzeard; Whit-Monday, at Thirsk.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a very handsome silver cake-dish was presented to the Rev. R. Hodgson, as a memento of his services to the Association during the years when he was their Hon. Secretary.

HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAM CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.

EDWIN HORREX* ... <i>Treble</i> .	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS ... 2.	JOHN EVANS ... 8.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	ALFRED B. PECK ... 9.
JOHN C. TRUSS ... 4.	WM. T. COCKERILL 10.
THOMAS FAULKNER 5.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA 11.
HERBERT LANGDON 6.	BENJAMIN PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

*Fiftieth twelve-bell peal. This is the first peal on the twelve since being augmented and rehnnng by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being all that could be desired.

The foregoing record being that of the first peal of Cinques on the new Wycombe bells, it is considered a favorable opportunity to comply with the wishes of many subscribers (who did not secure copies before), by reprinting the sketch of the tower, which will be found on the opposite page.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By FRED A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.

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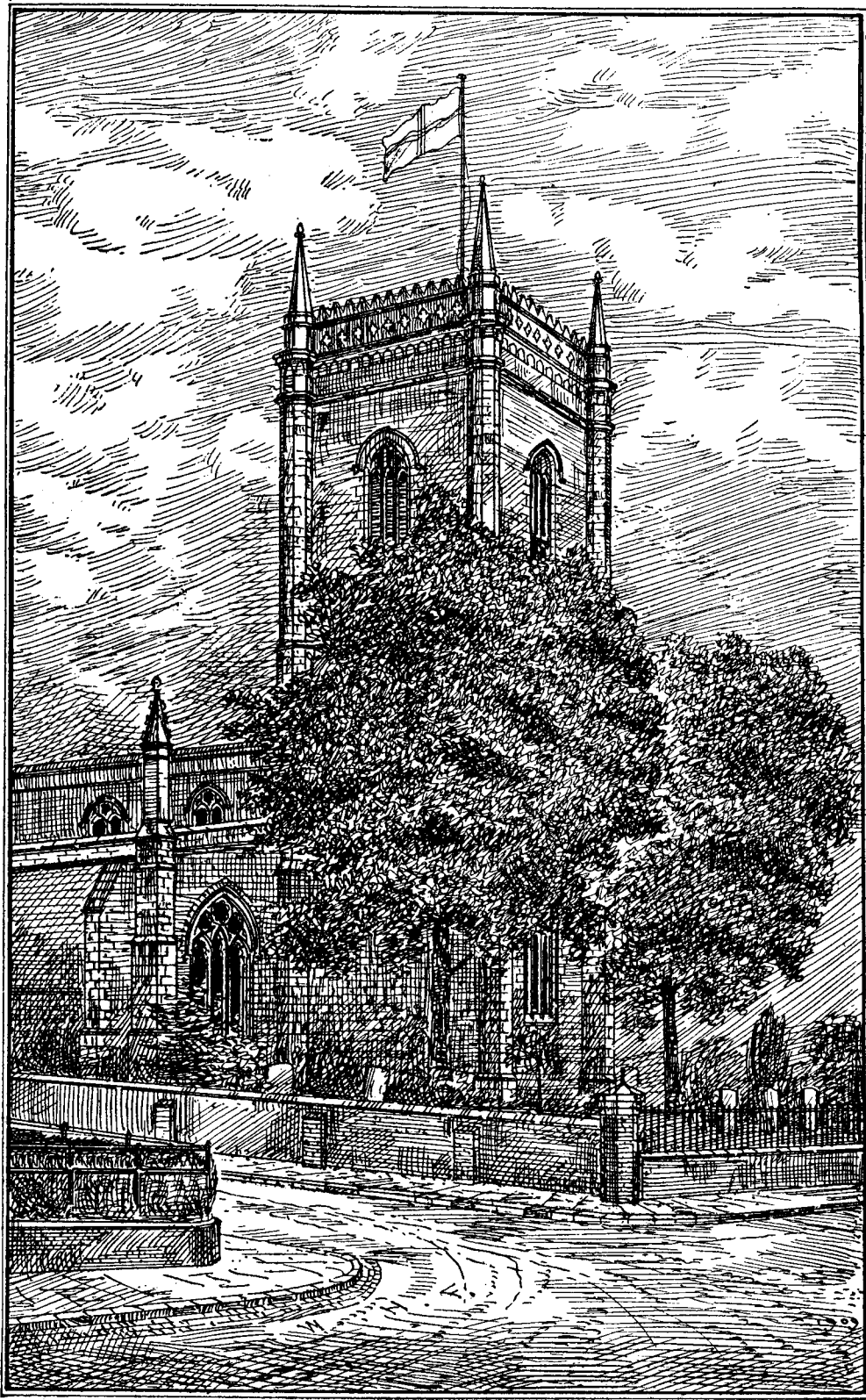
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Both compositions wers rung at Quex Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th, 1910.

OXFORD.—On Monday, August 26th, at the church of St. Cross, 720 College Single Minor. W. Turner, H. Bennett, V. Bennett, G. E. Stone, A. Woodward, F. Taylor conductor,



THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOWERBY, HALIFAX, MAY 21ST, 1910.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

(Continued from page 388.)

A result of our pleasant visit to Sowerby was a strong inducement, on our return home, to take down from our bookshelves "Sottanstill's Elements of Campanalogia," A.D. 1867. What we believe to have been the Author's own copy with MS. notes therein, had been on view at the meeting, but unfortunately time did not allow us to take it up, greatly as others were enjoying an examination of it. Whenever we look at this book we are filled with amazement at the laborious amount of work which the Author must have spent in compiling its 993 pages—practically a 1000 pages. We remember very clearly a genuine Yorkshireman describing it to us, before we possessed a copy—with a strong touch of his native tongue—"For all t' world it's same as a young Bible!" And so it is, as it is a decidedly bulky book, for its size, being some 6½ by 3½ by 2½ inches thick. Those who have never had anything to do with the difficulty of putting figures correctly into type, may be reminded that the average printer (this does not apply—please understand—to the experts at "THE BELL NEWS" press), when entrusted with a word like "transubstantiation" are quite at home, but these same men stumble over a few dozen rows of six figures each in a way that makes the revisor wish to use language seldom heard in any well-conducted Sunday School. Nine hundred and ninety-three pages of corrections would do for most men, but the production of the same as original "copy" makes one almost shudder to think of.

As a frontispiece we have Mr. Sottanstill sitting in the midst of eight handbells—his ready pen in hand—depicted as a happy, prosperous, large-brained specimen of humanity, and verily he must have been endowed with perseverance, or he would never have got through his book.

Turning over the pages of the preface we are reminded that Colonel Ackroyd undertook a large part of the cost of the publication, and very fittingly a copper-plate engraving of the beautiful church of All Souls', Haley Hill, which this generous patron of Mr. Sottanstill gave to Halifax, finds a place of honour. This grand church, which has a reputation of its own among ringers for its fine peal of eight bells—tenor 26 cwt—is one of Sir Gilbert Scott's best examples, the whole costing the munificent Colonel some £70,000 (seventy thousand pounds) a truly noble gift.

To attempt to review the book, now in our hands, would require many weeks of laborious reading, but page 408 calls for special notice, as there we have a circular diagram of a peal of 5024 changes. As far as our knowledge goes this is the first diagram of this class ever produced in a work on ringing, and it is particularly interesting because undoubtedly throughout the work the Author made great use of the knowledge which is so cleverly shown on this particular page. Varying and reversing are now much better known, but in a manner we may here be said to be standing at the fountain head, for who does not now know that a peal—or any other "round-blocks," as Mr. W. H. Thompson would say—has no special beginning and ending, rounds being simply a convenient place from which to start.

Turning back to page 362 we gain an interesting glimpse into local history, for it connects us, as it were, with to-day. Here we find Mr. Sottanstill chosen as the oldest

teacher in the Sunday School to present, in the name of the teachers and scholars, "a remarkably handsome time-piece" to the newly-married Vicar and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Bean. This, which took place in 1867, becomes the more interesting since Mrs. Bean was the daughter of W. H. Rawson, esq., of Haughend, so it would be a representative of the same family of Rawson, who so kindly took part in welcoming us to Sowerby as an Association. Moreover Haughend was the birthplace of Archbishop Tillotson, lately in our thoughts, so this page quite speaks to us of to-day and links us with the past.

On several pages the Sowerby veteran touches on, and makes vigorous endeavours to solve, the mysteries of the "in-and-out-of-course" of the changes, but with indifferent success. It is only fair therefore to those who have copies to warn them against spending too much time over these dissertations, particularly those connected with Treble Bob; for instance, page 562 is overwhelmingly puzzling.

Nevertheless those who do possess copies will always treasure them as a brave and plucky endeavour on the part of a Yorkshireman—who after all had an outlook that would not often take him far beyond his native village—to put before his readers the Art and Science, as he saw them, in his day and generation. What he has left behind is a marvel of patient industry, and his name and work will long be remembered by the ringers of his county.

Another point of interest should be mentioned in connection with Mr. Sottanstill's perseverance, namely, that he left behind him—unpublished—a collection of peals of Minor (complete, presumably, with Doubles), so there seems to have been no end to his activity. Some little agitation was set on foot a few years ago to publish these; but the work undertaken by the Central Council in this particular sphere leaves nothing else to be desired—except so far as it is held by some that this same Committee of the Council have failed to grasp the foundation on which Surprise peals are based.

Yes, the Sowerby meeting of the Y.A.C.R. will long be borne in mind by the many who paid their first visit to that village on May 21st, 1910, and, by all, with gratitude for the kindness extended to them on that occasion.

NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James's Society), established 1824.—The eighth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15, commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence, reserved seats, one shilling, to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. J. Hairs, H. Burton, R. Bevan, W. Coombes, J. E. Davis, W. Essery, W. J. Kemp, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner and others; also from 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E. T. H. TAFFENDER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, October 1st. Service with address by the Rev. I. Robertson, Rector, will be held in the parish church at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards, at which arrangements have to be made for the formation of branches. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. A free tea will be provided for those intending to be present if they forward their names to T. J. Salter, "Duke of Edinburgh," Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, on or before Wednesday, September 28th.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, October 1st.

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.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th; at 8 p.m.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—By permission of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the practices of the above Association will be resumed there on the first Monday in each month until further notice. The next will be on October 3rd at 8 p.m., when it is hoped as many members as can make it convenient will attend. WALTER G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden Green, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, September 24th, 3 p.m.—Members assemble at the church for ringing, 5 p.m.—Short service with sermon by the Rev. Canon Papillon. 6 p.m.—Tea in the Church Room, followed by the meeting. Resolutions will be proposed to vary Rule 12 of the General Rules, and Rule 3 of the District Rules of the Association.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, at Isleworth on Saturday, October 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. The Vicar will entertain the members to tea in the Shrubland Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock. Will members please note that all subscriptions should now be paid, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Unveiling of two peal-tablets at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30. Committee meeting in the choir vestry at 4.30.

REV. C. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burn-

ley on Saturday, September 24th.

A. E. WREARS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O' Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

Leeds and District Society.—Next meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business in the schools at 7.30.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 24th. The bells at All Saints church, and at the Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m., also the bells at Stanford. Committee meeting at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock in the Fearon Hall. As there will be no charge for tea, it is particularly requested that all who intend being present will notify me not later than Thursday morning, September 22nd. N.B.—The Hon. Treasurer will be greatly obliged if all outstanding subscriptions are paid in at or before this meeting.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 11 a.m. Tea and meeting at The Eight Bells hotel. For further particulars see circular. J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6.15, 9d. per head, at The Indian Chief.

E. WHITEHEAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The September monthly meeting will be held at Clavendon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A half-day meeting of the above will be held at Stroud on Saturday, October 1st. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, October 1st. Tea will be provided at the Deanery at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly notify

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 6, to be followed by the business meeting. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea for all those sending in their names not later than, Tuesday, September 27th, to

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. 2 p.m.—Seighford (5); 3 p.m.—Haughton (5); 3.45 p.m.—Church Eaton (6); 5 p.m.—Gnosall (6).

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at Norton

On Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Crawley, Bucks, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clenchwaton on Saturday, October 15th. Dinner at The Black Horse inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service in church at 3.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Holman has removed to 22, Idsworth Road, Firth Park, Sheffield.

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BY W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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*Omit bob at 4 in the last part, and adding a course with a bob at 6.

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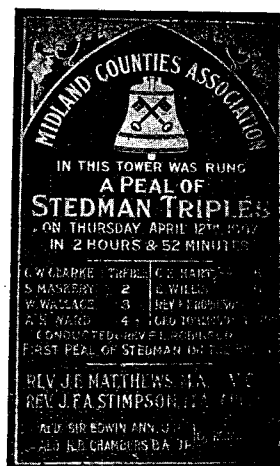
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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 6.
CHARLES J. NORTH .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 8.
REUBEN SANDERS .. 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 9.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Stedman-Caters

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

C. J. NORTH .. Treble.	M. F. R. HIBBERT .. 6.
R. SANDERS .. 2.	A. J. NEALE .. 7.
J. H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	H. FLANDERS .. 8.
C. T. COLES .. 4.	J. E. DAVIS .. 9.
W. SHEPHERD .. 5.	R. E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

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HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1910, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

V. WHITE Treble.	H. LEA 5.
E. WHITE 2.	ALFRED HACKETT 6.
W. H. WEBB 3.	G. N. COCKIN 7.
W. COLEY 4.	M. HACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by W. COLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. A. Norris, curate of Hasbury, on his return from his honeymoon.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 4, 1910, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. COLE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
ROBERT J. DAW 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

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

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Sunday, September 4, 1910, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD† .. Treble.	OLAVE BROYD 5.
GEORGE RICE† 2.	*EDWARD PERKINS 6.
FRED INGH* 3.	SAMUEL EVANS 7.
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 4.	*ARTHUR MAXIM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM UNDERWOOD.

*First peal in any method. †First peal of Treble Bob.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores of Plain Bob, twelve 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER† .. Treble.	W. BERNARD CLARKE .. 4.
LEONARD LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3.	JOHN MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

†First peal of Doubles in three methods. Arranged for C. L. Sadler, who hails from Leintwardine.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1910, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT THOMPSON* .. Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	SIDNEY PALMER 7.
ROBERT W. HYNER 4.	HENRY W. L. WELLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

*First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

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

On Tuesday, September 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

CHAS. BOWER* Treble.	BENJAMIN WOOD 6.
GEORGE GARNETT* 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 7.
JAMES WOOD 3.	BENJAMIN THORP 8.
JOSEPH MELLOR 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT* 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM. WOOD.

*First peal of Caters in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 2.	PETER LAFLIN 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	RICHARD CLARK 6.
HENRY PORCH 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS 9.
REV. E. BANKS JAMES .. 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE DOWLING* .. Treble.	GEORGE HALESWORTH .. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON 2.	*THOMAS SOUTHWICK .. 6.
CHARLES P. BRADLEY .. 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
THOMAS WHITFIELD 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal in any method.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, September 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This is W. H. FUSSELL'S 300th peal.

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BEXHILL.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, September 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble.	FRANK MEDHURST 5.
WALTER ALCOCK 2.	GEORGE WATSON 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WHICHFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE FOUR SHIRE GUILD.***On Thursday, September 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES.

C. RANDALL Treble.	E. RANDALL 4.
F. RANDALL 2.	W. LARGE 5.
F. A. CASE 3.	C. LOCKE Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	GEORGE PIGOTT 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
FRANK WITHERS 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES* .. 4.	JOHN WITHERS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by S. GROVE.

Arranged for A. J. Hughes, of Bangor. *First peal in the method.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs,

REX T. BUSWELL Treble.	*ALBERT E. FOUET 4.
JOSEPH FARBY 2.	JOHN LEWIN 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by B. J. SADDINGTON.

*First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	EDWARD W. COSTER .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUST 2.	CHARLES GREEN 6.
WILLIAM REEVES* 3.	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	*CHARLES HORNE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MATTHEWS Treble.	E. E. BURGESS 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. 2.	H. BCSLEY 6.
C. D. HEGINBOTHAM .. 3.	J. MADDOCK 7.
THOMAS DOBLE 4.	*E. PURDLE Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal. The Rev. C. J. Sturton was elected a member before starting. The peal was arranged for the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. Heginbotham, who were on a visit to Taunton.

NORTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, September 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
REV. A. T. BRISTON .. 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE 3.	JORL HERN 8.
A. F. HILLIER 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 9.
T. T. GOFION 5.	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Friday, September 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 39. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	GEORGE PIGOTT 5.
J. W. TILLEY 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
ALBERT BEECHAM 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late George Farmer, for upwards of forty years a ringer at the above church.

FORTON, NEWPORT, SALOP.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble.	*REV. E. V. COX 4.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, after service, being the jubilee of the church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Cross, J. J. Jutson, G. J. Jutson, F. T. Cooke, A. Johnson, W. T. Johnson conductor.

YARNTON.—On Sunday, September 4th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bennett, G. E. Stone, F. Taylor, V. Bennett, W. C. Hedges, E. Hims conductor.

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. BASSON Treble.	J. GLEN 5.
WM. POYSER 2.	G. THOMPSON 6.
J. DAVIES 3.	C. LOMAS 7.
G. TOMLINSON 4.	H. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH DAVIES.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	† WILLIAM WOODGATE 5.
GEORGE H. JAYE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
THOMAS E. LOOSEMORE 3.	HARRY W. CATTERWELL 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

CHARLES WATERS Treble.	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 4.
GEORGE J. MARBS 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT 5.
WALTER ALCOCK 2.	*GEORGE WATSON 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*Fiftieth peal.

STEBBING.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE C. P. SCHLUETER* Treble.	HARRY P. EMERY 4.
EDWARD HYNDS 2.	JOHN T. BARKER 5.
HENRY C. YOUNG 3.	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. BARKER.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ERNEST COOK 3.
THOMAS CRANE 2.	HERBERT PRATT 4.

JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. Treble.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE 4.	FRED. S. BAYLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER POPPLEWELL .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
REV. C. C. MARSHALL .. 2.	FRED PAGE 6.
EDWARD CRABTREE 3.	EDWARD CROWTHER .. 7.
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 4.	JOHN F. CLAYTON Tenor.

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

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 3040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE .. Treble.	WALTER WHITE 4.
ALBERT COPPOCK 2.	PERCY PRICE 5.
THOMAS KIRBY 3.	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WHITE.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Deane on August 27th, should read 5600, and not 5040 as published.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Miscellaneous.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HARPENDEN (Herts.)—On Wednesday, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Dellar, G. Newson, L. Pearce, H. Burgess, E. Bolton, R. Cobourn, B. Jarman conductor, S. Barns.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 304 Stedman Triples. W. Ives, W. Gammon, A. Arnold, E. Miles, G. Burt, F. Larbey, F. Hermon, J. Calcutt, On Monday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Ives, W. Gammon, W. States, E. Miles conductor, H. Brooker, F. Larbey, C. Kitching, J. Calcutt. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Tuesday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Napper, J. Napper, J. Butler, J. Napper, jun., M. E. Caudwell, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick. First quarter-peal on the bells since the recasting of the 2nd bell.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Friday, June 3rd, 1260 Stedman Triples. G. F. Williams conductor, F. Hayes, J. Evans, R. Coles, J. W. Wilkins, W. Page, G. White, F. Boxall. On Wednesday, June 15th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing twenty-four courses in 2 hours. G. F. Williams conductor, R. Buckland, F. Biggs, J. Evans, F. Boreham, R. Coles, A. Ashman, F. Hayes, R. Biggs, F. Boxall.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Friday, August 12th, the St. Mary's band, Whitechurch, presented a marble clock to their Instructor, Mr. W. B. Biss, of Cardiff, for his kind instructive services to them. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band. J. Paine, W. B. Biss conductor, L. Wright, F. Bailey, W. Porter, T. Middleton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 937 Grandsire Triples. E. Parish, H. Perrin, A. Shuffelbotham, W. Hobbs, T. Ellis, E. Newman, G. F. Williams conductor, C. Hoy.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Thursday, August 4th, for practice, several 6-scores in each of the following methods: Plain Bob, Stebbing, St. Simon's, Canterbury, and Grandsire; also two plain courses of Stedman Doubles. A. Shuffelbotham, E. Newman, W. Grimwade, H. Ridgewell, W. Turner, G. F. Williams, H. Richardson. The Stedman is believed to be the first on the bells.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Bedwell, W. Cooper, G. Cooper, E. Bendix, J. Smith, W. Dudley, W. Judd conductor, H. Wilson.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Thursday, September 8th, in the belfry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on handbells, 1239 Stedman Caters. H. Hibbert (first quarter-peal on handbells), 1-2; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 3-4; T. Gowler, 5-6; F. Hardy, 7-8; C. Hughes, 9-10. On Monday, September 12th, for practice at St. Mary's church, Battersea, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. G. Perrin, A. N. Hardy, W. H. Taffender, T. H. Taffender conductor, F. J. Hardy, F. Hairs, W. Dean, H. Mance.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts.)—On Tuesday, August 22nd, 560 Double Norwich. G. Oldham, E. J. Boot, J. Dicken, W. Clifford, sen., E. Gobey, A. Coppock conductor, P. Price, F. Price. On Monday, August 29th, 536 Double Norwich. W. Widdowson, E. J. Boot, W. Clifford, sen., W. Clifford, jun., A. Coppock conductor, J. Dicken, A. Lowe, P. Price.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday, September 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins. W. Malins, J. Chandler, H. White, J. O. Fenton, J. B. Fenton conductor, C. Wheeler, J. E. Groves, A. Coleman.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 16th, at Charles' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. E. W. Marsh conductor, J. Hobbs, W. G. Hiscott, W. James, H. Bennett, F. Dunaway, F. Hockaday, T. Purse. On Sunday, August 21st, 387 Stedman Caters. E. W. Marsh conductor, J. Hobbs, W. James, J. Waghorn, H. Bennett, R. Dobson, W. H. Marsh, F. Dunaway, F. Hockaday, F. Purse. On Monday, August 22nd, at St. George's Stonehouse, 756 Treble Bob Major. W. Ford, E. W. Marsh, W. Thomas, J. Waghorn, W. Rundle, H. Bennett, F. Hockaday, F. Dunaway conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, July 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Copeland, E. Diaper, W. Souther conductor, G. Melbourne, W. Fishbourne, A. Grimwood. Another 720 in the same method. W. Welham, W. E. Tydeman, E. Welham, S. Scarff, C. Alderton, W. Souther conductor. On July 28th, 720 in the same method. H. Copeland, C. Clarke, W. Souther, G. Melbourne, E. Diaper, A. Grimwood. This was the first 720 by Messrs. Grimwood, Welham, Scarff, Fishbourne, Clarke and Copeland, who are all Finborough men, and only started ringing when the bells were opened on February 3rd last. Great credit is due to them for sticking to it so well. The other men are from Stowmarket, and the Finborough men are very grateful to them for assisting them through their first 720.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Thursday, August 5th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. W. Coombes, H. Barrett, H. Cook, R. Mackrill, C. Hunt, J. Kelley conductor, F. Skevington, W. Brooks. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Ross, member of the Guild, to Miss A. M. Mackrill, the band wishing them long life and happiness.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandoire Triples in 43 mins. J. Paine, W. Weatherstone, G. Simmonds, T. Deal, E. Richards, J. Crowder, E. Pike, G. Fisher.

MITCHAM.—On Sunday, July 24th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. J. Lambert, J. D. Drewett, D. W. Drewett, B. Morris, A. Calver, T. Steers, R. Grimwood, W. S. Smith conductor.

NORWOOD (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Guy, J. Stearn, F. Winter, G. Spencer, H. Parslow, A. R. Macdonald conductor.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Hamblin, S. Weeks, D. Hampton, C. H. Hamblin, sen. M. Smither, C. Wiltshire, sen., conductor.

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to the belfry, and a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, in which Mr. Biss took part. The bells were lowered in peal, and as the ringers descended the steps they were interviewed by a representative of a Cardiff newspaper, with the result that the ringers were able to see a report in print before they left Cardiff. During the afternoon Mr. Biss kindly shewed the visitors some of the principal places of interest. Tea time having arrived, which was partaken of at Godfree's. After a good tea a tram was taken to catch the boat. A shake hands and thanks offered to Mr. Biss for his kindness to the party. Arrived back at Weston, and an hour spent on the old pier, watching the amusements there, and Taunton was reached shortly before

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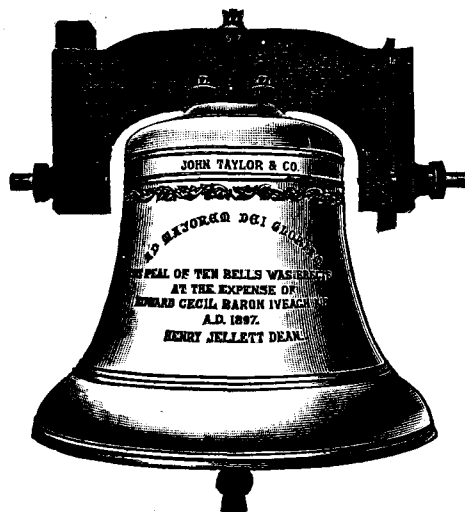
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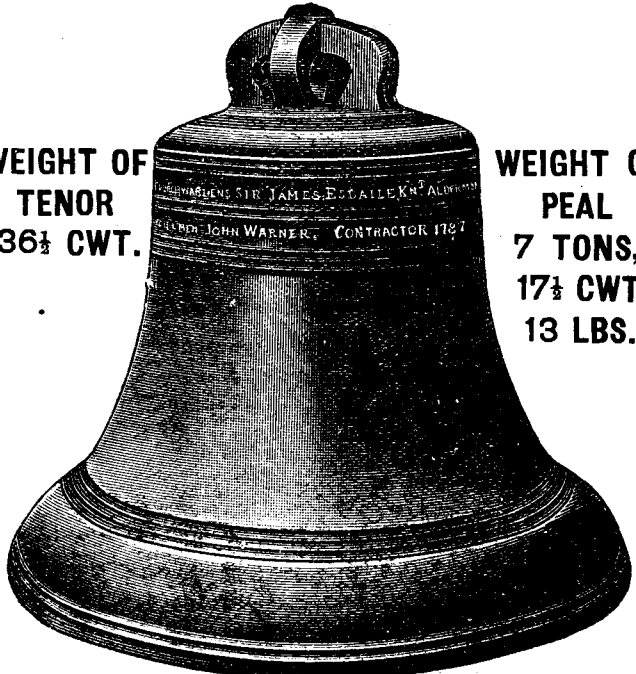
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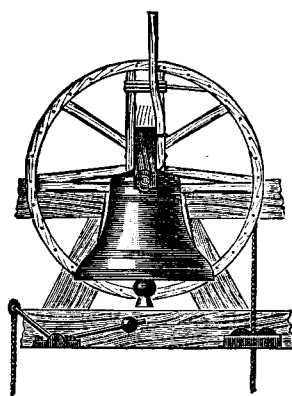
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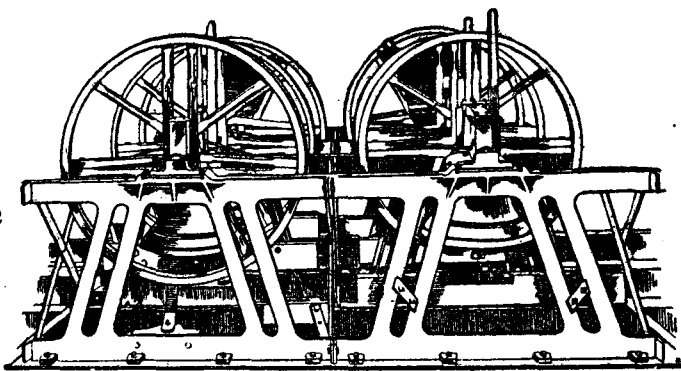
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March 15th, 1808, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 5120 Stedman's Cinques in 4 hours and 1 minute.

November 29th, 1804, at the opening of the new peal of ten bells at Sheffield by the St. Peter's Youths of that place, 5039 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours and 37 minutes. Tenor 42 cwt. key C.

April 8th, 1808, at St. Chads, Shrewsbury, by the Union Youths of that town, 10,097 Grandsire Caters, in 6 hours and 50 minutes. Tenor 34 cwt.

August 2nd, 1808, at St. Peter's, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, by the St. Peter's Youths of that place, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Triples, in 2 hours and 31 mins, conducted by Mr. Wm. Bramley. Tenor 16 cwt.

August 5th, 1808, at Sheffield, by the St. Peter's Youths, 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hours and 40 minutes. Tenor 41 cwt. Conducted by Mr. William Booth.

January 1st, 1809, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Grandsire Tripples (Mr. John Holt's 10 course peal) in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Called by James Wood. Performers names given.

April 5th, 1808, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, by the Union Society of that town, 10,097 Grandsire Caters, in 6 hours and 50 minutes. Tenor 34 cwt.

On July 5th, 1796, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5184 Stedman's Caters, in 3 hours 47 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt.

April 24th, 1796, at St. Mary's, Watford, by the College Youths, 5280 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 40 minutes, conducted by John Povey. Tenor 22 cwt. Names of performers given.

July 30th, 1796, at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, by the Cambridge Youths, 6600 Bob Maximus, in 5 hours and 5 minutes. Tenor 30 cws. N.B.—The compass of the last 1000 changes was equal to the first, there being no variation of time, which is the grand scope of ringing.

August 20th, 1796, at Kidderminster, 5012 Grandsire Trebles, conducted through with one single and brought to the 4984th change, viz., 1267453, in 3 hours and 14 mins. This peal was conducted and composed by Stephen Hill, and allowed by those conversant with the Art to have excelled all others of the sort ever rung in this Kingdom.

November 23rd, 1809, at St. Peter's, Liverpool, 6048 Bob Major, in 3 hours and 56 minutes, conducted by Wm. Jaeger. Tenor 21 cwt. Performers names given.

October 18th, 1809, at St. Peter's, Liverpool, by the College Youths of that place, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 23 mins. Tenor 21 cwt.

October 25th, 1809, at Helmsley church, Blackmore, Yorkshire, by a Society of that town, 5040 Grandsire Tripples (Holt's 10 course peal), in 2 hours and 50 minutes. Tenor 12 cwt. Names of performers given.

October 25th, 1809, at Ashton-under-Line, Lancashire,

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April 20th, 1809, at Ashton-under-Line, by the St. Michael's Youths of that town, 10,240 Bob Major, in 6 hours and 30 minutes, composed and conducted by Mr. N. Moss, who rung the tenor 20 cws.

April 20th, 1809, was rung at St. Peter's church, Sheffield, Yorkshire, by the St. Peter's Youths of that place, a complete peal of Cambridge Surprise, consisting of 6048 changes, in 4 hours and 18 minutes, being the greatest length in that method ever rung in England. Tenor 41 cwt. N.B.—The above peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Geo. Wild.

October 17th, 1809, at All Saints, Derby, 5003 Grandsire Caters in the tittums, being the first long peal on ten bells ever rung in the county. Conducted by Joseph Grayson. Names of performers given.

March 25th, 1809, a short time ago at St. Paul's church, Oldham, Lancs, by the St. Paul's Youths of that place, 15,120 Bob Major, in 8 hours and 46 minutes. Tenor 13 cwt.

March 25th, 1809, a short time ago at St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Leatherhead, Surrey, by the Leatherhead Youths, 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 6 hours and 4 minutes. Tenor 17 cwt.

September 24th, 1809, at Painswick, Gloucestershire, by a Society of ringers of that place, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hrs. and 13 minutes. Tenor 30 cwt., and the man who rung it was aged 66 years.

April 2nd, 1810, at Leeds, Yorkshire, 5040 Bob Royal in 3 hours and 29 minutes. Conductor Joseph Tebbs' Tenor 27 cwt. in key of D. Names of performers given.

September 12th, 1814, at Otley, Yorkshire, 12,320 New Treble Bob (composed by Mr. Shipway, of London, in 7½ hours. Conducted by D. Smith. Tenor 15 cwt. Names of performers given.

February 6th, 1810, at St. Thomas Church, Newport, by the Union Youths of that place, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in 2 hours and 36 minutes.

February 28th, 1810, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and six minutes, conducted by J. Wood. Names of performers given.

March 10th, 1810, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, by the Cumberlands, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and 4 minutes. Tenor 24 cwt.

March 26th, 1810, at Ashford, Kent, by the Hythe ringers, 5040 Bob Major, in 3 hours and 11 minutes, conducted by John Howland. Tenor 22 cwt.

March 4th, 1810, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts., 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and 16 minutes, by the ringers of the town.

May 8th, 1810, the six bells at Newchurch I. of Wight were opened by the Newport Youths with two successive peals, viz., Oxford Treble and Plain Bob, in 44 mins, Names of performers given,

May 9th, 1810, at St. Thomas, Newport, by 6 Newport Youths and 2 College Youths, 5040 Bob Major, in 2 hours and 45 minutes. Names of performers given.

Monday, July 9th, 1810, at Hatfield, Herts., 5040 Grandsire Tripples, by the St. Albans Youths in 3½ hours, being the first peal of Tripples completed there.

August 29th, 1810, a new peal of eight bells at Darlaston, Staffordshire, was opened with 5040 Bob Major in nine courses with 6th twelve times right, in 3 hrs. and 7 minutes. Tenor 19 cwt.

October 6th, 1810, at Darlaston, by St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, with 102 Bobs and 48 Singles, in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Conducted by B. Pugh. Tenor 19 cwt. Name of performers given.

November 21st, 1810, at St. Thomas, Newport, by the Union Youths, 5040 Bob Major, in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Name of performers given.

December 8th, 1810, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 6000 Oxford Treble Bob (12 in), being the first peal in that method since their new Trebles to make a peal of twelve, in 3 hours and 30 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt.

Christmas Day 1810, at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, by a select band from the Manchester and Salford Union Society, 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 3 hours and 6 minutes, conductor Mr. Thos. Norrall.

January 21st, 1811, at Stroud, Gloucestershire, by the Society of ringers there, 5040 Grandsire Tripples (Holt's peal), in 3 hours, tenor 20 cwt.

February 3rd, 1811, at Painswick Gloucestershire, 5040 Grandsire Tripples (Holt's) in 3 hours and 20 minutes; soon followed by 5039 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Tenor 28 cwt.

February 5th, 1811, at St. Thomas, Newport, by the Union Youths, it being their Anniversary, 5040 Bob Major, in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Performers names given.

March 25th, 1811, the new peal of bells at Alresford, Hants., cast by T. Mears, Whitechapel, was opened by a Society of Ringers from Alton, with about 200 Rounds, after which 1260 Holt's Tripples, in 45 minutes. Tenor 17 cwt. Performers names given.

April 15th, 1811, at Darlaston, by eight of St. Matthew's Youths of Walsall, whose ages amounted to 435 years, 6160 Bob Major, in 3 hours and 43 minutes.

On May 4th, 1811, at St. Peter's, Sheffield, by the St. Peter's Society, 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hours and 47 minutes, conductor Wm. Booth. Tenor 41 cwt.

June 25th, at Gillingham, Kent, a few days ago was opened the ancient peal of 6 bells, increased to 8, by the Gravesend Ringers with 5248 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 14 minutes. Tenor 14 cwt.

October 9th, 1811, lately died at Sheffield, Yorkshire, Mr. Richard Owen, a penknife cutler, aged 90 years, and during the whole period of his life was a noted change-ringer at St. Peter's church in that town; has rung upwards of 100,000,000 changes in the intricate and scientific methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Grandsire, London Doubles, Old Doubles, Primrose, Violet, Tulip, Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire six in, Grandsire Trebles, Bob Major, Allwood's Trebles, Sheffield Trebles, Union Trebles, Yorkshire Glory, Holt's Trebles, Cambridge Surprise 8 in, Grandsire 8 in, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, and Oxford Treble Bob Royal; and in the year 1791 he rang the Treble in one day upwards

of 14,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, the time 9 hours and 15 minutes. Tenor 33 cwt.

April 17th, 1812. A few days ago at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Line, Lancaster, by 10 of College Youths of that place, 7002 Grandsire Caters (a musical composition by Chas. Purser, London), in 4 hours and 10 minutes. Conductor S. Moss, junior. Tenor 20 cwt.

April 18th, 1812. A short time ago a select 4 only of the independent society of St. Peter's Youths at Sheffield rang upon their handbells 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, which till now was deemed impracticable by all the connoisseurs in that ingenious art both in town and country.
(To be continued.)

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Wednesbury on Saturday, September 17th. A fairly good muster put in an appearance, especially as such short notice was given. It was originally arranged to hold this meeting at Bloxwich, but unforeseen circumstances prevented it. The bells were freely used during the afternoon and evening in such methods as Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. F. Tennyson gave an address. At the committee meeting which followed, several new members were enrolled. Subscriptions to the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Fund were received; but as some had not responded to the invitation to join in this, it was agreed to let the list remain open until the end of October. A good and substantial tea was provided in the school-room.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to the ladies who kindly attended to their wants at the tea-table, and to the Rev. F. Tennyson for his address, brought the meeting to a close.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	109	19	2
Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Mundon)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Saturday, September 24th, when the following towers were represented: Petersfield, Fareham, Wickham, North Stoneham, Swanmore, Portsea, Titchfield, and Soberton. The Master of the Guild was present during the afternoon, but had to leave early. A good tea was provided at The White Lion, to which full justice was done.

After tea the business of the meeting was gone through, Mr. G. Childs (churchwarden of the parish church), presiding. The minutes of the last general meeting at Ryde was adopted as read. Mr. G. Childs was unanimously elected an Honorary Performing Member.

The question of continuing instruction to the Soberton band was discussed, and it was decided that a second course be approved of.

Mr. G. E. Chappell gave a good report of the Soberton band, now receiving instruction. They were making very good progress, and he had every reason to say they were doing themselves credit.

Mr. G. Williams also gave the band some good advice, saying in the earlier days Soberton could boast of several peal-ringers, and he thought there was even a better chance now for the younger ones to pick it up, and so even improve on the older ones.

Mr. Childs said he would do anything to forward the interest in ringing generally.

Mr. G. Putman, captain of the Soberton band, thanked the Guild for their generous offer of another course of lessons, and said they were well satisfied in the way their instructor was doing his duties.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. W. H. Morley for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Childs for so kindly presiding.

The members afterwards adjourned to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, and Treble Bob were rung.

THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

The members of this society had their annual outing on Monday, August 22nd, London again being visited. Arriving at Liverpool Street Station at the early hour of 8 a.m., they were met by their old friend Mr. Winney, who kindly undertook, as he has done on previous occasions, to again be their pilot; and a very good pilot too, for he made every arrangement for us to spend a most enjoyable day.

West Ham was reached just before 10 a.m., where we were met by Messrs. Doran, Torble, and others, who joined us in ringing touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Grandsire Caters, etc. Quite an hour and a half was spent here, after which pilot Winney and Mr. Doran accompanied us to St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, where we were met by Mr. M. A. Wood, who has just reached his 84th birthday. With him we had the pleasure of ringing a touch of Double Norwich Major. Touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Grandsire were also rung, in which Messrs. Winney and Doran took part. Here we spent quite an enjoyable hour or two. Next we found something else required attention; our stomachs were feeling empty, so we were piloted by friend Winney to The Coffee Pot, where the inner man was attended to.

This over, we made our way to the Jap Exhibition by river and bus, where we spent a capital four hours, some of the party enjoying a trip on the Mountain Railway, etc. We had previously arranged to spend an hour at the Col-

lege Youths Club House in the evening to meet some old friends, and reached there about 9.45, where we found Messrs. Daniell, Cockerill, Horrex, Newton, Neale, and others there to welcome us. After a handshake and a chat, a request was made for a tune on the handbells, these having already been placed at our disposal by that genial ringer—Mr. Cockerill—which was rendered by Messrs. Knights (2), and A. G. Warnes. Grandsire Cinques, Caters, and Treble Bob were also rung, in which Messrs. Cockerill, Daniell, Winney, Newton, and Neale took part.

After a very pleasant hour here, the chimes of St. Paul's Cathedral reminded us it was time we were on the move to Liverpool Street Station, which was reached in good time to catch the 12.25 a.m. train back to Norwich.

This concluded a most enjoyable day's outing, and our thanks are due to Mr. Winney for making all the necessary arrangements for us. F. H. K.

NORTH BUCKS. BELLRINGER'S MARRIAGE.

The marriage has just taken place of Mr. Frederick William Booth, of Emberton, who has for several years been keenly interested in church bellringing, and who has been actively connected with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and for the last few years has discharged with business ability and marked satisfaction, the office of Secretary to the North Bucks. Branch of the Guild. He has been engaged in peal-ringing in every church of importance in Buckinghamshire, and has frequently joined the Northants. Guild. Under his supervision the North Bucks. branch has made rapid progress, and the membership to-day is stronger than ever before, and it is still growing. Mr. Booth led to the altar Miss Emily Susannah Chester, of Wappenham, Northants., in the church of which parish the marriage ceremony took place. The Rev. G. Mortimer officiated. On the day of the ceremony the Emberton church bells rang merry peals in honour of the event, and as a mark of the high esteem in which Mr. Booth is held by his fellow-ringers, and by Emberton people in general.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN (Herts.)—On Wednesday, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Dellar, G. Newson, L. Pearce, H. Burgess, E. Bolton, R. Cobourn, B. Jarman conductor, S. Barns.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 304 Stedman Triples. W. Ives, W. Gammon, A. Arnold, E. Miles, G. Burt, F. Larbey, F. Hermon, J. Calcutt. On Monday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Ives, W. Gammon, W. States, E. Miles conductor, H. Brooker, F. Larbey, C. Kitching, J. Calcutt. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Tuesday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Napper, J. Napper, J. Butler, J. Napper, jun., M. E. Caudwell, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick. First quarter-peal on the bells since the recasting of the 2nd bell.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Friday, June 3rd, 1260 Stedman Triples. G. F. Williams conductor, F. Hayes, J. Evans, R. Coles, J. W. Wilkins, W. Page, G. White, F. Boxall. On Wednesday, June 15th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing twenty-four courses in 2 hours. G. F. Williams conductor, R. Buckland, F. Biggs, J. Evans, F. Boreham, R. Coles, A. Ashman, F. Hayes, R. Biggs, F. Boxall.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £220 is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By JOHN CARTER.

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52364	-	-	
35264	-	-	
63254	-	-	
42356	-	-	
34256	-	-	
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First rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 20th, 1910, conducted by James E. Groves.

5040.

By THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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34625	-	-	
26543	-	-	
56342	-	-	
23645	-	-	
42635	-	-	
56234	-	-	
35264	-	-	
42563	-	-	
64523	-	-	
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42356	-	-	
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Rung at St. James's, Bristol, on September 6th, 1910, conducted by the composer.

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NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James's Society), established 1824.—The eighth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15, commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence, reserved seats, one shilling, to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. J. Hairs, H. Burton, R. Bevan, W. Coombes, J. E. Davis, W. Essery, W. J. Kemp, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner and others; also from 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E. T. H. TAFFENDER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Hartlebury to-day Saturday, October 1st. Service with address by the Rev. I. Robertson, Rector, will be held in the parish church at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards, at which arrangements have to be made for the formation of branches. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. A free tea will be provided for those intending to be present if they forwarded their names to T. J. Salter, "Duke of Edinburgh," Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, on or before Wednesday, September 28th.

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

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 3rd, 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 4th and 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 4th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—By permission of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the practices of the above Association will be resumed there on the first Monday in each month until further notice. The next will be on October 3rd at 8 p.m., when it is hoped as many members as can make it convenient will attend. WALTER G. MATTHEWS, *Master*.

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden Green, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, at Isleworth on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. The Vicar will entertain the members to tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock. Will members please note that all subscriptions should now be paid, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

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

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A half-day meeting of the above will be held at Stroud to-day, Sat., October 1st. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bocking to-day, Sat., October 1st. Tea will be provided at the Deanery at 5 o'clock.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 6, to be followed by the business meeting.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham;

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. 2 p.m.—Seighford (5); 3 p.m.—Haughton (5); 3.45 p.m.—Church Eaton (6); 5 p.m.—Gnosall (6).

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Crawley, Bucks. on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be held at Yateley on Thursday, October 6th, and Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE EDSEER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, October 8th. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. George Redfern, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, October 5th.

REV. C. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided through the kindness of the Rev. F. C. Cox, at 5.15 p.m. in the school. All members wishing to attend tea must notify to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 4th. Half railway fares paid up to 2s.

G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*

2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clenchwarton on Saturday, October 15th. Dinner at The Black Horse inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service in church at 3.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 15th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available from 3.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

C. STARKEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells of the parish church (8, tenor 18 cwt.),

will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the vicarage by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary not later than Monday, October 17th. Further particulars will be sent to the towers by circular.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*

26, High Street, North Ormesby.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Thomas Bull, esq., J.P. The late gentleman was for thirty-eight years churchwarden, and was prime mover in making the peal of ten, giving one bell himself. He was one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association, and held the office of Treasurer until some four years ago.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at Brathay on Saturday, September 10th, when about thirty members turned up from the following towers: Ambleside, Brathay, Broughton-in-Furness, Crowthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, and Langdale. The Rev. T. H. Baines, Vicar of Brathay, took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the following places were proposed for the half-year meeting—Barrow-in-Furness, Broughton-in-Furness, Kendal, and Ulverston, and after very close voting, Broughton-in-Furness was chosen. Various other business matter followed, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

A move was then made to the tower, when the Vicar, after a few remarks to the ringers, unveiled two peal-boards recording two 5040s of Treble Bob Minor rung by the local ringers, the peal-boards being very neatly done by Mr. Holme, one of the Brathay ringers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing various touches of Minor, when time brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the branch.

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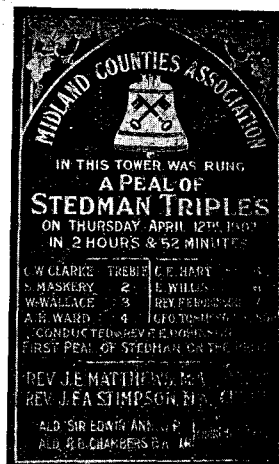
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 6.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL,

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

On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER Treble.	FREDK. J. HARDY 5.
FRANK SEEVINGTON 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
EDWARD R. MACKRILL 3.	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	*WILLIAM A. BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JERRALD HAYWARD Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2.	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3.	RICHARD BEVAN 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

This peal was arranged by the Master of the Association (W. G. Matthews), upon the 57th anniversary of his birth, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KENWORTHY Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
GEORGE PIPES 2.	JOHN M. BROOK 6.
ROYAL BOWMER 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN 4.	THOMAS STIMPSON Tenor.

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

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
SAMUEL GROVE 2.	FREDK. DICKENS 6.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	CHARLES KELLER 5.
JAMES WARD* 2.	FREDK. PALMER 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble.	STANLEY DOBBIE 5.
FREDK. G. BRETT 2.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D flat.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	ERNEST HEBBERT 5.
WALTER J. BOWDEN* 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 6.
CYRIL HERBERT 3.	HARRY TYSON 7.
HERBERT L. HARLOW* 4.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

Rang as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. H. Harpley and Miss E. Stanford, who were married at the above church that day.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble.	*NEVIL WIDDOWSON 5.
JAMES E. HEXTER 2.	JOSEPH DAVIES 6.
CHARLES E. HART 3.	†JOSEPH BAILEY 7.
BART MITCHELL 4.	†JOHN ANDREWS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.
‡First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLARENCE DOBBIE* Treble.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	†ERNEST DOBBIE 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 7.
STANLEY DOBBIE 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN TURNER .. .. .Treble.	JAMES FRENCH .. .. .4.
FRANK CLAYDON .. .. .2.	JAMES FLEUTY .. .. .5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

DIBDEN, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM ROBSON .. .. .5.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. .2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
PERCIVAL E. MORFEE 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
HENEY W. WILKES .. .. .4.	HERBERT PAYNE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The band wish to thank the local ringers for their attention and hospitality after the peal.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH CLIFFE .. ..Treble.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. .5.
JOHN TURNER .. .. .2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. .3.	JAMES DILLON .. .. .7.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. ..Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

GEORGE DURLING* .. ..Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. .5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.* 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 3.	SERGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. .4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..Tenor.

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

*First peal of Cambridge.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY)

On Tuesday, September 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s of Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR H. TOOK .. .. .4.
FREDK C. LAMBERT .. .. .2.	JAMES HOWARD .. .. .5.
JOHN O'NEILL .. .. .3.	ALBERT LEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. E. Borrett, of Norwich, the respected Secretary of the Norwich Association.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CLAUD REMNANT .. ..Treble.	ROBERT WHITTINGTON .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. .2.	THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 6.
HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. .3.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 7.
HERBERT HOLDEN* .. .. .4.	†HARRY B. A. TINDALL ..Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

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

LUTON.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. A. G. LANGDON* ..Treble.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	REV. H. J. ELSEY 6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS* 4.	REV. B. H. T. DBAKE ..Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman. Rev. E. B. James' 100th peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, York Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN NEAL .. ..Treble.	FRED BLOOD .. .. .4.
JAMES OSBORN .. .. .2.	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5.
JOHN W. LAKE .. .. .3.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. ..Treble.	JOHN C. DICKEN 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. .2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 7.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL 3.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
FRANK JACOBS .. .. .4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9.
GEORGE DAVIES .. .. .5.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. HOLLIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. ..Treble.	REV. E. V. COX .. .. .5.
JAMES PRATT .. .. .2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
GEORGE TOMLINSON 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. .7.
REV. R. P. FARROW* 4.	JOSEPH CURTIS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

*First peal in the method.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIFLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY PAGE Treble.	GEORGE CROSS 5.
TOM PAGE 2.	GEORGE WINES 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3.	THOMAS HAMLIN 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	*HARRY CRABBE Tenor.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

*First peal. W. Richards was elected a member before starting.

DULVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*HENRY G. HOLLOWAY .. 5.
HERBERT HOBBS* 2.	*CHARLES PARKHOUSE .. 6.
JOHN PARKHOUSE* 3.	*WILLIAM A. HAWKINS .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	*GEORGE H. FISHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method, and rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Green, on the recent birth of a son.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F sharp.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	HENRY F. COOPER 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 7.
HARRY F. COLLINS* 4.	HARRY COOTE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. The band very heartily thank Mr. Howard for his generous hospitality after the peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES 5.
EDWARD E. GRIMES* .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES 3.	PEER LAFIN 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

*First peal.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 5.
ALFRED CROSS 2.	RICHARD NEWTON 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK .. 3.	*HENRY IDLE 7.
ALFRED BARNES 4.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by H. IDLE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Joseph Maloney, who sailed for Canada on the 16th inst.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALSWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, September 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	GEORGE EASTHAUGH .. 4.
CHARLES MOSS* 2.	JAMES HOWARD 5.
JOHN O'NEILL 3.	ALBERT LEE Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since being recently rehung by Bowell, of Ipswich.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	†THOMAS NEWALL 6.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	*HENRY DEW 7.
HARRY MOORE, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN 8.
WILLIAM SCONCE* 4.	JAMES V. WEIGHT 9.
JOHN SCONCE* 5.	SAMUEL MEADOWS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal of Royal. †Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. The reverse of this composition was rung on these bells nearly 100 years ago, in 1818.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE BEESTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

LOUIS PRICE* Treble.	NEVIL WIDDOWSON 5.
PERCIVAL PRICE 2.	*RICHARD DRAGE 6.
W. CLIFFORD, JUN. .. 3.	†EDWARD J. BOOT 7.
J. CHARLES DICKEN .. 4.	ALBERT COPPOCK .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by A. COPPOCK.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JESSE B. TYLER .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD 9.
RICHARD CLARK 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

*First peal of Surprise with a bob bell. In Memoriam—William James Hinton, died September 16th, 1909.

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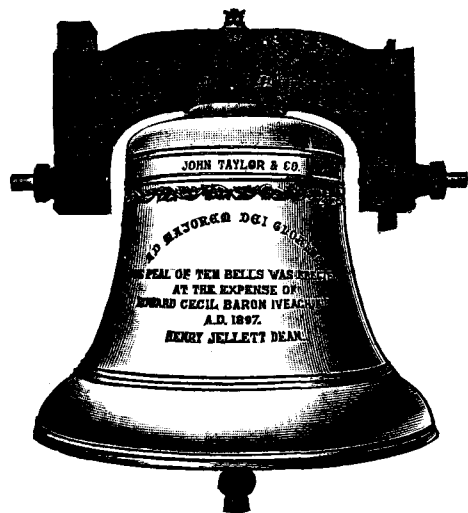
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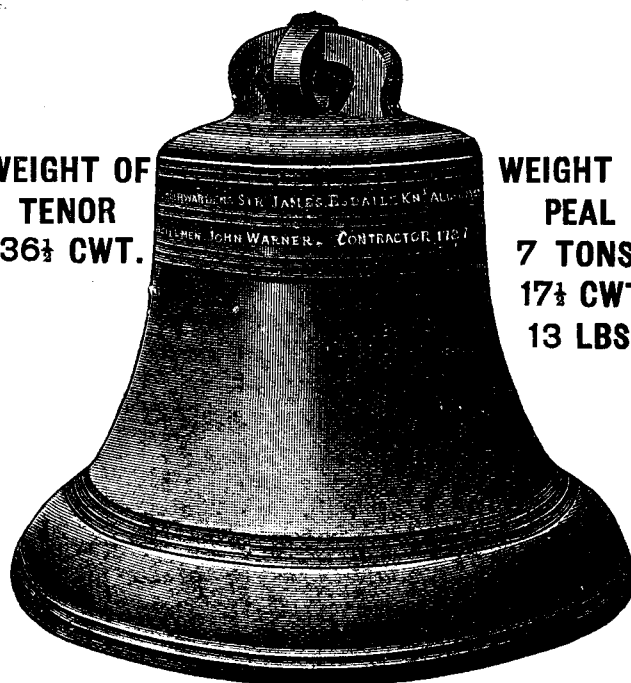
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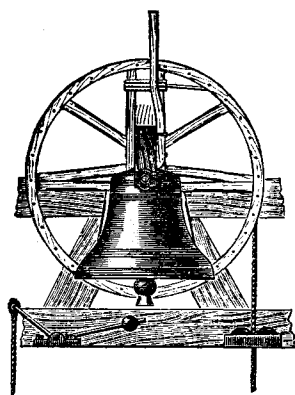
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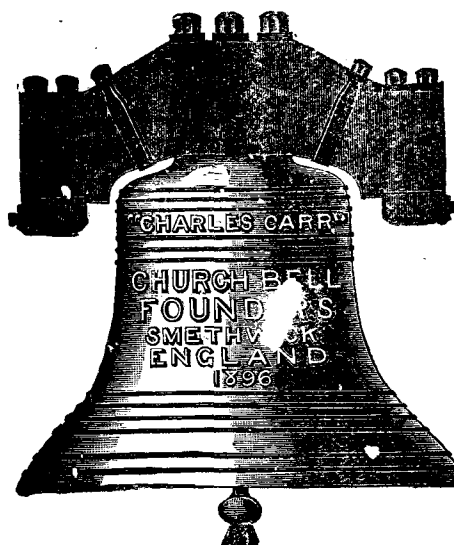
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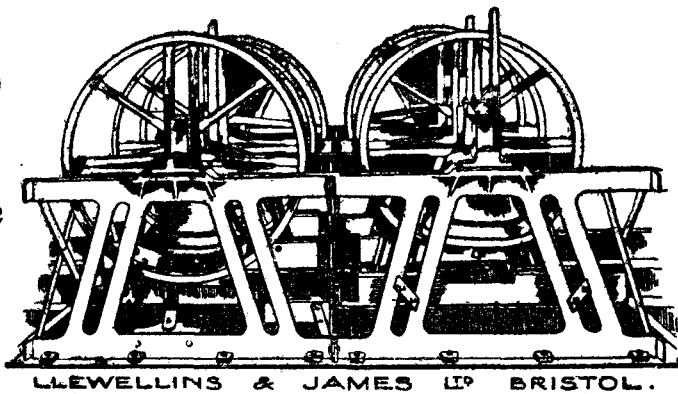
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at All Saints church, Fulham, on Saturday, September 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel. It was an occasion that will long be remembered in the history of the Association, for it was to the great regret of all, the last meeting at which the Hon. Secretary would be present in that capacity after a faithful service of some thirteen years; his resignation being due to his having taken up his residence at Southsea, on his retirement from the Public Service. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued till 5 p.m., when a bright festival service was held in the church, attended by a large number of members gathered from far and near. The address was given by the Rev. Canon Papillon, M.A., himself an accomplished ringer, who preached from the texts—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord."—Ps. cxxii. 1. And "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity."—Ps. cxxiii. 1.

"The first verse," said the preacher, "strikes a note of personal interest. I was glad when they said unto me; the second, a note of corporate interest and rejoicing—how good and joyful a thing it is for men to dwell together in unity." This suggests that double aspect of life—the individual or personal, and the collective or social aspect—which is always present with us and enters into the life's work of each one of us, whatever that work may be. In one sense, each one liveth for himself: to increase his own income, to succeed in his own business, to use such powers of mind and body, such skill of brain and hand, as has been given to him individually. But each one also lives among others and works for others, whether for those who directly depend upon his labour, such as wife and children, or for those who avail themselves of what he does or makes to supply their needs, or to provide for their own comfort or convenience, his neighbours, his customers, or his employers. On this side of life, and a very large side it is, no man liveth to himself. We all live for and with others; we cannot isolate ourselves, and live our own life, as if there were no one else to think about. The returning exile was glad on his own account to go up once more to the Temple of Jerusalem; but he was also glad that others were united with him: "I was glad when they said to me, We will go into the house of the Lord."

Now, it is on the due balance and harmonious proportion between these two main interests—the individual or personal, and the social or collective interest, that very largely depends the smooth working of life in all its aspects: of family life, of business life, of political life and citizenship. In family life too much individualism and selfish disregard of others breaks up the harmony of a home; in public life, the determination of individuals to go their own way in defiance of law and order, and regardless of the convenience of others results in confusion and anarchy. On the other hand, excessive socialism may crush individual independence, and may degenerate into a tyranny which allows no room for individual effort. Thus the want of due balance between the interest of the individual and those of society in general may be destructive to the harmony of life and the well being of mankind.

You will perhaps have divined how all this applies to the occasion of your meeting to-day, as individual members of a Society whose interest you desire to promote, while you further each your own personal interest and proficiency in the ringer's

art. You cultivate and practice the fascinating art of change-ringing; each one in the first place for personal reasons, because he likes it and wishes to excel in it, but also for the sake of others without whose help you cannot carry out your individual wishes. A man cannot be a change-ringer at all unless he rings with others, and does his best for them; unless he observes that due harmony between the individual or personal, and the social or collective side of human life and work of which we have been speaking. The object of your Society is to unite the ringers of a particular area or district for the promotion of common interests which each individual has at heart. As individuals you combine to promote that unity which is the greatest strength of any cause; and by coming here to the House of God upon the occasion of your annual festival, you shew, I hope and believe, that each one of you desires this unity to be a Christian unity. Each one, I trust, is glad when it is said unto him "Let us go into the house of the Lord": but each, I trust, realizes at the same time how good and joyful a thing it is for ringers, and especially for Christian ringers, to dwell together in unity.

And if we want a picture of what unity means, I think that we may find it in the exercise of a ringer's art, in which a man cannot think of himself alone, or work for himself alone. He must suit the work to that of others, and time it with theirs. If one goes wrong, all must stop and the peal or touch breaks down. Now, ringing a peal seems a kind of miniature of human life. Our life is a peal, long or short, as the case may be; but, while it lasts, full of changes. Every day, every hour we are brought into different relations with our fellow men, and unless we work harmoniously and in time and tune with them, we may wreck our lives and theirs. Sometimes we follow others, sometimes we lead, for others to follow: we perform the various acts of life, as the ringer strikes his blows, now before, now after each other; now in regular succession, and now with breaks and shifting in our course; now in front, now behind; now quicker and now slower. And then at last comes the time when the bells come home, and the "Great Conductor" calls us all to "stand." When the noise of life, with its changes and chances, its ups and downs, is hushed in the grave—hushed in that unity of silence which is deeper than all the harmony of sound, but in the unity of hope that we may be raised again to another and glorified life. This may strike you as a fanciful comparison. But if I have drawn it out at all clearly as it strikes me, it may help to enforce the point which I have been trying to make, viz., that in every department of life, and in every Society or Association of men for any purpose whatever, individual or personal and corporate or social interest must go hand in hand, neither overriding nor oppressing the other: but each working in due harmony for the common good. And the great lesson for this or any similar Society is the lesson of individual effort combined with Christian unity; a unity of good lives, lived not for self alone, but for others; a unity of desire that God may be glorified in all things, that His name may be kept holy, that His house and all that belongs to it, its belfry and its bells, its services and its sacraments, may be reverently used. If ringers have thus practised their art in the spirit of Christian unity, and not only for individual pleasure or amusement, they will have done honour both to it and to themselves. And then perhaps at the last, for those of us who have loved the ringer's art and practised it in the right spirit, if the sound of bells should fall upon dying ears, they will seem to be calling us to the betterland where

"The bells of the City of God peal out
And the Angels' song still rings in the height."

The service over, some ninety members adjourned to the Church Room, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. After tea, a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon

Papillon for his strikingly eloquent address was proposed by the President and seconded by the Hon. Secretary, to which the preacher replied, thanking all for the reception they had given him, adding that it had afforded him much pleasure to have been present on the last occasion on which Mr. King would attend as Hon. Secretary, and wishing the Association all prosperity. Some excellent handbell ringing was then introduced by Mr. J. W. Driver, who with the aid of some members of the Fulham Society rang a touch of Stedman Cinques, a very skilful performance, successfully completed.

The Report for 1910 was in part read by the Honorary Secretary, and ordered to be printed in the usual course, together with a list of the peals rung and conducted by each member up to date. The accounts were also passed subject to audit. The report shewed that eighty-five peals had been rung since the last annual meeting, consisting of—

	No. of Peals.
Kent Treble Bob Major	8
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Grandsire Triples	8
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	2
Bristol Surprise	11
London Surprise	5
Superlative Surprise	10
Stedman Triples	15
Stedman Caters	18
Stedman Cinques	4
Total... ..	85

of which there had been rung on handbells—

Grandsire Triples	2
Stedman Triples	1
Stedman Caters	4
Stedman Cinques	1
Total	8

Congratulations were given to Miss Edith Parker upon having achieved the distinction of being the first lady to ring in a peal of London Surprise, conducted by her father at Edmonton on the 4th December, 1909. The Association had also rung a grand peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Giles' Cripplegate, on the 7th May, 1910, on receipt of the sad news of the death of our beloved King. These, and a fine peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells formed the most notable successes in a year which could boast of no less than eleven peals of Bristol Surprise, five of London Surprise, and ten of Superlative Surprise. The election of members was then proceeded with, and afterwards the election of officers for the ensuing year. President, Rev. H. G. Bird; Vice President, Arthur T. King, esp., i.s.o.; Master, Mr. William Pye; Hon. Treasurer, F. A. Milne, esq.; Joint Hon. Secretaries Mr. H. C. Chandler, and Mr. C. T. Coles. Some alterations in the rules were then proposed and carried; first, as to the discontinuance of the peal book in its present form, and secondly as to the propriety of carrying to the central fund a slightly increased proportion of the subscriptions. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindly welcome concluded the business meeting.

A very interesting ceremony then followed in the presentation to the retiring hon. secretary of a magnificent time piece, playing the Westminster chimes at each quarter, and striking the hour with a deep toned imitation Big Ben. The President, in making the presentation, said he thought the retiring hon. secretary had done

noble work for the Association, and they could not let him go without acknowledging his unwavering devotion to its best interests. He hoped that this tangible token of their affectionate regard might serve to remind him, in his retirement, of what had doubtless been to him a labor of love, and he offered it in the name of the members with the expression of a hope that the retirement which he had so well earned might be accompanied by long life and happiness, and that they might live long in his recollection, as he would assuredly live long in theirs.

In returning thanks, Mr. King said that it had been his privilege to present many testimonials, but this was the first occasion that he had been singled out to be the happy recipient of other people's good nature. He said that the best testimonial they could give him would be for them to strive for the continued prosperity of the Association after he had gone, and he exhorted them all to be loyal and devoted members, as they always had been. It would have been quite enough reward to him to know that his services had been appreciated, and to feel that all with whom he had been brought in contact parted with him without a spark of illfeeling towards him. He had always tried to be fair, and he hoped that in doing his best for the Association, he had never knowingly done anything harmful to any other kindred society. He was sorry that he should have been at times misunderstood, and he ventured to remind them that a ringer might belong to half a dozen Associations, getting all the pleasures he could out of all of them, and being perfectly loyal all round. It was only when a ringer ventured to play off one Association at the expense and to the detriment of others, that the mischief began; and this he had always strenuously opposed. He thanked all those who had combined to do him honour, and for the kindly feeling which had prompted them to make him so handsome a present.

After the presentation, which closed with musical honours, and every token of affectionate regard, ringing was renewed at the parish church, and also at St. Mary's church, Putney, the bells of which had been thrown open for the use of members by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. T. Rivington. Thus ended the fourteenth annual general meeting, which for genuine enthusiasm and conspicuous success will be long remembered by those who took part in it.

We are asked to state that copies of the excellent photograph of the group of sixty-one ringers, with the President and Mr. King, can be obtained on mounts 8 inches by 10 inches from the photographer, Mr. C. A. Brightman, 669, Fulham Road, at the low cost of one shilling each, cash with order, post free. Mr. Brightman is the Fire Brigade photographer, and his groups are always clear and good.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £252 5s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly of the above was held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 24th. By the kindness of Messrs. Taylor, their celebrated bell foundry was open for the inspection of members, and their peal of eight bells, tenor 6½ cwt., was available for ringing. The ten bells at the parish church, and the eight at Stanford-on-Soar, were also kept going through the afternoon and evening.

After the committee meeting, tea was held in the Fearon Hall, by kind permission of the Rector, and about 180 members partook of the hospitality of Messrs. Taylor in the shape of a substantial meat tea. The following places, among others, were represented at the meeting: Ansty, Ashby, Birmingham, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Hinckley, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Leicester, Loughborough, Mansfield, Melton Mowbray, Newhall, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Sandiacre, Shepshed, Stanford, Stanton-by-Dale, and Stoke Golding.

At the general meeting which followed, the Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. G. Edmonds, Vicar of Stoke Golding; the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill; Mrs. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mr. W. W. Worthington (Nether-seal); Mr. W. C. Wakley (Hon. Treasurer); and Mr. W. E. White (Hon. Secretary).

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting at Alfreton, which were passed and signed. Mr. Taylor, in reviewing the peals rung during the past quarter (37 on tower, and 5 on handbells), said that he noted with pleasure that the ringing of the higher methods showed a distinct advance. One of these was a peal of Stedman Triples at Mansfield, in which Mr. W. Gosling, sen. rang his first peal in the method. The veteran, who is in his 84th year, was present at the meeting, and was heartily cheered.

Twenty ringing members were unanimously elected, including Miss May Thompson, of South Wigston.

With reference to the Robinson Memorial Fund, the members were notified that subscriptions would be collected from the towers in each district separately, and it was suggested as the united contribution of the M.C.A. It is proposed to close the list on December 31st.

Mr. J. Griffin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rectors of Loughborough and Stanford for the use of the bells, and of the hall for the tea and meeting.

Mr. W. W. Worthington seconded, and Mr. Taylor in putting the vote to the meeting, expressed the members' sympathy with Canon Pitts in his illness, the Rector and his sons having met with a motor accident. This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Messrs. Taylor for their entertainment, and to Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor and the other ladies who had helped at the tea, was proposed by Mr. Worthington, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, and carried with applause. Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. E. D. Taylor briefly replied. Among the methods rung at this meeting were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Bob Major, Duffield Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative and London Surprise.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

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."

2, Sussex Place, Sussex Road, Southsea, Sept. 30, 1910.

SIR,—Will you allow me through your columns to thank those numerous friends who, on my retirement from the post of Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild of change-ringers, and in recognition of my humble services for many years past, have seen fit to present me with a most beautiful token of their appreciation. I can only say that all that I have been permitted to do has been truly a labour of love; and it would have been an ample recompense to me, had I been allowed to retire with the best testimonial any man could have, that of being missed. Believe me, the pain of parting from my colleagues is too deep for adequate expression; for I have been very happy in my work, and still happier in the friendships I have made.

Again, I thank my friends for the many manifestations of kindly feeling shewn me at the meeting, and for many private letters I have received to the same effect. The spontaneous desire expressed that I should become vice-president of the Association, translated into action at the meeting, links me still with the friends I have been so long connected with, and though my residence here will prevent my actively working on behalf of the Association, my official connection with it, through the courtesy of my colleagues, still happily remains.

I am, dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR T. KING.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	109	19	2
Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden)	0	2	0
"J. E." (Wakefield)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 12, Grove Avenue; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th Annual Meeting), was held, by kind permission of the Feoffees, at Cheetham's Hospital, Manchester, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., took the chair at 11 a.m., there being present 47 out of 95 representative members, and 4 out of 8 honorary members, making a total of 51 members present. Of the 40 Associations affiliated to the Council 16 were fully represented, and 15 partially so.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, passed and signed. In connection with one item contained in the Minutes, the President explained that he had not written to the Church Press on the subject of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, as the only instance of their interference that had been reported to him was one of fifteen years ago, and not only did this fail to satisfy the conditions under which he undertook to write, but it was matter of such ancient history as to be valueless for their purpose.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received ex-

pressions of regret for absence from Revs. H. E. Tilney Bassett, A. H. F. Boughey, H. A. Cockey, M. Kelly, and C. E. Matthews, and from Messrs. C. E. Borrett, C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Clark, J. W. Jones, J. R. Sharman, A. F. M. Stewart, F. B. Tompkins, and J. A. Trollope.

At this point the President explained that, after consultation with the Hon. Secretary and the President of the Lancashire Association, it was decided that as the meeting of the Council was a meeting for purely business purposes and not for pleasure, it was not unfitting that it should be held, notwithstanding the recent and deeply lamented death of his late Majesty King Edward VII., the loss of whom was not more sincerely deplored by any body of his subjects than by ringers throughout the land.

The President then moved the following resolution from the chair: "That the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers desires to place on record the great loss which the Exercise has sustained by the death of the Rev. Francis Robinson, who consistently, throughout a long life, set before ringers an example of high integrity and unfailing energy, and that the Council respectfully tender to Mrs. Robinson their deepest sympathy." This, having been seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, was passed unanimously, all the members present rising in their places.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda was then taken, Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposing, and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconding a resolution to the effect that "The Central Council desires to place on record its sense of the great services rendered to the cause of change-ringing by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and hopes that the members will further in their several Guilds and Associations the scheme for erecting a worthy memorial in Drayton Church." Among others Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, Canon Papillon, J. M. Clarkson, W. W. C. Baker and the President joined in the full discussion that ensued, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual statement of accounts and of sales of Publications, of which the following is a summary: Balance in hand last year £43 0 4, Affiliation Fees, £11 17 6, Sale of Publications, £2 15 9, making a total of £57 13 7. The expenditure had been, last year's meeting £4 2 0, postages, etc., 13s. 6d., leaving a balance of £52 18 1. This with the value of Publications in hand estimated at £95 2 7 would bring the total assets to the value of £148 0 8. On the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts, which had previously been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were unanimously passed.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that owing to an oversight, originally made in 1906, and repeated last year, the name of Mr. C. Hattersley had been accidentally omitted from the list of those proposed for election to the Standing Committee, and moved that the mistake be rectified by the election of Mr. Hattersley. This having been seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, was unanimously adopted.

It was proposed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, seconded by Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried *nem. con.* that the three retiring honorary members, Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, and H. S. T. Richardson, with W. H. Thompson be re-elected, and that Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, be also elected an honorary member.

No members came forward for introduction to the President.

On behalf of the Committee for the Collection of Peals, Rev. H. S. Richardson reported that considerable progress had been made with the Treble Bob section, and that the Committee would soon be in a position to publish an instalment. The Hon. Secretary read portions of a letter on the subject that he had received from Mr. J. A. Trollope, and after full discussion it was moved by Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. G. Watson, and carried, that "where possible mention of first performances of the peals should be inserted in the Collection."

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee, and said that he hoped that a Draft Copy of the work would be ready before next year's meeting. Rev. Canon Papillon also spoke with regard to the Committee's work in connection with the Press. The report was adopted.

On behalf of the Legitimate Methods' Committee Rev. H. Law James reported that the Collection of Major Methods, over 700 in number, had been completed and was being sent round to the members of the Committee. For the Peals' Analysis

Committee Mr. A. T. King reported that the Analysis for 1909 had been finished and published. He also intimated that Mr. J. A. Trollope, owing to press of other work for the Council, wished to resign his seat on the Committee. Mr. Trollope's resignation having been regretfully accepted, it was proposed by Mr. King, and seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who had signified his willingness to act, be elected to fill the vacancy. This was carried unanimously. It was also proposed by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Griffin, and carried *nem. con.*, that the Council do not consider that the Peals' Analysis Committee can be held responsible for any peals which do not appear in print before the end of February.

The Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Peal Values Committee reported that the Committee, at the request of the Peals' Analysis Committee had drawn up and published a report recommending an allowance of 12 points for Erin Triples, 16 for Caters, 14 for Aston Major, 18 for Royal, and 60 for Cambridge Maximus. They also suggested a sliding scale for peals of Minor, and brought forward and advocated a general scheme for the apportionment of points. After a long discussion the whole question was referred to the Committee for further consideration.

Rev. H. Law James proposed a resolution calling attention to various possible extensions of Stedman from the original form of the 6-score, and advocating the adoption of various special designations for each of them, one of the principal points advocated being that Stedman as usually rung on seven or more bells should be henceforth known as the "Norwich Variation." This was seconded pro forma by the Hon. Secretary, but after a long discussion, an amendment proposed by Mr. S. Wood, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, to the effect that Stedman as usually rung be known by its old name as heretofore, was carried by 15 votes to 10, and on being then put as the substantive motion was carried *nem. con.*

Mr. W. S. Story moved, and Mr. W. Cave seconded the proposal that the representation of each Association on the Central Council be proportionate to the number of its resident ringing members only.

The Hon. Secretary moved, and Canon Papillon seconded, the omission of the word "ringing," the amendment being carried by 17 votes against 7.

Mr. E. H. Lewis moved as a further amendment that the motion should apply only to territorial Associations. This was seconded by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and was carried. The motion as amended was then put to the meeting and lost.

Mr. J. H. Banks proposed that "in order to sustain an authorship claim, the figures of all new compositions should be sent to the Secretary of the Peal Committee, and that their publication in Local Reports, or even in "THE BELL NEWS," will not be considered a bona fide claim, unless the above condition be fulfilled. If the figures are not for publication, a letter to this effect must be attached." This was duly seconded, and after full discussion was lost.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed, and Mr. J. Griffin seconded, that the meeting next year be held at Leicester.

An amendment having been moved that Brighton be selected, was lost, and the choice of Leicester was passed by a large majority.

The meeting then adjourned after the following votes of thanks had been very heartily passed: To the President, proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. William Snowdon; to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for his kindness in making arrangements for the meeting, proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. Canon Papillon; and to the Feoffees of Chetham's Hospital for their kindness in lending the room for the meeting, proposed by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the Rev. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 18th; St. Giles, Cripple-gate, on the 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—By permission of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the practices of the above Association will be resumed there on the first Monday in each month until further notice.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, Chaplin Road, Willesden Green, N.W.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Edmonton, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tea will be provided at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who inform me by the 20th inst.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, at Isleworth on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. The Vicar will entertain the members to tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock. Will members please note that all subscriptions should now be paid, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practice will be held at Walton-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, October 8th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE EDSEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish to-day, Sat., October 8th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James, Poolstock, Wigan, to-day, Sat., October 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brown Edge to-day, Sat., October 8th.

Rev. C. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided through the kindness of the Rev. F. C. Cox, at 5.15 p.m. in the school.

G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*
2, Bedford Place, Rocky Hill, Maidstone.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Sat., October 8th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clenchwaton on Saturday, October 15th. Dinner at The Black Horse inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service in church at 3.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea. G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 15th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available from 3.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

C. STARKY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport and Macclesfield Branches.—A united meeting will be held at Nether Alderley on Saturday, October 15th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill (Kiveton Park Station), on Saturday, October 15th. Members taking tea (5 p.m.), are requested to inform the Secretary by October 12th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Harthill, Sheffield.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 20th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. Members attending must send notice by October 18th. For full particulars see notices sent to Masters of companies.

CHAS. E. BORRETT, *Sec.*
12, Grove Avenue, Norwich

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells of the parish church (8, tenor 18 cwt.), will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the vicarage by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary not later than Monday October 17th. Further particulars will be sent to the towers by circular.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western Division will be held at Romford on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each to members, at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30; non-members 1s. 6d. each. Will those intending to be present kindly notify a week in advance.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brindle on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing from 3 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. B. Moultrie, M.A.) Business meeting to follow. Evensong at 5.30. The bells of Christ Church, Blacklands, will be available after evensong. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, October 12th.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This is the first peal rung in any Association by all resident members, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, James Motts, and also the ringer of the 3rd, Edward Evans, their brother-members wishing them the usual birthday congratulations. This is the first peal in this intricate method by A. S. Boar, C. A. Catchpole, and C. J. Sedgley.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—W. H. Pasmore has removed to 8, Fortescue Road, Merton, Surrey.—The address of Mr. F. E. Dawe is "Walton," St. John's, near Woking, Surrey.

BOB MAJOR.

By G. CROSS, *Nonwith.*

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Five times repeated; single half-way and end.

Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, writes:—"The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at North Wingfield on May 20th, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 20th, cannot be recorded as a Midland Counties Association peal, as the ringer of the treble is not a member of the Association."

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.—Will you please send your address? we have a letter for you.

A. E. REEVES.—Next week.

FOR SALE. Set of 12 handbells. Price £2 5s. D. J. B., 4, Model Cottages, East Sheen.

SITUATION wanted as handy-man on an estate. Used to electric lighting, gas-fitting, and general repairs. Excellent testimonials. Excellent change-ringer and conductor. W. SMITH, 1, Burrell Road, Beckenham, Kent.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).***On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. Treble.	FRANK HAIRS 5.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2.	ALFRED GRIMES 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major with a bob bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ALDEIDGE Treble.	*HENRY BECKFORD 5.
JOHN E. BEAVIN 2.	EDWIN F. PIKE 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	ALBERT BANGAY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ALBERT W. COLES 6.
JOHN J. LAME 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur T. King, esq., I.S.O., late Hon. Secretary, and now Vice-president of the Association.

The Provinces.**HUNSDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	CHARLES DYKE 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	WILLIAM WHEELER 6.
REV. W. S. WILLET .. 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
GEORGE BIRD 4.	REV. W. A. ERRINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. DENT.

HEENE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

WILLIAM GILBERT* Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5.
JOHN H. PAICE 2.	HARRY LEE 6.
ARTHUR ARNELL 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4.	EENESE BOOKER Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EMANUEL COX Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.
GEORGE W. PARK 2.	G. JAMES LUNGLEY .. 5.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	CHAS. TODD Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. TODD.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ALFRED TRAFFITT Treble.	JAMES WIGNELL 5.
PHILIP COARD 2.	JAMES WARWICK 6.
JOHN BASHFORD 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. 7.
FRANK HOLDER 4.	†JAMES EWINS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

†First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7.
ARTHUR S. BOAR* 2.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
EDWARD EVANS 3.	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 9.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 10.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 11.
JAMES MOTTS 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Further reference elsewhere.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble.	FRED WATKINSON 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
THOMAS STIMPSON* .. 3.	†FREDERIC A. TANSLEY .. 7.
ARTHUR BOWMER 4.	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

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

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON Treble.	FRED BRACE 4.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church; also the jubilee of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Gilbanks. It is also the conductor's 50th peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble.	*REGINALD BROUGH 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	RICHARD MORGAN 6.
WILLIAM FLETCHER† .. 3.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 7.
JOHN WHEADON 4.	WILLIAM FLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh Surprise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford.

JOHN E. WHEELDON .. Treble.	*EDWARD TIGWELL 4.
ISAAC MORETON 2.	†HENRY CARNWELL 5.
JONAH COTTRELL 3.	WILLIAM CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells other than by a local band.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT V. INNS Treble.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 5.
JOHN LEWIN 3.	*CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

*First peal in seven methods.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. E. MEFFEN Treble.	A. NAYLOR 5.
P. C. LONG 2.	C. JACKSON 6.
F. S. W. BUTLER 3.	J. E. KENNINGTON 7.
A. W. LONG 4.	J. W. SEAMER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Kennington, brother of the 7th ringer, and Mr. David Seamer, father of the conductor, and a ringer at this church for many years.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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

WHITBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN LAWSON* Treble.	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 5.
WILLIAM PRARSON 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
FRANK S. HODGSON* .. 3.	THOMAS HAIGH 7.
ALBERT C. FRABNLEY .. 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Association, and first in the method on the bells. *First peal of Grandsire.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK CARMAN* .. Treble.	GEORGE ILLMAN 4.
THOMAS W. BOND* 2.	FRANK SADLER 5.
ALBERT HARMAN 3.	*FREDERICK HARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	PERCY O. LAFLIN 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JOHN NEAL 9.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Royal in this method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES W. SMITH .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	FREDK. WHITE 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA .. 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
CHARLES N. LEMAN .. 4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WALTER GAMMAGE* .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
JOHN METHUELL 2.	WILLIAM ROGERS 6.
JOHN MACKAY 3.	TOM TEBBUTT 7.
BERTIE O. SODEN 4.	TOM HAYNES Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Alderman W. Tomes, J.P., the donor of the bells, the ringers wishing him hearty congratulations.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	SAMUEL WARD 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS 2.	J. CECIL BOOTH 6.
ERNEST HOYLE 3.	HARRY WARD 7.
ERNEST MANN 4.	*FREDK. WM. JONES Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY WARD.

*First peal.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLAEDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs. in D.

FREDK. H. PASKINS Treble.	JESSE WALKER 5.
FRANK P. HAND* 2.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 3.	TOM COLE 7.
GEORGE H. NOICE 4.	†WILLIAM FAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

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

BUSHEY.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

RICHARD DARLOW Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6.
HENRY F. RANZETTA 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4.	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

This peal was arranged for H. F. Ranzetta

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREELE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble.	JOHN O'NEIL 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 2.	WILLIAM FLORY 6.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 3.	PETER LAFLIN 7.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

Handbell Peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT)

On Sunday, September 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STORE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER 7-8.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9-10.	

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—George Willshire. First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells by S. Radford.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing in East Anglia by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, September 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JAMES BETTS Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC C. SHADE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, September 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, September 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

CLAREMONT J. MORE .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER 5.
GEORGE ARCHER 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

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

DISS, NORFOLK.

On Monday, September 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SOUTER Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by the Association.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN SOUTER Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano, "THE BELL NEWS" taken. Good half-pull neighbourhood.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES; Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	JOHN FLINT 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
WILLIAM E. BASON 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
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First peal in the method on the bells.

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On Thursday, September 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

GEORGE P. BURTON Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	*JOHN FLINT 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM STEELE 9.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 4.	*GEORGE MAYERS 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JAMES GEORGE 11.
WILLIAM PYE 6.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTESLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Maximus.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

On Friday, September 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	REV. A. T. BRESTON .. 6.
FREDK. KNIGHTS 2.	JOHN FLINT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
GEORGE DENT 5.	GEORGE MOY Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

On Friday, September 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDK. KNIGHTS Treble.	REV. A. T. BRESTON .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
GEORGE P. BURTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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Rung at the composer's birthplace, it being the first peal in the method on the bells.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, September 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

GEORGE DENT Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
CHARLES T. B. BRICE .. 2.	FREDERICK J. ROOPE .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

*Tooth peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, September 18th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major in 47 mins. H. Inckle, G. Ward, C. Hart, E. Clarke, S. Maskrey, E. Willis, B. Mitchell, J. Pagett composer and conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 45 mins. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, W. Cooper, S. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings conductor, A. Pain.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. C. Remnant, H. Mullard, T. Attwell, H. Holden, A. Bartlett, W. Brockhurst, *T. Burdock conductor, T. Luft. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Wednesday, August 31st, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis, T. Burdock, H. Holden, T. Attwell, W. Brockhurst, A. Bartlett conductor. First in the method by all.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 27th, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. L. Porter, G. Kitby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor, A. Hill.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Friday, September 23rd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. Newton, E. Caunce, W. Hartshorne, F. Barnes, W. Twist, W. Davies, J. Martin conductor, S. Stewart. First quarter-peal in the method by F. Barnes.

GROBY (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, September 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Spencer, E. Jackson, G. Geary, conductor, A. Mason, E. Geary, V. Geary.

NETHERSEALE.—On Monday, September 10th, 720 Double Court. H. Brealey, W. J. Smith, W. Hurdman, W. W. Worthington, J. Hough conductor, D. Cotton. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells.

SEDGLEY.—On Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 43 mins. J. Ray, W. Mills, T. Watton, J. Evans, H. Jevons, J. Screen conductor, J. Brown, R. Speakman.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. Osborne, H. C. Corke, W. Wolfe, W. Charman, A. Turner, W. Stead, A. Lawrence conductor, G. Stonestreet.

NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James's Society), established 1824.—The eighth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held to-day, Sat., October 8th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15, commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence, reserved seats, one shilling, to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. J. Hairs, H. Burton, R. Bevan, W. Coombes, J. E. Davis, W. Essery, W. J. Kemp, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner and others; also from 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E. T. H. TAFFENDER,

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A new departure has been made this year as regards the autumn social meeting of the Guild. It was decided by the executive that each Archdeaconry should have a social meeting of its own. Consequently the meeting for the Archdeaconry of Totnes took place at Cornwood (6 bells) on Saturday, September 17th, when ringers attended from Kelly, Lifton, Holbeton, Three Towns branch, and Charles Parochial Society. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and continued for the rest of the day. Some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also a 720 of Bob Minor. Some good results from young hands mixing with older ones was made known. One Lifton man rang the

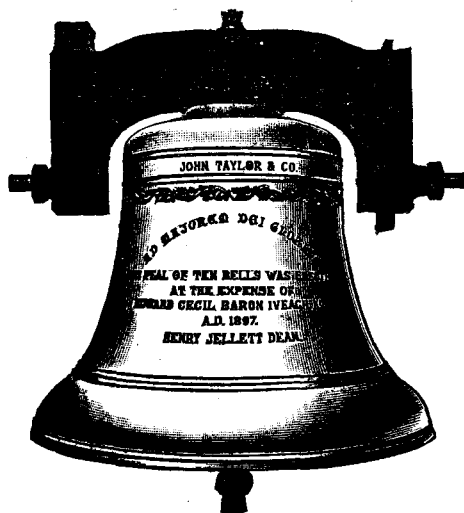
treble through a 6-score. Two other ringers rang their first touch of Bob Minor, whilst one man from Holbeton who had never tried Stedman either on handbells or the tower, rang two 6-scores from the 5th without a hitch, each called differently. At 5 o'clock twenty-seven members sat down to tea at the Cornwood inn, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell. In a few remarks after tea, Mr. Kelly shewed how this meeting had been brought about. He was pleased to see it such a perfect success, and hoped they would make it an annual event. He also paid a warm tribute to Mr. W. H. Marsh, the Assistant Secretary, for the part he had taken in organising the meeting.

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He then moved that the social meeting next year be held at Lifton.

Mr. E. W. Marsh moved an amendment that the next meeting be held at Walkampton, taking in Meavy and Shepstor.

The amendment was carried. Some then had to catch their train, while others stayed late ringing, but all agreed that the first meeting in this way had been a perfect success.

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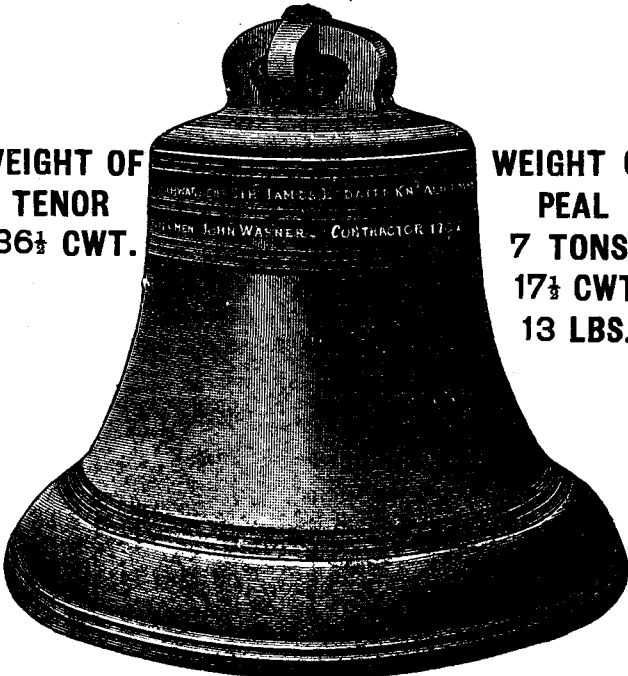
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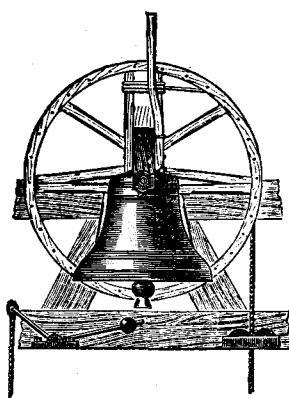
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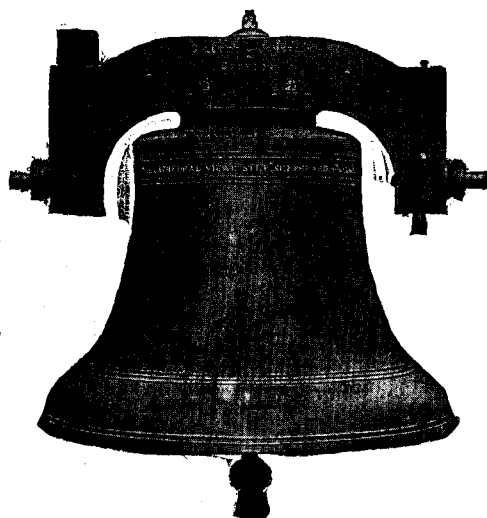
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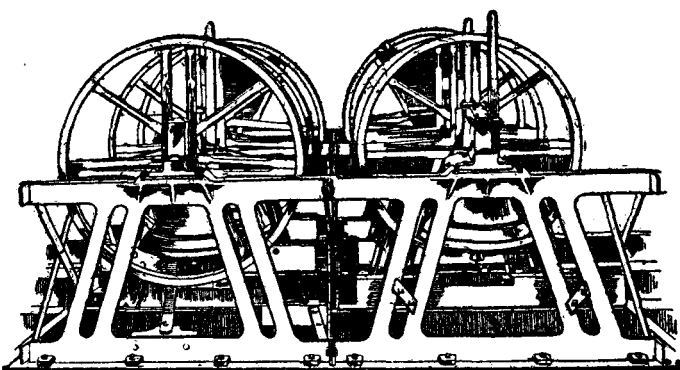
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BODMIN, CORNWALL.

Bodmin parish church bells were reopened after restoration on September 28th. The ring of eight bells have been tuned, quartered and furnished with new clappers and fittings, and reset in an iron frame, bolted to an English oak foundation, the whole resting on four steel joists, covered with a two-inch tongued and grooved floor. The work has cost £309 18s., and is the work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Commencing at 6 a.m. the bells were rung by the Bodmin band, who were followed by other companies. One of the features of the ringing during the day was a well-struck quarter-peal under the conductorship of F. Dunaway. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung, conducted by G. H. Myers. The whole of the ringing arrangements were under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild, with Canon Kempe as Secretary.

The completion of the work has added another laurel to Cornwall, for the music and go of the bells are excellent, and it was most fortunate that a special change-ringing band was engaged, for Bodmin is situated in a "round ringing" district. Bodmin was filled with ringers, and when the 3 p.m. train arrived with the special band, they immediately proceeded to the tower, for they were timed to ring at 3.20, and outside the church were a great number of ringers, who perhaps had never heard half-pull ringing, and were keenly awaiting to hear the bells turned in. However, after the quarter-peal was over, the round ringers had to acknowledge the beautiful striking, and one ringer remarked—"Em can put the bells in em stays, can't em."

Later there was a largely-attended public tea, and at special evensong the preacher was the Rev. C. F. Jones, Vicar of Luxulyan. Speaking of the bells, he said he was a ringer, and was opposed to prize ringing. They should not ring for what they could get out of it, but ring for the honour of the Church. The bells are dedicated for holy purposes and not only for the love of ringing.

At the close of the service solemn Te Deum was sung as a thanksgiving.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVONSHIRE.

Instinct with the deepest spiritual meaning, sublimely beautiful in its symbolism, and gorgeous in its setting. Such was the ceremony that took place on September 29 at the ancient Abbey of Buckfast, nestling in happy seclusion in one of Devonshire's loveliest orchard bowers. Described in the Roman Pontifical as "the blessing of a bell," the ceremonial, which the Church has made one of her greatest sacramental offices, appealed with equal potency to the devout disciple of "Mother Church," to the mystic, seeking for inward truth in outward signs and symbols, and to the lover of the artistic, satisfied with mere surface beauty of form and colour.

Strictly speaking it should be described as the blessing of the bells, for it comprised the consecration of a peal of fourteen, given by Sir Robert Harvey, of Dundry, in memory of his wife Alida, Lady Harvey, and intended

eventually for the tower of the church which, reared stone on stone by the patient labour of the Benedictine monks themselves, is rising phoenix-like from the ashes of centuries old destruction. Many years must elapse before the completion of a building that, to a succeeding generation, will stand as a magnificent monument of faith, industry and untiring perseverance. Meanwhile the peal will be lodged in the tower of the Abbey itself.

For the purpose of the ceremony the bells were suspended from scaffolding erected over a platform in the leafy grounds of Buckfast. Flower-decked and garlanded with green, they formed the background of a wonderful picturesque scene. Fronting the suspended cones of metal was a crowded, many coloured, extended group, composed of mitred Bishop and Abbots, surpliced priests, and black-robed monks. In the centre, facing the largest bell, sat the Bishop, in rich vestments of gold and scarlet, with red mitre, flanked by two deacons enveloped in robes of white and palest blue, and a white-shrouded bearer of the pastoral staff. On either side, and at equal distances apart, were six abbots, distinguished from the holder of the higher office, by mitres of pure white and vestments of less gorgeous hues. Surrounding each was a band of surpliced attendants. In sombre contrast stood the abbey choir, composed of monks clad in long robes of black or brown. Lying on the platform was a flower-wreathed tub containing water, and on a lace-covered table were gold and silver vessels containing the other requisites of the ceremonial—salt, oil and incense. Underneath the bells, boys, clothed in red-edged surplices, were intermittently swinging censers, whilst other youths, as the ceremony proceeded, held before Bishop and abbots huge, red-bound volumes, containing the Psalms and prayers.

The gorgeous shifting scene was witnessed by a large gathering. There were many hundreds of people on the open space in front of the Abbey, a tightly packed crowd on the green slope behind the platform, and an adventurous few looking down from the battlements of the old grey tower. A gentle breeze fluttered a line of banners surmounting the scaffolding, and occasional sunshine struck dull gleams from the sombre-lined surfaces of the hanging bells.

It was intended that the ceremony should be performed by the Bishop of Plymouth, but illness prevented his lordship's presence.

The peal has cost about £1000, which amount has been defrayed by Sir Robert Harvey. Each of the fourteen bells is inscribed with the name of a saint, and an inscription. The peal is the largest number in Devonshire, the next that of Exeter Cathedral, containing ten bells, as compared with Buckfast's fourteen. The total weight is 114 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. There are 915 letters in the inscriptions on the bells. The work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by Messrs. John Warner and Sons.

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

APPLETON CHURCH BELLS.

Readers of "THE BELL MEWS" will have noticed that the appeal thus headed which has until recently been finding a place in its columns is now withdrawn; and for the best of reasons because its object has been accomplished. The well-known firm of White, now under the management of Mr. Richard White, has procured from the Whitechapel Foundry, a worthy successor to the old 6th bell, and has found its place accurately in the "jig saw" puzzle in the Appleton tower, from whence in a beautiful circle, the ten ropes descend into that diminutive compartment known as the Appleton ringing-chamber. After sundry and other repairs had been carried out, it was proved that the spirit of former days is still there by the fact that several good peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were successfully accomplished by ringers from Appleton and the district under the able conductorship of Mr. G. Holifield, and these have been duly chronicled in "THE BELL NEWS." It only remains therefore to express on behalf of Appleton people in general, and the ringing company in particular, grateful thanks to those who have so kindly contributed towards the Bell Fund, and to assure all ringers of a hearty welcome in the future as in the past with the Appleton tower.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

DEDICATION OF TREBLE BELL.

On a recent Sunday morning, in beautiful autumn weather, the Harvest Festival service at Wisset church was continued. An additional feature of interest was the dedication of the new treble bell recently added by Bowell, of Ipswich, (and to complete the peal of six), by the subscriptions of parishioners, friends, and ringers in the neighbourhood. The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Garforth, a special anthem and suitable hymns being sung. A record congregation, including fifty ringers of the diocese assembled, the picturesque old church being filled to overflowing. The dedication service was impressively read in the belfry by the Archdeacon, after which the bells were rung in rounds. The special hymn (Wisset bells) verses and tune with handbell accompaniment, composed by Mrs. Ellis, of Shadingfield, was then sung by the choir in a very praiseworthy manner, and a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon, which was listened to with marked attention by the large gathering present. This was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, which was largely attended. The offertory was in aid of the fund for repairs of the belfry, and amounted to £4 4s. 2d.

After the service a capital lunch was provided for the ringers in the old schoolroom through the kindness of Captain Balfour and Miss Burton, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for their hospitable entertainment.

The bells were rung during the day, before and after the service, in touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Treble Bob Minor, by members from various towers. One and all were pleased with the tone and go of the bells, Wissett being fortunate in now possessing one of the prettiest rings of six in this part of the county. The ringing arrangements were carried out by Mr. F. C. Lambert, District Secretary to the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern district was held at Booking on Saturday, October 1st, when between forty and fifty ringers put in an appearance, representing about eleven towers. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. H. Jordan delivered a short and very appropriate address. The tea and meeting which followed, took place at the parish room of the Deanery.

On the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, the re-election of the District Master was agreed to, and Mr. E. Beckwith proposed the re-election of the Hon. Dis. Secretary, which was also carried.

Votes of thanks were next proposed by the Hon. Secretary of the Association to the Dean of Booking for the use of the bells, and for kindly placing the Parish Room and everything necessary for their use; and also to the Rev. H. Jordan for the very well-chosen and instructive address which he delivered at the service.

Halstead was chosen as being a suitable place to hold the next meeting.

The ringing included touches of Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative. So interested were several of the company, that when the time of parting eventually came, they found that (owing to a misunderstanding), their friends with the conveyance were already on their way home, and had left them to walk the ten miles home, which they reached safely in the early hours of Sunday morning, and feeling satisfied that they were in time to ring for morning service, and still possessed a box of matches and a case of Woodbine.

THE ADVERSARIES OF CHANGE-RINGING.

Oft have I strove, with due apology
(Sometimes I fear in virtuous indignation),
To show the foes of Campanology

Its designation.

In lucid ways I have explained how we
May ring twelve hours to voice an inspiration:
"Just think!" they cry "of the absurdity—
The perspiration!"

I then set forth the science, art, and skill
Required for such a lengthened avocation;
"Next time," they sneer, "we'll send you if you will,
Some embrocation!"

Then I unfold the in-and-out-of course—
The mystery of changes—with adumbration;
"Heaven save us all!" they shout "Pray don't discourse
Such aberration!"

I then proceed to show how ignorant folk
Despise our art through lack of penetration;
"A football match," they laugh, "doth more invoke
Our concentration."

I hint that poets in the past have sung
The praises of the bells as consecration;
"Oh, curse you all," they scream, "We'd have you hung
In execration."

G. F. M.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ashford district was held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th, when about fifty members attended from the following towers: Appledore, Brabourne, Folkestone, Headcorn, Hawkhurst, Hythe, New Romney, Rye, Rolvenden, Sellindge, Stone-ih-Oxney, Tenterden, Willesbrough, and several of the local band.

Ringling commenced about 4 o'clock, when Plain Bob and Stedman Triples was rung. A special service was held in the church at 5 o'clock. The Rector, Canon Dyke, took the service, and gave the members a very instructive and encouraging address from the words—"My Father's House."

An adjournment was then made to The Farrier's Arms, where a very substantial knife and fork tea had been provided by Canon Dyke with his usual generous hospitality, but although they all started off in the quick sixes, so many change-courses occurred that they all found themselves in the slow, and when the cups and saucers began to turn up the wrong way, the conductor called "stand."

The general business meeting was then held, the Rector presiding. Mr. C. Tribe was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. G. Paine District Representative. The following places were selected to hold meetings for 1911, viz.: Newington-next-Hythe in February; Appledore in May; and Tenterden for the annual meeting in September. G. B. Anderson, of New Romney, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Dyke for permission for the tower to hold the meeting; for the bright service and address in church; for his generous hospitality in providing the tea, and for presiding, to which the Canon replied in his usual homely style, giving to all his brother-ringers a hearty welcome to Mersham.

A return was made to the tower, and the bells kept going in the Standard methods till 9 o'clock, when most of them mounted their iron steeds and pedalled for home and beauty; thus ending a very enjoyable annual meeting.

The visitors were pleased to see the Rev. — Brine, of Willesborough: G. B. Anderson, churchwarden of New Romney, and Sergeant Roper, of Dover, the only representative of His Majesty's army, who well kept up the traditions of the same by being the first in the field.

The Rev. R. W. Farrow, of The Parsonage, Bardon Hill, Leicester, writes:

In the "Church Family Newspaper" (of date I believe September 23rd), an article appears about the bells of Mottram-in-Longdendale, and in the course of the article the ringers there are styled "The World's Champion steeple ringers." It is there stated that they won the claim to this title on June 8th, 1906. Can any of your readers inform me what the feat is to which reference is made?

GROBY (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, September 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Spencer, E. Jackson, G. Geary, conductor, A. Mason, E. Geary, V. Geary.

NETHERSEALE.—On Monday, September 10th, 720 Double Court. H. Brealey, W. J. Smith, W. Hurdman, W. W. Worthington, J. Hough conductor, D. Cotton. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells.

SEDGLEY.—On Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 43 mins. J. Ray, W. Mills, T. Watton, J. Evans, H. Jevons, J. Screen conductor, J. Brown, R. Speakman.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £252 5s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	109	19	2
Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Mundon)	0	2	0
"J. E." (Wakefield)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 12, Grove Avenue; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—At the church of St. Giles, for practice on Monday, June 27th, 518 Grandsire Triples. Miss E. Goodship, A. W. Osborn conductor, N. Cox, F. W. Hopgood, —, Lathbury, E. Denham, F. Griffin, G. Goodship. On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman Triples. A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Bailey, C. Baker, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, F. Griffin, A. Durman. For Evensong, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Griffin, N. Cox, C. Baker, A. Bailey, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, C. Higgs. On Monday, July 18th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. Miss E. Goodship, H. Osborne, W. Nailor, A. Bailey, A. W. Osborne conductor, —, Lathbury, G. Goodship, N. Cox. 350 Grandsire Triples. L. Osborne, H. Osborne, C. Baker, N. Cox, A. W. Osborne conductor, —, Lathbury, G. Goodship, A. Bailey. 336 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, C. Higgs, A. Bailey, N. Cox, W. Dormer, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor, Rev. H. P. Bowen. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Bailey, C. Baker, N. Cox, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, —, Lathbury, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne. 180 Bob Major. L. Osborne, C. Baker, N. Cox, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, —, Lathbury, A. Bailey, A. W. Osborne conductor. On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. L. Osborne, A. W. Osborne conductor, C. Baker, G. Goodship, C. Higgs, F. Griffin, A. Harding, A. Durman. For evensong, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Higgs, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Bailey, A. H. Burgess, N. Cox, G. Goodship, F. Griffin, A. Durman. 180 Bob Major. W. Dormer, C. Baker, H. Neighbour, G. Wheeler, A. Bailey, N. Cox, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor. 168 Grandsire Triples. L. Osborne, N. Cox, H. Neighbour, G. Wheeler, A. Bailey, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, C. Baker.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, July 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Gosling, first 720 of Minor, G. Pound, G. Broad, first 720 as conductor, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, G. Hadaway.

HOW TO FORM AND INSTRUCT a Band of Musical Handbell Ringers.—Price Sixpence. From W. H. GIGGLE, 52, Manor Road, Ossett, Yorkshire. Music arranged for Handbell Bands.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford ...	2	2	0
Rev. Canon Blagden ...	2	2	0
Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn ...	1	1	0
Miss Bourke ...	1	1	0
Rev. H. C. Wilder ...	1	1	0
H. G. Willinck, esq. ...	0	7	6
Rev. W. H. Draper ...	0	2	0
Sir H. J. Vansittart Neale, K.G.B. ...	0	10	6
Rev. S. M. Winter ...	0	5	0
Rev. R. P. Newhouse ...	1	0	0
Rev. G. G. Skipwith ...	0	2	6
Sir George Dashwood, Bart. ...	0	10	6
Rev. G. P. Crawford ...	0	5	0
J. H. Tempest, esq. ...	0	10	6
Rev. S. C. Saunders ...	1	1	0
A. T. King, esq. ...	0	10	6
W. A. Mount, esq., M.P. ...	1	0	0
Miss Hopkins ...	0	5	0
The Lord Bishop of Reading ...	2	2	0
C. E. Keyser, esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. G. A. Littledale ...	0	5	0
Chipping Norton Ringers ...	0	10	6
Dr. Hutchinson ...	0	10	6
Great Haseby Ringers ...	0	10	0
Rev. C. A. Raymond ...	0	10	0
H. French, esq. ...	0	2	6
Rev. C. W. O. & Mrs. Jenkyn ...	5	0	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey ...	1	1	0
Rev. C. Hulton ...	0	10	0
Leafield Ringers ...	1	4	6
Rev. the Hon. M. Ponsonby ...	0	10	0
Miss Done ...	0	10	6
R. M. Blackwell, esq. ...	0	5	0
Bradfield Ringers ...	0	4	6
High Wycombe Ringers ...	1	1	0
W. Bradford, esq. ...	0	2	6
Rev. Canon L. Cameron ...	0	5	0
Rev. C. L. Norris ...	0	10	6
Bucklebury Ringers ...	0	6	0
Blebury Ringers ...	0	10	0
Bampton Ringers ...	0	7	6
St. Leonard's Ringers ...	0	5	0
R. B. Chambers, esq. ...	0	5	0
Coddington Ringers ...	0	2	6
The Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford ...	2	2	0
Herts. County Association ...	1	1	0
Leytonstone Ringers ...	0	10	6
Alfreton Ringers ...	0	8	6
Rev. J. Molineux ...	0	5	0
Clyst St. George Ringers ...	0	8	0
Westfield Ringers ...	0	5	0
Rev. W. C. Carter ...	1	1	0
Shipton Ringers ...	0	9	0
Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis ...	2	2	0
W. Pole Routh, esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. G. F. Coleridge ...	2	2	0
Rev. Canon & Mrs. Savory ...	1	0	0
Rev. J. B. Burne ...	0	10	0
Rev. C. D. P. Davies ...	0	10	0
W. W. Gifford, esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. B. Long ...	0	10	0
Rev. R. H. H. Acworth ...	1	1	0
Rev. Sir John Hoskyns, Bart. ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Bradshaw ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Bowles ...	1	1	0
Christ Church Guild, Eastbourne ...	0	5	0
P. Martin, esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. H. C. Courtney ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Isaacs ...	0	5	0
Rev. E. Broome ...	1	1	0
Sandhurst Ringers ...	0	8	0
Rev. Canon Paul ...	1	1	0

Finedon Ringers ...	0	15	0
Miss Paul ...	0	5	0
G. Hamilton, esq. ...	2	2	0
Great Milton Ringers ...	0	5	0
E. M. Challenor, esq. ...	1	1	0
Lady Wantage ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Coleridge ...	1	0	0
Kidlington Ringers ...	1	1	0
Stratton St. Margaret's ...	0	5	6
Rev. the Hon. A. Erskine ...	1	0	0
Milton Keynes Ringers ...	0	3	0
Witney Ringers ...	1	1	0
Newport Pagnell Ringers ...	0	14	0
Padbury Ringers ...	0	5	6
J. S. Pritchett, esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. A. East ...	0	10	0
Total ...	75	8	0

THE WEST HAM SOCIETY.

The fourth annual outing of this Society took place on Saturday, August 27th, Broxbourne and Hoddesdon being the places visited. Arriving at the former place we made our way to St. Augustine's church, where touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round. Bidding our friend the sexton good-bye, tracks were made for Hoddesdon. On the way we were met by Mr. S. Knight, who had kindly made arrangements at The Salisbury hotel for a good meat tea. After the tables had been cleared a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Knight for making us welcome. That gentleman having suitably replied, said it gave him great pleasure to meet us, but was sorry he could not be with them in the evening. Then a move was made to the tower where a nice ring of eight hang, tenor about 13 cwt., and the go of them is splendid. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round, and 168 Stedman and six courses of Grandsire with the younger members of the company. Then we made our way back to The Salisbury hotel and spent the rest of the evening in harmony and a few touches on the handbells. Songs were rendered by F. C. Newman, H. Torble, J. Scholes, F. Doran, and W. H. Doran, the veteran of the party, whilst A. Fiddies carried out the duties of pianist. Unfortunately we had to regret the absence of one of our members in the person of Mr. J. Moule, who had met with an accident and could not be with us. We wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Knight and those of the Hoddesdon company who so kindly assisted us. The ringers taking part in this outing were A. J. Neale, F. C. Newman, G. Potter, R. Sanders, W. Truss, W. Theobald, A. Scambler, F. Doran, A. Fiddies, T. Cranfield, H. Torble, J. Scholes and W. H. Doran. The conducting was shared by the last four gentlemen.

W. H. D.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, LEEDS.

The members of this Society had their annual trip on Saturday, August 27th, the place selected being Gargrave, where a very pleasant day was spent. Leaving Leeds at 8.5 in the morning the first con-

tingent arrived at 9.40, and were met by friend McKell, who conducted them to the church, which contains a nice handy ring of eight, tenor about 16 swt., which were soon going to Stedman Triples. The inner man was then attended to, after which a tour was made of the village, which is one of those you read about and seldom see. The river Aire which flows through the village being much swollen owing to the recent heavy rains, attracted the attention of the visitors, who are not used to seeing it under such conditions. A move was then made to the station to meet the other contingent, but much to our dismay we found they had got into the wrong train. However they arrived in time for tea at The Swan, after which a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Woodhead for his hospitality, to which he suitably responded. The tower was again visited and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung, much to the delight of many listeners, who wondered at so much ringing. After the bells were lowered a rush was made for the cup that cheers, and time being short a move was made to the station, Auld lang syne being sung on the platform. Thus ended one of the best days in the annals of the St. Peter's Society. The visitors wish to thank Archdeacon Kilner for the use of the bells, also the Gargrave company for their kind arrangements, with special mention to John McKell.

F. W.

Obituary.

CHARLES HENRY HAMPTON.

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his private residence, Springfield House, Devizes, on Thursday, September 22nd. The deceased, who was a Solicitor, was articled to Messrs. Lambert, Petch and Shakespeare of London, and had for many years been with the firm of Messrs. Meek and Jackson of Devizes. He was one of pioneers of change-ringing in Devizes, and was secretary and treasurer of the local society. His genial manner and amiable disposition won the affection of all, and he will especially be missed by those whom he taught the first rudiments of the Art. The deceased was possessed of much musical ability, and in this respect he will be sadly missed. He was Secretary of the Musical Association and was one of the oldest members of the choir of St. John's church, and in the absence of the organist he was always found willing to act as deputy. The funeral took place on Monday, September 26th, and among a very large number who assembled were ringers from the churches of St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James. In the evening the bells of all these churches were rung muffled, as a last token of respect to one who had done his share towards the promotion of the Art. Sincere sympathy is felt for those who mourn his loss; their loss, his gain. "For so He giveth His beloved sleep."

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 18th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—By permission of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the practices of the above Association will be resumed there on the first Monday in each month until further notice.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, Chaplin Road, Willesden Green, N.W.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Edmonton, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tea will be provided at 5.30. 6d. per head to those who inform me by the 20th inst.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Margaret Terrace, Havits Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, at Isleworth to-day, Sat., October 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. The Vicar will entertain the members to tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock. Will members please note that all subscriptions should now be paid, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clenchworth to-day, Sat., October 15th. Dinner at The Black Horse inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service in church at 3.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea. G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, to-day, Sat., October 15th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available from 3.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. C. STARKEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport and Macclesfield Branches.—A united meeting will be held at Nether Alderley to-day, Sat., October 15th. A. T. BENSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill (Kiveton Park Station), to-day, Sat., October 15th. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Harthill, Sheffield.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, to-day, Sat., October 15th. Ringing from 3 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. B. Moultrie, M.A.) Business meeting to follow. Evensong at 5.30. The bells of Christ Church, Blacklands, will be available after evensong. Geo. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 20th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. Members attending must send notice by October 18th. For full particulars see notices sent to Masters of companies. CHAS. E. BORETT, *Sec.*
12, Grove Avenue, Norwich

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells of the parish church (8, tenor 18 cwt.), will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the vicarage by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary not later than Monday October 17th. Further particulars will be sent to the towers by circular.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brindley on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Yeovil on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. Tea 6d. each to those notifying not later than October 18th. D. G. TAYLOR, *Dis. Sec.*
Ilminster.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Evensong at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, M.A., Rector of Solihull. Business meeting after tea. ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, October 29th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 sharp. A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at

Selling on Saturday, October 29th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church. E. TRENDLELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, October 29th. Bells at liberty from 3.30 to 8.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is particularly requested. JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 29th. Further particulars will be announced next week. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells at All Saints available from 3.30, by permission of the Vicar. Service at 5.30, and meeting at the Shaftesbury Hall, preceded by tea at 6.15. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

57, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, November 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.40 p.m. G. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting at Romford is unavoidably postponed from October 22nd to Saturday, November 12th. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30, the Vicar in the chair. Members 6d., Visitors 1s. 6d. to those who notify me a few days prior to the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Notice.—If there are any ringers in Herefordshire desirous of ringing a peal (not Doubles), if they will communicate with me, stating the method wished for, I will endeavour to arrange for a peal at an early date. Stoke Lacey. L. LONGNEY.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BURTON LATIMER.—J. Houghton's 200 Peals.—Double Norwich Major 15, conducted 25 (including a 11,000, and 17,000); Kent Major 22, conducted 5; Oxford 1; Bob Major 17, conducted 7; Superlative 39, conducted 7; Cambridge 1, conducted 1; London 3; Stedman Triples 26; Grandsire 14; Bob 2, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 1; Grandsire 3; 7 Minor methods 14, conducted 3; Kent Royal 2. Total—200; conducted 49.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—C. Charge has removed to 36, Seaton Street, Chelsea, S.W.

FALSE COMPOSITION.—The 7104 Bob Major by G. Cross, of Norwich, and published in our last issue, is false.

SITUATION wanted as handy-man on an estate. Used to electric lighting, gas-fitting, and general repairs. Excellent testimonials. Excellent change-ringer and conductor. W. SMITH, 1, Burrell Road, Beckenham, Kent.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, September 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
HERRY HOSKINS 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

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

The Provinces.**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, June 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	JAMES A. HART Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Frank S. Sturt, one of the local ringers, to Miss Lily Cooper.

(This peal came to hand on Friday last, October 7th)

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble.	HUGH GREGORY 5.
REV. B. T. BEESTON 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. Tenor.

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

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 4.	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LANE END, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, September 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lbs.

WILLIAM BOWNES* Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 4.
FREDK. C. GOODCHILD* .. 2.	RALPH COLES 5.
FRED HAYES 3.	*JOHN MEAKES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal, and are members of the local band.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.***On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST SUFFLING Treble.	ALBERT ROUGHT 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME 2.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
GEORGE MOY 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 7.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 4.	JOHN MOY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.

Rung on the 84th anniversary of Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a respected member of the Exercise, with whom some of the band had the pleasure of ringing when on a visit to London on August 22nd.

BARNET, HERTS.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2.	*WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

SHILDON, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. 5.
JOHN SMITH* 2.	EDWIN J. TITT 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. 3.	*THOMAS WICK 7.
HARRY PEVERELL 4.	JOHN H. LENTON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

*First peal of Oxford and upon the bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEEDON Treble.	FREDK. J. RING 5.
WILLIAM HARPER 2.	WILLIAM LANE 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	GEORGE A. HAYES .. 7.
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN* .. 4.	FREDK. HOLDEN Tenor.

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal in the method.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, September 23, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR W. ANGEL Treble.	WALTER S. BURRIDGE .. 5.
JESSE B. TYLER 2.	†ROBERT H. LEGG 6.
G. H. ARCHARD* 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
ARTHUR J. WEST 4.	*W. RADFORD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. J. Tyler was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal. These bells have just been overhauled and some slight repairs done by Llewellyns and James, and the "go" of them is now much more satisfactory.

BRECON, WALES.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	JOHN BRADNEY 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The band take this opportunity to thank the Archdeacon of Brecon for the use of the bells; the Rev. H. J. Church Jones for his kindly welcome to the tower, and Mr. Evans, the leader, and his fellow-ringers for having everything in readiness, and doing so much to make their visit an enjoyable one.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	GEORGE LADD 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	†ARTHUR I. HOLMES 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	†JAMES OSBORN 7.
JOHN W. LAKE† 4.	†RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
FREDK. W. STOKES 2.	JOHN CRAGG 6.
ARCHIE C. STOKES* 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 7.
JOHN W. SEAMER* 4.	PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Stedman. In the Norwich Variation.

BANGON-ON-DEE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two 720s each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the Rev. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

CHARLES BOWER* .. Treble.	*TOM WILDE 5.
GEORGE GARNETT* 2.	*WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 6.
JAMES SHAW 3.	SAMUEL WOOD 7.
SAMUEL BOOTH 4.	BENJAMIN GILL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung in Oldham. *First peal of Triples in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY* .. Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
FREDK. W. BAILEY* 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6.
FREDK. YOUNGMAN† 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. Tenor.

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

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

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE HY. PATRICK .. Treble.	THOMAS ABBOTT 3.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 2.	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4.
VICTOR CLARKE 4.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

Quickest peal on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH WEST* Treble.	THOMAS WATTON 6.
HARRY S. SMITH* 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 7.
WILLIAM MILLS 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 8.
HARRY GOODMAN 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 9.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5.	CHARLES FAULKES .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. West, his brother ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. Treble.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	HENRY BIRTWHISTLE .. 6.
H. JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE .. 3.	JOHN HALL 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT 4.	JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Composed by the late W. L. MASON, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently, and called alternately.

ALBERT E. FOUNT Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 4.
WALTER T. WILSON 2.	THOMAS BUTLER 5.
JOSEPH FARRY 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Five of these 720s contained 145 bobs and forty-eight singles. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. A. Mills, one of the local band, to whom their thanks are due.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 80 cwt.

HERBERT SCOTT† Treble.	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5.
BENJAMIN BUDD* 2.	ALBERT S. MITCHELL 6.
ERNEST HOYLE 3.	LEONARD STOKER 7.
GEORGE SLACK* 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PARK.

GEORGE HUGHES Treble.	EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 5.
ARTHUR PAINTER† 2.	*JOSIAH ELTON 6.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON 4.	†FRANK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

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

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. W. GREENWOOD .. Treble.	J. H. PINKNEY 5.
F. G. LAVERICK 2.	T. LANCASTER 6.
W. RUDD 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON 7.
J. WEDGEWOOD 4.	J. H. JONES Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. H. JONES.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. 6.
RICHARD HAYES 3.	†HENRY MULLARD .. 7.
THOMAS MACK 4.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Stedman.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. 2.	*FIRTH HOPWOOD 6.
BERNAL E. HOWE 3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 7.
ARTHUR GILL 4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. G. BRET* .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
EDWARD TRENDLELL* .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
LANCE-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN† .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Superlative. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURTON LATIMER.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES HOUGHTON .. Treble.	GEORGE LINES 4.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 2.	HARRY MEADOWS 5.
JOSEPH SADDINGTON .. 3.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SMEATHERS.

This was J. Houghton's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 11 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	FREDK. RICHARDSON .. 5.
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WILLIAM C. PARKER .. 4.	WILLIAM RAPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*Proposed a member before starting. Rung as a farewell to A. Andrews, who to the regret of his friends is leaving the neighbourhood.

AUGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

IN TEN PARTS (Irregular).

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN GARDNER Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
JAMES MARSH 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM RINGMER .. 3.	WILLIAM MARTIN 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES .. 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BOLWER, and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, September 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.*

THOMAS NEVILLE Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 2.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	ALFRED BURGESS 7.
JOHN E. BALLARD 4.	*WILLIAM RAGGETT Tenor.

*Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.***First peal. Rung for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.***SELLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, September 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 11 cwt.*

ERNEST J. DOBBIE* Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3.	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	LANCE-SGT. F. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

*Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.***First peal in the method; also on the bells.***RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.**Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.*

ALBERT V. INNS Treble.	JOHN LEWIN 4.
CHARLES W. BIRD 2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 3.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. Tenor.

*Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.**†First peal in seven methods with a bob bell.***PUDSEY, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.*

WILLIAM BIRKS Treble.	TOM LATIMER 5.
FRED THORP* 2.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 6.
SAMUEL WARD 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
ERNEST MANN 4.	HARRY WARD Tenor.

*Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY WARD.***First peal.***LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;***Taylor's. Tenor 27 cwt.*

FREDE. DEDMAN* Treble	JOSIAH NICHOLLS 5.
GEORGE TOMPEIN† 2.	GEORGE BONFIELD 6.
WILLIAM SEABROOK 3.	*R. RICHARDSON 7.
WILLIAM BOTSFORD* 4.	*JOSEPH GINGER Tenor.

*Conducted by GEORGE BONFIELD.**†First peal. †First peal on eight bells, and all belong to the local band.***BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being three 720s of Plain, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s of Oxford Bob.*

HARRY HALL Treble.	JOHN HALL 4.
GEORGE STANNAED 2.	WILLIAM BURGESS 5.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 3.	GEORGE BALLS Tenor.

*Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.**Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Ling, of Ivy House, Bedford.***WISSETT, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)**On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being seven 720s. Tenor 10 cwt.*

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble.	ALBERT LEE 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	JOHN O'NEILL 5.
WALTER HARRISON 3.	JOHN PUNCEARD Tenor.

*Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.***Date Touches.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On July 6th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Marion Warren and Mr. George Staley, a date touch of 1910 Bob Minor. H. Brearley, H. Sharpe, D. Cotton, F. Godfrey, J. Hough conductor, G. Basely.***Miscellaneous.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints, on April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. W. Jones, M. Selby, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, F. Charles, C. Greedy, A. E. Morgan conductor, S. Baiss. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells, and is the longest length yet rung by all except the treble ringer.***CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.***To be obtained post free from MESSRS. GEORGE ALLEN AND SONS, Ruskin House, 44 and 45, Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, London, W.**Remittance must accompany order)**Or through any Bookseller.**Special Terms to Association Secretaries for Quantities.*

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A new departure has been made this year as regards the autumn social meeting of the Guild. It was decided by the executive that each Archdeaconsry should have a social meeting of its own. Consequently the meeting for the Archdeaconsry of Totnes took place at Cornwood (6 bells) on Saturday, September 17th, when ringers attended from Kelly, Lifton, Holbeton, Three Towns branch, and Charles Parochial Society. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and continued for the rest of the day. Some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also a 720 of Bob Minor. Some good results from young hands mixing with older ones was made known. One Lifton man rang the

treble through a 6-score. Two other ringers rang their first touch of Bob Minor, whilst one man from Holbeton who had never tried Stedman either on handbells or the tower, rang two 6-scores from the 5th without a hitch, each called differently. At 5 o'clock twenty-seven members sat down to tea at the Cornwood inn, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell. In a few remarks after tea, Mr. Kelly shewed how this meeting had been brought about. He was pleased to see it such a perfect success, and hoped they would make it an annual event. He also paid a warm tribute to Mr. W. H. Marsh, the Assistant Secretary, for the part he had taken in organising the meeting.

He then moved that the social meeting next year be held at Lifton.

Mr. E. W. Marsh moved an amendment that the next meeting be held at Walkampton, taking in Meavy and Shepstor.

The amendment was carried. Some then had to catch their train, while others stayed late ringing, but all agreed that the first meeting in this way had been a perfect success.

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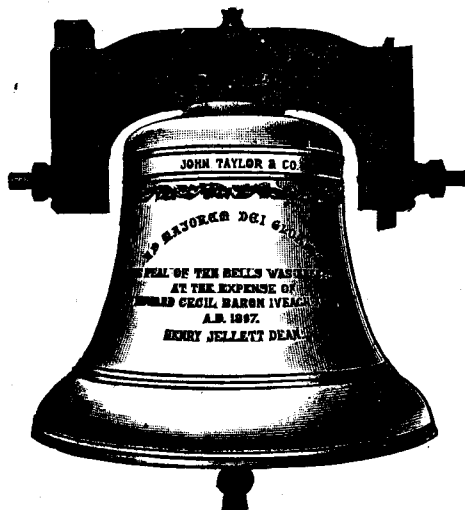
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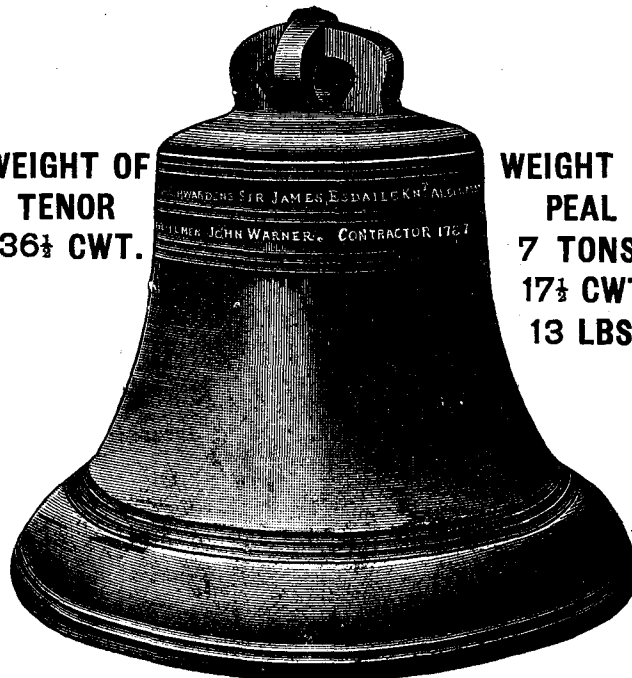
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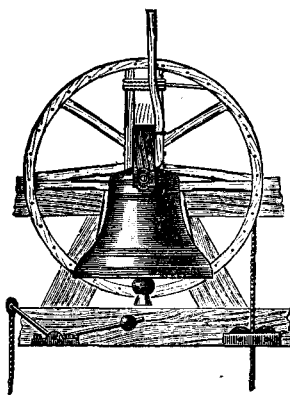
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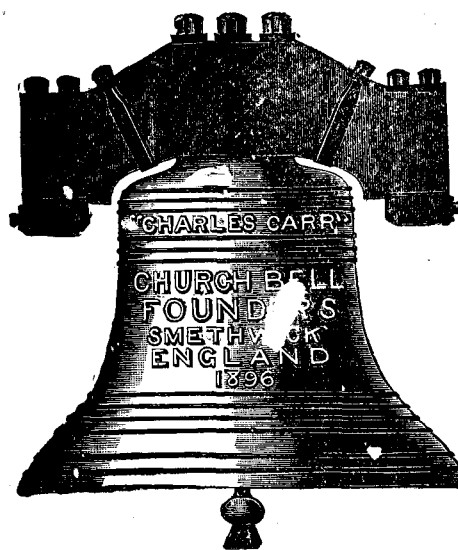
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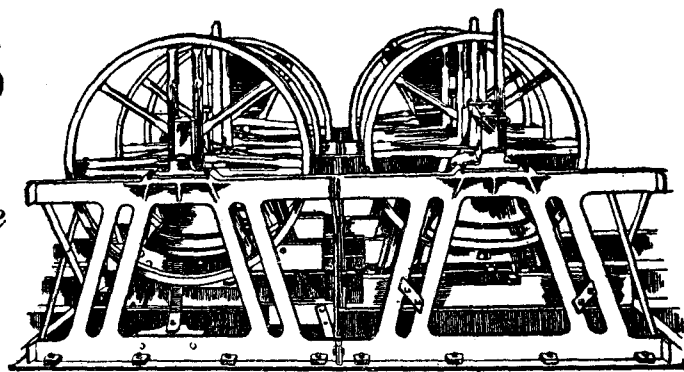
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EASTWOOD CHURCH, ROTHERHAM.

DEDICATION OF NEW TOWER, SPIRE AND RING OF EIGHT BELLS.

"One of our great writers, contrasting England with other parts of Europe, speaks, as a peculiar glory and beauty of our English life, of the sounding of church bells amongst the hills and dales of our once beautiful country."

The significance of this passage was eloquently revealed to Rotherham people on the afternoon of Monday, October, 3rd, by His Grace the Archbishop of York, at the dedication by him of the tower, spire and bells of Eastwood church. These are the generous gifts of Col. C. J. Stoddart, V.D., J.P., a prominent townsman, by whose energy and brain no little part of the prosperity of the district has been built up.

The church of St. Stephen was built in 1874 at a cost of about £4000, but the growing claims of a rapidly increasing parish made it impossible for the original design to be completed until Col. Stoddart came forward with his generous offer in January, 1909.

The ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. in G, are from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, the tone and "go" being splendid, reflecting the greatest credit on the firm. They are hung in an iron frame on one level in a space less than twelve feet square, and everything in connection with frame and fittings is of the most up to date description.

Service opened with the hymn "Christ is our corner stone," and after prayers the Archbishop and clergy, during the singing of "All people that on earth do dwell," proceeded to the porch space underneath the tower for the dedication ceremony. The trap doors above were raised, giving a view of the ringing-chamber and the ringers at their posts.

"Right reverend father," said Col. Stoddart, addressing the Archbishop, "I request you to dedicate these bells, this tower and this spire to the service entire and to the glory of God."

"By virtue of our sacred office," said his Lordship, "we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses, this tower, with its spire, now dedicated to the Glory of God, and these bells, now dedicated for the benefit of His Holy Church." (Receiving a suspended rope from Col. Stoddart, and handing it to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Dyer), "Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory." To the churchwardens the Archbishop said: "I desire to say you are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, and subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

Taking for his text part of the 3rd verse of Psalm lxi.—"Thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy," the Archbishop preached a most in-

spiring and impressive sermon. After expressing pleasure at having at last the long-looked for opportunity of visiting the parish, he said that they must address themselves to the task—great and difficult against the pressure of material things and perpetual struggle for daily bread—of upholding the church of Jesus Christ in these great towns of labour that covered the face of Yorkshire. Voicing on behalf of the Church of the township his grateful thanks for the gifts, the Archbishop said it was a great additional satisfaction that these came from a layman, who in the midst of his practical labours had not been unmindful of the Lord his God, and the Church he had attended. His Grace then drew most eloquent lessons of sureness and steadfastness of God from the tower, and from the spire an inspiring message of hope. The bells sounded the witness of the unchanging Church of Jesus Christ, and as it was well that the voice of the Church and the message of the tower and of the spire should be spoken all over the parish by the sound of the bells. If there were time he would like to quote one of the most beautiful passages in English literature in which one of our great writers, contrasting England with other parts of Europe, speaks as a peculiar glory and beauty of our English life, of the sounding of Church bells amongst the hills and dales. His Grace then said: "I pray God that these bells now given by his servant, and dedicated to the Almighty, might really speak to the great labouring heart of the people of this parish; that when they are sounded, perhaps at first the very strangeness of them may bring their message home, and they will be heard to say "Remember, O remember, the Lord is God." To you who are faithful people of this parish, let me say just this; When you hear these bells summoning a continually increasing faithfulness in the service of the Church, when you hear them, wherever you are, in the home or in Church, lift up your own heart to join in the spiritual work of the Church."

After the service the band of ringers who had been privileged to give voice to the bells during the dedication ceremony, rang 588 Stedman Triples. C. Glenn (conductor), 1; G. Lewis 2; C. H. Hattersley, 3; J. Evinson, 4; W. Bugar, 5; A. C. Fearnley, 6; S. Palmer, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Before the evening service, they, and a number of ringers from the district rang touches in various methods. The whole of the ringers, upwards of thirty, were entertained to a splendid meat tea by Col. Stoddart, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his bountiful hospitality.

Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, preached at the evening service to a good congregation, and afterwards ascended the tower and inspected the bells. Canon Nolloth is a high authority on bell tones, and expressed a very high opinion of the peal, a short touch being rung whilst he was present.

Various touches followed, the striking throughout being good, and the lowering of the bells in peal about 9.36 brought to a close a day long to be remembered by the inhabitants of Rotherham in general, and Eastwood parish in particular.

BY ROYAL WARRANT
TO

H.M. THE KING,
AND
THEIR LATE MAJESTIES QUEEN VICTORIA & KING EDWARD VII.



Tenor Bell of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham.

By kind permission of Col. C. J. STODDART, V.D., J.P., these bells were erected at the Crystal Palace, for use at the FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE and the PAGEANT OF LONDON, which was postponed owing to the lamented death of our late Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.

The Earl of Plymouth and the Council have placed an order with Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., for a similar peal of bells to be used at the FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE which will take place at the Crystal Palace early in the New Year.



St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York dedicated the New Tower and Bells on
Monday, October 3rd, 1910.

By Royal Warrant

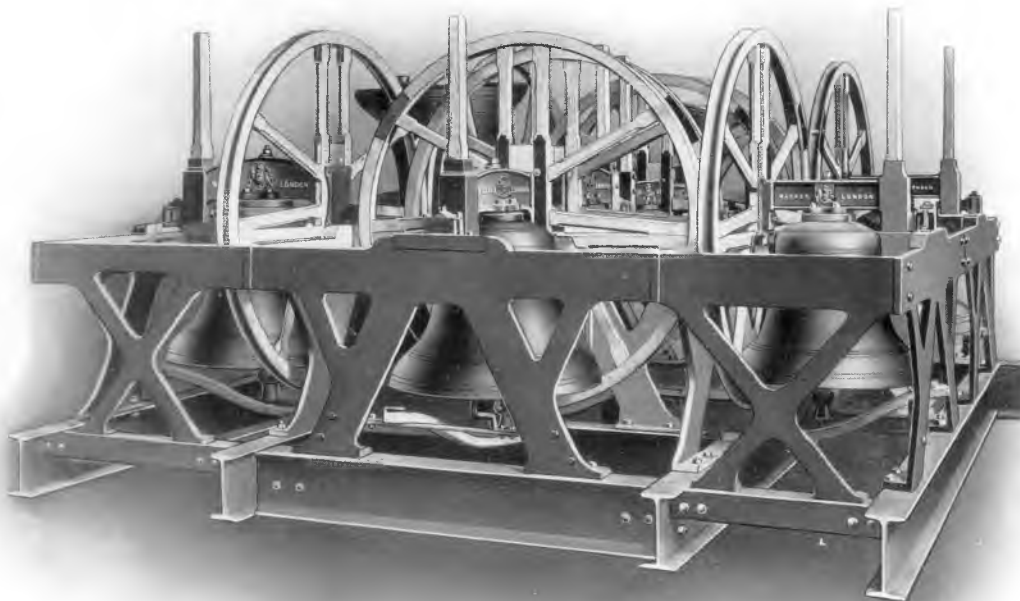


To
Her Late Majesty
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To
His Late Majesty
King Edward VII.



EASTWOOD BELLS

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

This society has not lately sent reports of the quarterly meetings, one being so like another; and the ringing by mixed companies producing nothing beyond Plain Bob, Oxford or Kent. The Hon. Secretary has often urged the associated companies to practise special methods at home, and come in full strength to the meetings, and ring them thereat "pour encourager les autres." At last his exhortations have taken effect, the occasion being the last quarterly meeting held at Harthill on Saturday, October 15th. We had a fine day, and pleasant, if rather small gathering. The six bells in the Harthill tower, although the natives believe them to be "the finest in England," and refused to have them re-cast when the opportunity was presented some score of years ago, are as a matter of fact, out of tune, heavy, and go badly; it was not surprising therefore that nothing was brought round in spite of several attempts up to five o'clock. But an excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Wigmore at The Square and Compass at that hour, seems to have braced the will and nerved the arms of the performer; for after that several touches were accomplished without any failure. The most notable were two 720s in new methods, composed by Mr. C. F. Fowler, of Anston. The first of these had been rung only once before by the Anston men in their own tower, and in anticipation of this meeting had been named Harthill Delight. It proved a musical peal, and the striking of the Anston band was particularly good. After a couple of other short touches had been rung, the Anston band essayed and brought round the second new method which had never been rung on any bells before; and upon its successful completion they decided to name it "Darley's Delight," in complement to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, who is also Rector of Harthill. The Anston company have now rung 67 different six-bell methods. We did not think there were so many, and certainly did not suppose there could be any more; but we understand that their aim is to accomplish a round 100, and if sufficient existing methods are not forthcoming, we have no doubt but that the fertile brain of Mr. Fowler will supply as many as may be needed to complete the desired century. D.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

It may encourage those who wish to form a band of ringers, to hear of the progress made by the young band at the above place. Six youths were selected who had some sense, and had shown a power of sticking to what they took up. At Easter in last year they began to chime for service, while the four bells of the church were condemned for ringing. At that time their ages varied from 14 to 20, and the oldest was elected leader. They learnt to pull up the one available bell under the instruction of the Vicar, who also carefully taught them on paper the elements of change-ringing. Now he is delighted to find that all of them, and the two probationers, have distanced him as ringers. In September of last year they began to work at changes on handbells, and were kindly allowed to practice rounds, and to attempt a few changes in neighbouring towers. Meanwhile they were collecting for two new trebles, and when they had nearly enough to pay for a fifth bell, a sixth was given by an enthusiastic ringer, W. W. Worthington, esq. Thursday in last Easter week was a great day in the parish, when the four old bells were re-opened for ringing, and the two new trebles dedicated. From this time the young ringers made good progress

with the help of their neighbours, and their record of performances among themselves has been: In the middle of May the first well-struck 120 Grandsire Doubles: in July 120 Stedman; on August 30th, 720 Bob Minor soon followed by more than a quarter-peal in that method. Now they have made a good start with Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Care was taken from the first that the ringing-chamber should be worthy of being a part of the church, and it is hoped that the ringers follow out the direction of their special text—"Seek, that ye may excel to the edifying of the Church." It may be worth mentioning how much clatter has been spared when raising and falling the bells by the use of clapper stays.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, October 8th, some members of the St. Peter's band, Tunbridge Wells, paid a visit to this place, for the purpose of having a combined practice with the local ringers. Some of the party cycled, and the rest came by train, and the bells were kept going from about 5.30 until 9 o'clock in the various Standard methods, thus affording the local ringers (who have only recently started to learn change-ringing), a good opportunity of practising these methods. At the conclusion of the ringing the local ringers expressed their sincere thanks to the visitors for their kindness in coming to give them a little assistance, and hoped before long to be able to return the visit.

A pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse at The King's Arms hotel, before the company separated.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

Additional interest was taken in the harvest thanksgiving services which were held at the parish church on Sunday, September 25th, as they marked the conclusion of the ministry of the Rev. Canon Mason as Vicar for thirteen years. Both morning and evening the church was filled to its utmost capacity. The collections during the day amounted to £90, which is being devoted for statues, four in number, to adorn the lower part of the tower. For the morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 44 mins. J. Shaw, A. Sims, J. Rookwood, A. King, W. Payne, H. Shepherd conductor, H. Walker, H. Shaw. For evening service another quarter-peal in the same method.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £256 14s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the Rev. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8th, a meeting of this Guild was held at St. James, Poolstock, Wigan, when upwards of eighty members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Hindley, Standish, Rainford, Widnes, Southport, Wigan (parish), and St. James's. During the course of the afternoon the bells of the parish church were open, and some touches were rung on them, when at 4.30 p.m. service was held at St. James's, which was largely attended. The Guild prayers were intoned by the Rev. C. Collier, and a eloquent address delivered by the Rev. J. Howsons who is warden of the Guild. An excellent tea provided by the Rev. F. Sardeson, Vicar, was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed, after which the gathering resolved itself into a business meeting. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Master of the Guild, presided, and several speeches were made by several clergymen, and were heartily appreciated by the ringers present.

An incidental mention that Mr. T. Taylor (St. James, hon. member), brought to light that he had been connected with a Sunday School a record time of 52 years, after which a hearty vote of thanks brought a very happy meeting to a close. All the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. G. Brown, of St. James's, and were creditably carried out.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, September 17th, the members of the above held their annual outing at Newbury. The party started from Reading at 1.42, reaching Newbury at 2.30, making straight for the fine old parish church. Here the steeplekeeper was waiting, and very soon the fine ring of eight was going to Stedman Triples. Then a 336 Double Norwich, 336 Grandsire Triples, 168 Stedman Triples, and 384 Superlative Surprise. At this stage W. Pole Routh invited the party to tea. This over a walk was taken through the town till 6.30, when the tower was again visited and 640 of Superlative Surprise was rung conducted by C. Giles. Next came a 336 of Stedman Triples and 180 Bob Major, conducted by A. W. Osborne. The party then adjourned to The Sun hotel, where a "smoker" was held, songs being sung by G. Essex, J. Goodenough, A. Watmore and C. Cox. Mr. Reeves asked the company to drink the health of their friend and host W. Pole Routh, esq., which was received with musical honours. In reply, Mr. Routh said he should like to propose the health of another gentleman in the room—the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was also received with musical honours.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he thanked the company first for inviting him to Newbury that day, and secondly for proposing his health. He had enjoyed the ringing, and he thought St. Mary's, Reading had done a lot of good in visiting Newbury that day in showing them how to use bells. As time was up for the train the party were soon at the station, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

CHARLES' CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Launceston and Werrington (Devon) were the places chosen for our annual outing this year, and we were honoured with the presence of the esteemed President of the Guild, the Rev. M. Kelly. At Launceston we rung a well struck 504 Grandsire Triples, and all spoke highly of the go of the bells. Through the efforts of the Rev. M. Kelly we were able to ring here, the first time that the bells have been rung on a market day.

A delightful walk through Werrington Park and we soon had the bells going to Stedman Triples. We rung a 504 with Mr. Kelly, and then returned to Launceston for tea, which was done full justice to. Mr. W. Marsh, the leader of the Charles band, proposed a hearty vote of thanks the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Baker, and churchwardens for their kindness in providing such a good day's outing. He also remarked that he

was proud to have the President of the Guild among them that day.

The Rev. P. Baker responded, and in his remarks said that he had a higher regard for ringers and their work than he previously had. During the journey in the train he had an insight into the intricacies of change-ringing, very scanty, granted, but enough to convince him that ringers had more to do than he had ever anticipated. This was the first time that he had a ring of bells attached to his church, but he was always fond of the sound of bells, and should take a very keen interest in his ringers and still continue to recognise them as churchworkers. He had seen some very bad things going on in belfries, but thanks to the Associations and the Devonshire Guild things were altered. He felt proud that his ringers belonged to such an Association as the Devonshire Guild, and that they had the President with them that day.

After the wardens had spoken the President said that it gave him great pleasure to be among the Charles ringers that day, and to know that their Vicar and Wardens were with them. This was as it should be. If the church authorities took an interest in their ringers some good must result from it. When he looked back to the time when the Guild was formed he could not but help noticing the various changes that had come over the ringing world; changes for the better they were, and now, although not able to stand in for peals, it was a great pleasure for him to visit the various towers and ring touches.

St. Stephen's by Launceston was then visited, where the Vicar gave us a hearty welcome to the tower. We rang several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and started for 720 Bob Minor, but after ringing 200 changes it was stopped on account of the bad go of the tenor. This brought one of the most successful day's outings to a close ever experienced by the Charles ringers.

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ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Mundon)	0	2	0
"J. E." (Wakefield)	0	2	0

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Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 12, Grove Avenue; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints, on April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. W. Jones, M. Selby, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, F. Charles, C. Greedy, A. E. Morgan conductor, S. Baiss. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells, and is the longest length yet rung by all except the treble ringer.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, July 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Gosling, first 720 of Minor, G. Pound, G. Broad, first 720 as conductor, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, G. Hadaway.

GROBY (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, September 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Spencer, E. Jackson, G. Geary, conductor, A. Mason, E. Geary, V. Geary.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

SHEFFIELDERS AT YORK.

Early this year the parish church company decided that if it was at all possible, the annual would take the form of a day's trip to York, and after a long and anxious wait we were at last rewarded for our patience by discovering a day trip to that famous city on Saturday, September 3rd. On acquainting our York friends with our desired intentions, we were at once assured of a hearty welcome, and everything possible towards making the visit an enjoyable one, Mr. Fearnley kindly undertaking the necessary arrangements. Nothing daunted by the early start of 6.15 a.m., and with a promise of a fine day, all were in high spirits when the destination was reached just before 8 a.m. Mr. Fearnley met us at the station and very kindly acted as guide throughout the day. The first thing essential on such outings is a good foundation to work upon, so tracks were at once made for The Lowther hotel, on the bank of the river, where our old friend George Breed served a good substantial breakfast. Having laid the foundation, and the weather being beautifully fine, a start was made for a walk round the city walls, our guide pointing out and explaining all objects of interest on the way. This was all the more enjoyable on account of the unique experience, and the pleasure derived from our point of vantage. First mounting the walls of Fishergate postern, we proceeded by way of Walmgate Bar and inspected the portcullis and gates, and thence to the Red Tower and along the side of the River Foss, which at this place answered the same purpose as the walls. Ascending the walls again at Layerthorpe Bridge, we eventually arrived at Bootham Bar, where we got a fine view of the Minster from the latter portion of the walls, which at this point encircle the Deanery gardens and the Minster itself. Having accomplished about half the circle, time compelled us to proceed to the Minster, where we found the Rev. Canon Watson was kindly waiting to conduct us round the noble edifice.

Gathering our forces together, and standing under the great lantern tower, Canon Watson gave us a short history of the venerable pile, pointing out the different styles of architecture, also the stained glass in the windows, which mark the different periods and the order in which the aisles, transepts, etc., were built. The Canon then conducted us to the Lady Chapel at the east end of the Minster, where we saw the great east window, the finest of its kind in the world. Here also the tomb of Archbishop Scrope was pointed out, together with some notable statuary and many things of historical interest. We next visited the crypt, where remains of an early church, and a still earlier Saxon church are still to be seen, which is proof that the present building is at least the third that has been erected on the present site. Many other things too numerous for this article proved of real interest, for it would require a large space to do justice to and fully describe what was there explained to us.

The vestry next claimed our attention, and there we found quite a large number of ancient curios of various character, all of which are in some way or another connected with the history of the Minster. The Chapter House with its beautiful stained glass windows was then visited, and this completed our tour, the whole occupying about an hour and a quarter.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, on our behalf, in a few brief words warmly thanked Canon Watson for his kindness and courtesy.

This part of the programme was a rare treat and quite beyond our expectation, and deserved more of our time to fully appreciate all that can be learned from such an interesting study.

It was now dinner time, and we again repaired to Mr. Breed's to enjoy a substantial repast and a well earned rest, during which past memories were revived with doughty deeds of years ago. Afterwards a pleasant walk along the river side, and a look round the market brought us up to the Minster at 3 p.m., from which hour, until 4.30, through the kindness of the Dean and Chapter we were allowed the use of the bells. Ascending the hundred steps to the ringing chamber we obtained an extended view of the city from the bellry windows, and also had a peep at Great Peter in the Central tower. With the assistance of our York friends to raise the bells, we were in full anticipation of doing justice to this fine ring of twelve, as the crowning effort of our day's enjoyment; but it is very sad to be compelled to relate that we met with great disappointment. Commencing

with a touch of Stedman Cinques, we had not proceeded far before more than one man was seen to be in difficulties, and then the fact became apparent that one bell at least was practically unringable for more than a few minutes at a time, except with superhuman efforts, whilst several others were more or less in such bad going order that good ringing was entirely out of the question. Beyond three leads of Treble Bob Maximus we were not successful in any of our efforts. This very considerably damped our ardour, and was the one and only thing that marred our day's enjoyment. Needless to say our comments were many, and it is all the more regrettable when we ascertained that such a deplorable state of affairs has been in existence for a considerable time. The peal as a whole are absolutely unpealable, and under the present conditions will fast lose its prestige it has hitherto held, and should always hold in the estimation of the Church and Exercise. Where the fault lays, if fault there be, is no business of ours; but when one looks to this noble ring as the premier peal of the north, and find that nothing is being done to remedy matters, then our criticisms taken up on behalf of the Exercise are justified. A great deal more could be said, but it is to be hoped that we may soon hear of an improvement, so that this noble peal may again take its place on the pinnacle of fame in the eyes of the ringing world.

Tea was served by Friend Breed, after which a pleasant hour was spent on the handbells and in conviviality with our York friends. On the motion of Mr. C. H. Hattersley a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and also to the York ringers for the kind way in which they had assisted towards making our outing a successful one.

Mr. Fearnley suitably replied, and said that when we next visited the city he hoped the bells would be in better going order.

The return journey was made at 8.10 p.m., Sheffield being reached at quite a respectable hour, all bearing pleasant memories of their trip to York.

S. F. P.

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."

REPORTS OF PEALS.

SIR,—Will you allow me another grumble? My former letter brought two corrections out of the three which were necessary. The third, Treble Bob Minor at Norton, Staffs., according to the report on p. 211 is not a peal, as only 4320 changes are stated to have been rung. Six more peals have been published twice, without counting those "corrected," viz., Grandsire Doubles at Tettenhall on May 20, and Grandsire Triples at Framlingham on May 16, at Bangor on May 18, at Eccles, Pendlebury and Shrewsbury on May 20. The peal at Eccles is said to have been conducted by J. H. Ridyard on p. 260, and by R. Ridyard on p. 320, and several of the names differ slightly. Three peals are published without a conductor's name: p. 271 Stedman Triples at St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, on May 20; p. 273 Grandsire Doubles at Honington, Lincs., on June 4; p. 333 Grandsire Doubles at Bridston, Herefordshire, on July 26. No date is given for a peal of Minor at Greenstead Green, Essex, on p. 285. In a great many cases the weight of the tenor is not given. It is not often of importance, but I notice on p. 272 a peal of Minor at Tunstall, Kent, is said to be "the quickest in seven methods," and the weight in this case affects it.

Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

RADYR, NEAR CARDIFF.

The dedication and opening of the new ring of eight bells will take place on Wednesday, November 2nd. The dedication service will be conducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese at 11 a.m. There will also be a service at 7.15 p.m.

GEO. E. SYMONDS.—Write to Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The towers of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, and St. George the Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Edmonton, to-day, Sat., October 22nd.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells of the parish church (8, tenor 13 cwt.), will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the vicarage by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm.

T. METCALFE, *Hon. Sec.*
26, High Street, North Ormesby.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brindle to-day, Sat., October 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at South Wingfield to-day, Sat., October 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Yeovil to-day, Sat., October 22nd. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after.

Ilminster. D. G. TAYLOR, *Dis. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull to-day, Sat., October 22nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Evensong at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, M.A., Rector of Solihull. Business meeting after tea.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, October 29th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 sharp.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The

next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, October 29th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church.

E. TRENDALL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, October 29th. Bells at liberty from 3.30 to 8.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is particularly requested.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells at All Saints available from 3.30, by permission of the Vicar. Service at 5.30, and meeting at the Shaftesbury Hall, preceded by tea at 6.15.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
57, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Erith on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. G. A. S. Adams, Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the West Street Schools, for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made. Members wishing tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, the 25th inst.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, October 22nd, and Yorktown on Tuesday, November 1st, commencing at 6.30. The former practice will be devoted to the following methods: Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

G. EDSEF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 5.30. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 26th.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rosendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meets at 12.0 noon in the vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County hotel at 2 p.m. Seven towers open for ringing. Members intending being present please notify

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7.30 p.m. A hot supper will be provided at 9d. per head to all those who notify me not later than Monday, October 31st. Business

meeting will follow.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*
87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, November 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.40 p.m.

G. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting at Romford is unavoidably postponed from October 22nd to Saturday, November 12th. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30, the Vicar in the chair. Members 6d., Visitors 1s. 6d. to those who notify me a few days prior to the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

Notice.—If there are any ringers in Herefordshire desirous of ringing a peal (not Doubles), if they will communicate with me, stating the method wished for, I will endeavour to arrange for a peal at an early date.

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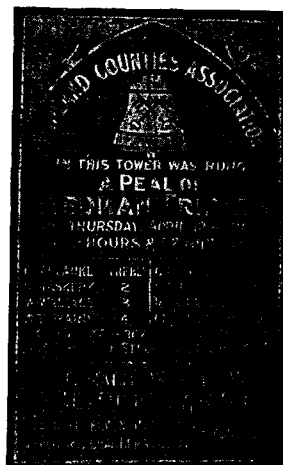
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1910.

AMONG the architectural monuments of the land none stand higher in public estimation or hallowed sentiment than our noble Cathedrals. They have, most of them, peculiar characteristics of their own, features which upon examination excite the admiration of archæologists and all who are deeply interested in ecclesiastical architecture.

Despite Wren's masterpieces no building of the kind attracts greater admiration than the noble Cathedral of York, commonly called "York Minster." Of most dignified proportions, and larger in some particulars than any other, its commanding appearance, with its massive towers, strikes the beholder with awe and wonder on a first view, and engenders a feeling of pious thankfulness in the minds of devout Churchmen that we have such edifices left to us.

It is with one of these towers, or rather with its contents, that we wish to speak. There is an account, on another page, of a visit paid by a ringing company of Sheffield men—among them the cream of Yorkshire ringers—to York the other day. Naturally they would desire to visit the Minster, and have a pull on the famed ring of twelve therein. The hundred steps to the ringing-chamber were duly surmounted, and what was found? Everything apparently as is usual in well-regulated towers, but the bells were positively unringable! That this famed ring of twelve bells—a 52 cwt. tenor—the noblest ring in the North, should be in such a deplorable condition almost takes one's breath away! Who is to blame for such a sad

condition of things? As we have not heard of any repairs to the fittings being carried out within recent years it may probably be that they need overhauling by an expert bellfounder, who could report on their condition to the Dean and Chapter. And this should be done at the earliest possible moment.

The ring of twelve at York Minster is one of its principal glories. It is not out of place, we hope, to invite the immediate attention of the authorities to this important matter. That this grand ring of bells should be allowed to get into an unringable condition is most astounding! In this a delay is dangerous; an almost irreparable disaster may happen at any moment with heavy bells in such a defective condition. We therefore hope to hear that in the course of a few days an expert has been called in to examine the condition of the bells, and report thereon. The good Churchmen of the second city in the kingdom will certainly not allow the famed bells of their incomparable Minster to get into decay.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	FRED C. MAYNARD 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 8.
ALBERT W. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
HERBERT RAINBOW* 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

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

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Battersea,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ALBERT W. COLES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	*REUBEN SANDERS 7.
HARRY FLANDERS† 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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On Monday, October 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 9-10.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD* 5-6.	ERNEST PYE 11-12.

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

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Provinces.

WATH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Bob Minor, and four of Kent Treble Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

A. PRATT† Treble.	*G. LANGSHAW 4.
J. METCALFE* 2.	J. W. NEESAM 5.
C. HOWROYD* 3.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

†First peal for twenty years, and first peal of Minor. *First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN Treble.	WILLIAM BURGAR 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	JOHN THORPE 7.
JAMES EVINSON 4.	ERNEST CUTSWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY F. PALMER.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Rang on the light eight.

HARLOW COMMON.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1910, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt in G.

WALTER HOBBS Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM WHEELER 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
LEWIS GEBEN 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor, Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT REED Treble.	*JAMES OSBORN 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 5.
JOHN W. LAKE* 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal in eight methods.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble.	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5.
HARRY EVANS 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES 4.	BENJAMIN BASSETT Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bassett and Evans.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOGG* Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSON 5.
JOSEPH LANGSTROTH† .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH 6.
H. JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE .. 3.	ARTHUR R. JONES 7.
CHARLES JACSON 4.	ARTHUR E. WEST Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble. Arranged for Messrs. West and Jackson who were on a visit to the neighbourhood.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 28, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ROBERT H. YOUNG* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 6.
RALPH COLES* 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED HAYES* 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
JESSE B. TYLER 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

These bells have just been rehung with all new fittings, etc. by Llewellyns and James the "go" being perfect. This is also the first peal ever rung on the bells although being one of the oldest rings in the county, as the last recast bell dates over 100 years back.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY. BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor, which occurred on the following day.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY BREWER* .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2.	GEORGE W. STOKES .. 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	JOHN RICE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN RICE.

*First peal. This peal was arranged for A. F. Hillier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was elected a member previous to starting for the peal

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND .. Treble.	GEORGE W. PEYERELL .. 5.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
EDWIN J. TITT 3.	THOMAS WICK 7.
HARRY PEYERELL 4.	JOHN H. LENTON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Titt, the band wishing him many happy returns.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(READING BRANCH)

On Friday, September 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH HANDS .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
RONALD CHAPMAN .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
HENRY SIMMONDS .. 3.	HENRY GOODGER .. 7.
GEORGE IRVINE 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS* .. Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 3.	*JOSEPH FIGOTT .. 7.
ALFRED DAVIES 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY WATTS .. Treble.	SIDNEY HOLE 3.
A. H. JENKINS 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. 4.
ALBERT BARKER Tenor.	

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On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

LOUIS PRICE Treble.	JOSEPH BAILEY 5.
JAMES E. HEXTER* 2.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. .. 6.
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON 3.	RICHARD DRAGE 7.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD 4.	ALBERT COPPOCK Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5232 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble.	SAMUEL COTTON 5.
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3.	JOSEPH MORRIS 7.
ARTHUR PETTIT† 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor.

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

†First peal with a bob bell, and first peal of Major. This is the first peal of Double Norwich ever rung in which all the band are residents of Leicester.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JESSE PUPLETT Treble.	JOHN H. BENSTEAD 5.
ISAAC CAVILL 2.	WILEY J. HAZELL 6.
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On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor about 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITE† Treble.	SAMUEL PAICE 4.
FRANK LUSH† 2.	*HARRY BUNGAY 5.
JOHN RANCE† 3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells, the 4th, 5th and tenor having been recast by Mears and Stainbank, and the whole rehung by Webb and Bennett. They were dedicated together with a new organ the previous day by the Archdeacon of Berks.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble.	*SAMUEL HUNT 4.
HENRY WRIGHT 2.	JOHN GARRATT 5.
CHARLES BRIGGS 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM G. ANKER† .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
CHARLES STARKEY 2.	THOMAS VERRY 6.
WILLIAM H. JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 7.
JAMES JONES 4.	*EDWARD STARKEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

†First peal away from the treble. *First peal, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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FREDERICK SMITH* .. Treble.	†FREDERICK PRICE 5.
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ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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*First peal. †First peal in the method.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 4.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 2.	R. T. HOLDING, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY .. 3.	R. T. HOLDING, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

First peal on the bells, and first peal of Minor by all the band. After the peal the band were kindly provided with refreshments by Mr. J. Stringer, of Sandbach, agent for Mrs Twemlow, of Betley Court, and who is a vice-chairman of the Crewe branch.

Handbell Peal.**GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)***On Sunday, September 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,**At 21, Stoke Road,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2.	*JAMES HUNT 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman on handbells. Umpire—M. Smither.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)***On Sunday, September 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
In the Clock Room of the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Umpire—John Thorpe.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)***On Friday, September 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 33, HOLLY STREET,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	WILLIAM BURGAR 7-8.

Composed by G. LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—J. Evinson. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, the 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

Miscellaneous.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BISHOP LYDEARD.—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. S. Wyatt, A. Walker conductor, J. Routley, J. Fowler, P. Merson, J. Burge, E. Wyatt, W. White.

BATH.—On Sunday, June 26th, for evening service at St. Mark's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor. T. Hogflesh, J. Odey, R. Cousins, C. Densley, A. E. Seers, H. Lewis conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. Welldon taking up his duties as Vicar. On the Wednesday previous, at the Induction service, 720 Bob Minor. W. H. Seers, J. Oddy, H. Lewis, C. Densley, A. E. Seers, R. Cousins conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday, May 1st, at the parish church, 1248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Best, E. Herbert, C. Herbert, C. Mortimer, F. J. Mynard, C. W. Clarke, H. Sear, W. Freeman.

WOBURN.—On May 9th, 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Gilby, H. D. Harris, E. Herbert, M. Matthews, S. Avis, C. Herbert conductor, M. Lane, W. Chibbrell.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.—On April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. C. Deacon, E. Hobbs, H. Smith, H. Fleet, Rev. A. Rust conductor P. Alley. First 720 by a local band.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, August 7th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) 1200 Double Norwich. J. W. Chapman, E. R. Brett, W. G. Matthews, F. J. Hairs, F. Perrin, W. Pike, W. Hewett, J. E. Davis.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY.—On Monday, August 1st, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major which was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 17 mins. L. Lomas, C. Bird, N. Short, J. Dickinson, W. J. Thyng, R. Clifford, J. W. Seamer, E. Morris. It was arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, E. Morris.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND, NEAR PRESTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. S. Crook, E. Watkinson, J. Watkinson, A. Robinson, B. Knight, S. Watkinson, E. Bannister, J. Harrison.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. E. Miller conductor, H. Armstrong, H. E. Balaam, A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival of Christ Church, and also in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Sidney Wade, one of the ringers.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Roberts, C. Waithman, B. Claydon, W. Allsopp, B. Leedam, T. Bloore conductor, H. Dickens, J. Reynolds.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, June 26th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Read, jun., A. J. Green, C. Tyrer, W. Bonham, J. Read, sen., C. A. Valentine. On Saturday, July 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Tompkins, H. Edwards, R. Jolley, E. Nicholls, A. J. Green, C. A. Valentine. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Clark, H. Edwards, C. Tyrell, A. J. Green, J. Read, C. A. Valentine.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, October 9th, after Evensong, 1274 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. R. Maynard, jun., composer, W. B. Manning, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, sen., J. C. Adams, F. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, C. T. Coles conductor, A. W. Coles W. H. Freeman.

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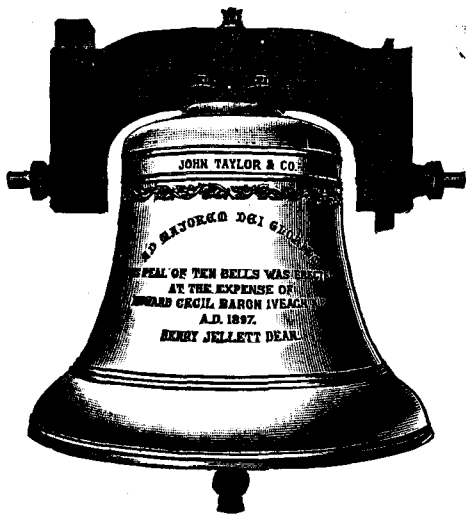
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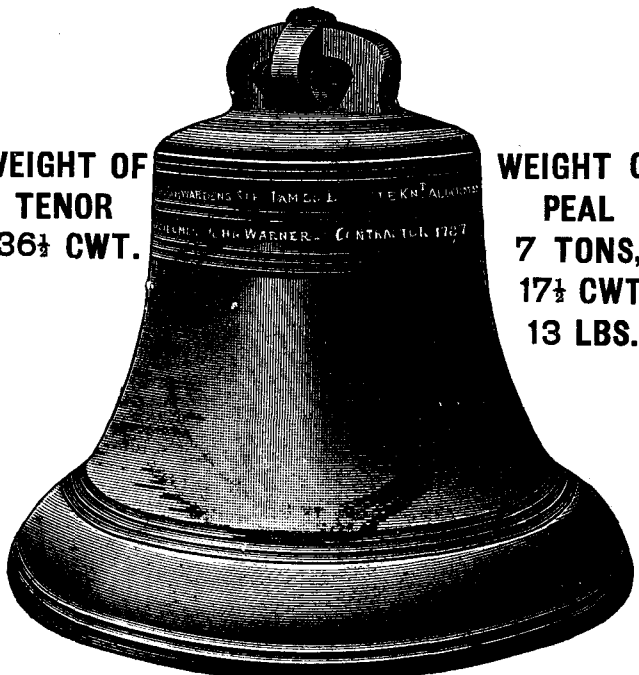
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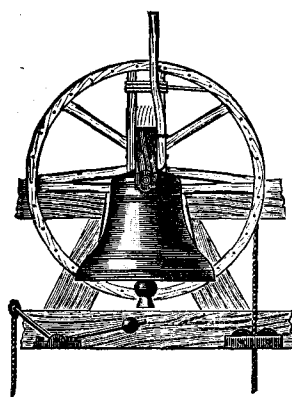
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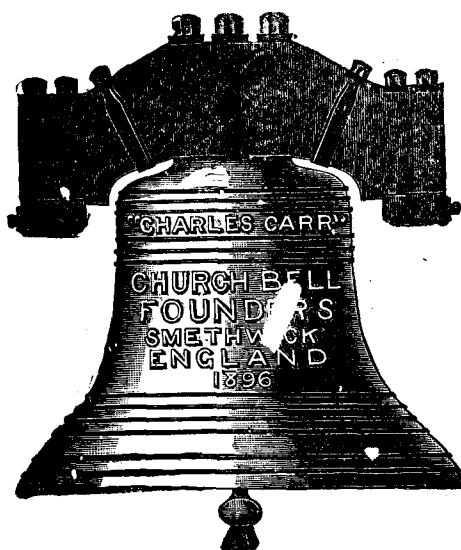
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EAST WORLINGTON, DEVON.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The two new bells, one given by the Rector in memory of his deceased wife, Caroline Hill, and the other provided by public subscription, have been dedicated in East Worlington church. A special service was held at 11 a.m., when the ceremony of dedication was performed by the rural dean of Chulmleigh (the Rev. H. Bemridge), and a sermon preached by the Rev. R. Turner (Vicar of Barnstaple, and formerly Rector of West Worlington). As the harvest festival was being observed at the same time, the church had been beautifully decorated, appropriate floral representations of bells being hung around the windows. The new bells were founded by Mears and Stainbank, of London, and the work of hanging them in a new oak frame, and rehangng the four old bells in the old frame, as wells as strengthening the latter and equipping the whole of the bells with new fittings was successfully carried out by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, who also installed an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. East Worlington has now one of the lightest rings of six in the county, the tenor weighing less than 7 cwt. A hall bell, cast from the same metal as the new bells, "for the use of the present and future Rectors of the parish," was presented by Mr. Henry Bryan, of Wigan (a son of a former Rector) as a memento of the addition to the peal. Ringers came to try the bells from several towers in the district. Public luncheon to about 170 persons, and tea to 300 were served in Ye olde Tythe Barn. For a handbell competition the men from Ashreigney were the only extants, and, after giving a capital exhibition of change-ringing, they received the first prize. All the parishioners united heartily to celebrate the joyful occasion, and the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Hill), and the churchwardens were supported by a numerous staff of willing workers in discharging the many duties of the day's programme. The services were continued on the Sunday, and conducted by the Rev. J. Morgan, Vicar of the Bedford Church, Exeter. The sum of £143 from all sources has been raised, which will more than cover the cost of all the work undertaken, and leave a balance for external repairs to the church tower.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

In its proper place will be found the record of a peal lately rung by the above Guild on the bells of the University Church, the present Vicar of which has been for more than thirty years President of the Guild. Though founded in 1873, the Guild has never until now attempted a peal on these fine bells. In view of this fact, a short notice of its ringing history may be of interest.

The conditions of life at a University make it very difficult to train recruits into efficient ringers, during their short period of residence. But handbell ringing is more practicable and convenient. This determined the early traditions of the Guild. The arrival of two recruits who

were already ringers enabled the Guild before long to score the first peal of Double Norwich on handbells, and thus to give a lead to the whole Exercise towards the splendid performances of recent years. More than one period followed during which no resident talent was discovered; and the untiring energy of the President alone enabled the Guild to survive. But now and again a valuable recruit received his early grounding in the Art. In this way, it became possible at length to collect bands for tower bell ringing from the whole of England.

Accordingly, in 1906, a week's ringing was arranged early in September. A peal of Stedman and one of Kent Major at Southwell Cathedral so encouraged the band that the tour was repeated, and became an annual fixture. In this way, in 1908, the two first clerical peals of Major were scored, Kent and Plain Bob, and both on the same day. Then, in 1909, the first clerical peal of Double Norwich was credited to the Guild. Most appropriately, this was at Drayton, where the "old man" had himself called the first University peal (Oxford), and later the first clerical peal ever rung, both of them of course being Stedman Triples. Finally the peal at St. Mary's fittingly marks the new period in the Guild's ringing fortunes. In order to estimate the value of the performances accomplished, it should be remembered that most of the men available are parish priests, with little or no chance of practice, or of learning new methods during the year. Yet this year's tour produced a really good touch of Superlative. The thirty-six peals rung by the Guild up to date are as follows: On handbells 21, viz.: Double Norwich, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Major, 11; Royal, 2; Maximus, 1; Grand-sire Caters, 1; Kent Major, 3; Royal, 1. On tower bells 15, viz.: Minor, 1; Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Grand-sire Triples, 1; Kent Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 4; Double Norwich, 2. Of these peals twenty-eight have been rung during the last eight years. The districts visited have been: in 1906, Nottingham and neighbourhood; in 1907, Chester and neighbourhood; in 1908, Durham; in 1909, Oxford; in 1910, Bedfordshire; for 1911, Hampshire has been chosen.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1st, a considerable alteration in the management of this Association was decided upon, whereby it is hoped more help may be given the ringers at the country churches, and whereby the membership may be materially benefitted, and the art of change-ringing encouraged in parts at present much neglected. A ballott of all the members had previously been taken, and it was found that a very considerable majority were in favour of three branches of this Association being formed, and in order to make arrangements that this scheme might come into operation at the beginning of next year, a special general meeting was held at Hartlebury, at which nearly every tower affiliated was represented.

The proceedings opened, as usual, with a service in the parish church, at which an address was given by the

Rector, the Rev. Canon Robertson, in which he gave a short history of the bells, and among his remarks drew attention to a peculiar feature of the original 4th, which was recast in 1900, when the old bell was found to contain impressions of a coin of Charles I. which had never been issued. This church has lately been re-seated with open oak seats, on the ends of which are carved the arms of Bishops of Worcester for 1200 years in regular order. At the completion of the service a move was made to the schools, where a most enjoyable tea, provided by the generosity of the parishioners, was soon disposed of. After those present had undergone the ordeal of being photographed, the business meeting was commenced, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, taking the chair.

The ordinary routine business was first disposed of, the minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, Messrs. W. C. Jones and G. W. Checketts re-elected auditors, several new members elected, including the Rector of Hartlebury, and Mr. W. Short being appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Hartlebury. The meeting then turned to the main business, being the passing of rules, defining of boundaries, and selection of officers necessary for the formation of the branches. A committee, which had been appointed with reference to this scheme, laid before the meeting both general and branch rules, which, after some discussion and a few slight alterations, were considered quite satisfactory to start with and were accordingly past. It was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, that the branches should be called the Northern, Western and Southern, and that the boundaries should be defined by the rural deaneries; the northern branch containing the deaneries of Bromsgrove, Dudley, Kidderminster and Swinford, with the towers of Brierley Hill, Kings Norton, Oldbury, Selly Oak, Sedgley, Tipton, Northfield and Smethwick; the western should contain those of Upton, Droitwich, East and West Worcester and Powick, with the towers of Croome d'Abitot and Ripple; the southern those of Blockley, Evesham, Feckenham, South Kington, and Pershore, with the towers of Bredons Norton and Overbury. The next business was the selection of a Master and Secretary for each branch, and here again the meeting accepted the recommendations of the committee, Mr. R. Matthews being elected Master and Mr. E. J. Dowler as Secretary of the Northern branch; Mr. W. Page as Master, and Mr. H. T. Knowles as Secretary of the Western, and Mr. H. Middleton as Master and Mr. J. Hemming as Secretary of the Southern branch, being appointed. Arrangements for the first branch meetings were left to the Committee, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Committee for so thoroughly and satisfactorily making the necessary arrangements; to the chairman, to the Rev. Canon Robertson, to those who subscribed towards the tea, and to Mr. T. J. Salter for making the arrangements.

The bells, tenor 20 cwt., were kept going until quite late in the evening, an enjoyable meeting being brought to a close by some of the more energetic sprinting to a fire at some farm building and rescuing live stock and implements.

NOTE:—Copies of the photograph taken at this meeting can be obtained of Mr. George Ford, 6, Northfield Street, Arboretum, Worcester, price ninepence, post free. They are affixed to mounts 10 in. by 8 in., and are most satisfactory.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.

After having been unringable for nearly sixteen years, the bells at St. Nicholas' church are to be rehung. This beautiful ring of twelve is one of the finest in the North. The tenor weighs 41 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., and the total weight is 184 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs., and it is expected that they will be ready to ring the old year out and the new year in. At any rate they will be ready for the Coronation of King George V. The last time an attempt was made to ring them was on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in 1897, but without success. Many large blocks of offices have sprung up around the church, and it is to be hoped that their near proximity will not interfere so as to prevent the music of the bells in the beautiful lantern tower being heard far across the broad waters of the mighty Mersey.

The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Bellfounders to His Majesty the King, London.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Counties branch of the above was held at Clenchwarton on Saturday, October 15th, when upwards of forty members attended from Lynn, Walpole, Long Sutton, Moulton, Spalding, Fleet, Deeping St. Nicholas, Pinchbeck, Surfleet and Donington. Ringing commenced in the morning about 10 o'clock, and was well kept up during the day. Dinner was served at The Black Horse inn at 1 o'clock. After dinner the meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. J. J. Wayet Vicar of Pinchbeck, supported by the Revs. H. Law James, C. J. S. Ward, J. P. S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Royce, and others.

The President gave the usual loyal toast of "Church and King," after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc. Pinchbeck was the place selected to hold the next meeting at. Service was held in the church at 3.30, and was well attended, an excellent address being given by the Vicar of West Lynn. The Rector of the parish kindly invited the members to tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed. This brought to a close one of the best attended meetings held for a long time.

ST. MATTHEW'S UPPER CLAPTON.

The tower of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, will be opened for ringing on every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month, and members of the Middlesex County Association and all others will be heartily welcomed. The practices commence at 8 o'clock, and last about two hours. Trams from the city pass within a few minutes of the church, and the ring of eight bells is one of the most delightful in north London.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £284 2s. 9d. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stanbank.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual grand Bohemian Concert of the above Association took place on Saturday, October 8th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, at 8 p.m. The Master of the Society (Mr. W. G. Matthews), took the chair, and Mr. G. R. Fardon—a past Master—acted as vice-chairman. Upon opening the concert the chairman remarked that it was with great pleasure that he did so, and reminded the audience that past concerts had always proved a success, and expressed a hope that the present one would in no way prove an exception.

The entertainment commenced with an overture from the pianist—Mr. Sidney A. Wright—which was greatly appreciated. That grand song—"The Trumpeter," was beautifully rendered by Mr. John O'Sullivan. Next Mr. J. Pryer—the musical director—gave a very humorous song entitled "Nobody Satisfied," which evoked roars of laughter. Following other songs, Mr. W. Ackland, band-master of the 8th City of London Post Office Rifles, gave a clarionet solo. Two side-splitting songs were then given by Mr. J. Welsh, and Mr. H. Hudson, who sang "I looked into the book," and "The Street Singer," respectively. Farmyard mimicking by Mr. G. Richmond was also greatly applauded, as was also two violin solos by Mr. W. J. Daubney. Note must also be taken of songs by Miss Nellie Wheeler, who sang "Good-bye," and Mrs. H. Langdon, who gave "In the chimney corner." The concert concluded with a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells, and then all standing, the National Anthem was sung. The room was well packed, and everybody had a most enjoyable evening. There was not a dull moment during the whole time, which lasted from 8 p.m. till 11.30 p.m. Lastly, a good word must be said for the Secretary, Mr. Taffender, Mr. Pryer, the musical director, the stewards, and other officers, for the admirable way everything was provided and the good order that was kept. It is to be hoped that the concert will turn out a success in every way, so that next year's concert may be looked forward to with pleasure.

NELSON, LANCASHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the Bradshaw Street Council Schools. It is the gift of Mrs. Morgatroyd in memory of her husband. The clock has a large illuminated dial, and strikes the hours. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work. A few years ago the same firm made the large chiming clock at Nelson Market Hall.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT STEPNEY.—Mr. J. H. B. Hesse's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples (1 on handbells), 13, Grandsire Caters 10, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 26, Stedman Caters 13, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Major (including a 10,208) 20, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Major 4, Treble Bob Royal 2, Forward Major 1, Forward Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 4, on treble, Superlative Surprise Major on treble 1. Total 100.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE.—J. Armstrong's 150 peals.—On six bells 12, Bob Triples 9, conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 4, Bob Major 23, conducted 2, Stedman Triples 13, conducted 3, Stedman Caters 9, Stedman Cinques 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 9, Double Norwich 9, conducted 2, Superlative 24, conducted 4, ditto Rochester variation 1, Cambridge Major 1, New Cambridge Major 4, London Surprise 19, Bristol Surprise 1. Total 150, conducted 16.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, QUEBEC.

What is believed to be the first complete 720 of Grandsire Doubles heard in Canada, was rung prior to the High Mass on Sunday, September 25th, at the above church. The touch was rung by an English party, conducted by H. Whiteman, of Northampton, England, and was a complete success. A new series with a grand total of 5040 changes, is contemplated for the near future.

The party of ringers were: H. Whiteman (conductor), 1; A. H. Burgess, 2; J. F. Pearson, 3; J. Merrick, 4; D. S. Bell, 5; W. Livermore, 6. The ring in question has just been erected by Mears and Stainbank.

STEDMAN CATERS

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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561423 5

163425 5

265413 4 5

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263451 5

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165432 5

362415 4 5

265431 54 5

561432 5

162435 5

365412 4 5

562413 5

163452 4 5

362451 5

261453 5

563421 4 5

361425 5

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263415 4 5

Repeat calling first course, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10s, 13, 14, 16, 17, produces 462531. Round at 4s, 5, 13, 18, 21. This peal has the twenty-four 4-6-8s, and 5 6-8s with all the possible 2-4-6-8s and 4-5-6-8s with titum course-ends, and the 6th in 2nds place.

First rung at Chesterfield on April 30th, 1910, conducted by B. A. Knights.

By calling 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16s from 263541 (forty-sixth course-end), would reduce to 5079 changes.

CRESSINGTON.—On Wednesday, August 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Caunce, T. Jennions, T. Hammond, sen., T. Hammond, jun., J. Turner, J. Allen. And 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. T. Hammond, sen., T. Jennions, G. R. Newton, E. Caunce, J. Turner conductor, J. Allen.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

A VISIT TO WARWICKSHIRE.

An ancient historic town in the centre of England, a fine ring of ten bells in first-class order, and a most comfortable ringing-chamber, all combine to make Warwick the ideal place in which to ring an historic peal. There had been a whispering amongst the "brethren" for some time, and in August last the Rev. E. V. Cox, with the courage born of enthusiasm, began definite arrangements with the result that Tuesday, October 11th, witnessed the assembling together in Warwick of ten of the ringing clergy determined, if possible, to carry through that which had been one of the ambitions of the much lamented Master of the Oxford Guild, viz., a clerical peal of Stedman Caters. It may be recalled that two attempts were made to ring this during Mr. Robinson's lifetime, one at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and the other at Aston, Birmingham. On the present occasion 3 hrs. and 32 mins. good striking made it an accomplished fact, and it will be duly recorded in its proper place. The bells at St. Mary's, Warwick, are not uninteresting. The present fine ring is in D, with a tenor measuring 58 inches, and weighing 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. In 1552 there were five bells, of which the second was probably by Newcombe, the third from the Worcester foundry, and the fifth from Nottingham. Between 1552 and 1656 a sixth bell was added, and in the latter year three new bells were cast by Eldridge, of Coventry, making a ring of eight,—the old tenor evidently being melted down, and two new bells supplied. In 1694 the tower and church, with the exception of the chancel, were burnt down, and the bells destroyed, and in 1702 a new ring of ten was cast by Abraham Rudhall. The tenor of this peal was recast in 1814 by Mears, and all the bells, except the 5th, 6th, and 9th were recast in 1901 by Messrs. Taylor, who also in that year rehung the whole ten in a new steel frame. The old inscriptions from Rudhall's bells have been reproduced, but in modern lettering. It is recorded that on Statute fair days people were, until recently, allowed to "make as much row as they could" by pulling the ropes, on payment of sixpence to the sexton. Perhaps the present change-ringing sexton was instrumental in putting a stop to the practice!

The hospitable Vicar of St. Mary's entertained the band to tea, and then a move was made to Stratford-on-Avon, where those who were not called back to parish work were billeted for the night. A nine miles drive on Wednesday morning, and Mickleton was reached in dull and rainy weather. Here Double Norwich was intended, but after a short attempt the idea of Major was abandoned owing to the very bad go of the bells—in addition, the tenor proved to be nearly a semitone flat. A fine peal of Stedman Triples, however, was brought round in 3 hrs. but dint of some really hard work. This is the second clerical peal of Stedman Triples ever rung, the first having been rung at Drayton with the Rev. F. E. Robinson. After lunch, two of the party had to make for Campden—their nearest way home—and the remainder drove back to Stratford-on-Avon, which ancient town had been giving itself up to the enjoyment of the annual "mop" all day. Here all except the Tamworth and Bishop Auckland contingent dispersed to the railway station. Those who stayed behind spent the evening in Emscote tower, and brought a successful visit to a close with a very good peal of Stedman Triples in company with some of the Warwick men.

C. C. C.

SILVER WEDDING.

"On October 11th, 1885, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Hastings, Sussex, by the Rev. W. H. Cave-Browne, William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Latter, of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, to Minnie Alice, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin, late of Belgrave Road, Tunbridge Wells."

On Tuesday, October 11th, at the usual weekly practice, at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, an interesting ceremony took place. The Secretary, Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of his brother-ringers, offered their heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. Latter on his silver wedding. They felt they could not let the occasion go by without shewing their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Latter to promote change-ringing, and to shew the esteem and regard they had for Mr. Latter. He mentioned that the whole of the band from the youngest to the oldest had willingly contributed towards a little present they had decided to give. He asked Mr. Muggridge, as the oldest ringer, to make the presentation.

Mr. Muggridge said it gave him the greatest pleasure to perform this duty, and he asked Mr. Latter to accept from them a silver-mounted pipe in case, and also a tobacco pouch, and with it their best wishes to himself and wife for many years more of happy married life, and hoped they might both be spared to see their golden wedding.

Mr. Latter, who was completely taken by surprise, expressed his sincere thanks to them all for their handsome present, and also for their good wishes to himself and his wife, and said that he should always prize their gift, and hoped they might have many more years of ringing together.

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."

DOUBLE NORWICH AT SOUTH WIGSTON.

SIR,—The footnote to the peal recorded last week stating to be the first ever rung by Leicester men is not correct. It is well known that I have called numbers of peals in the method with local bands, three in particular during the past year. At Anstey on September 24, 1909, first by all the band (excepting myself) at the first attempt; again, in October, 5120 at St. Mark's, Leicester; and 5024 in February this year at Wigston. In each case every man was and is a bona fide member of Leicester district, and has never belonged to any other. While no sane person would wish to claim credit for accident of birth-place, I find that in the three peals enumerated every man was bred and born in the county of Leicester, a feature quite unusual in Leicester peal ringing during the past twenty years.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The peal of Double Norwich by Mr. Wilde on page 449 is false, a lead in the third course being repeated in the tenth.

A. B. CARPENTER.

SIR,—I am sorry to say the 5024 of Double Norwich Major published in your last issue under my name is false, and with your permission I beg to correct the same. If the five following courses are substituted (in each half) for the first four courses as published last week, the peal will then be true, but it will be a 5184 instead of 5024:—

23456	1	5	6
34256			-
54236	s		
24635	-	-	
43625	-		
26345	-		-

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting the correction, and apologising for having sent for publication a false composition.

H. W. WILDE.

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 November 1st and 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 1st; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The towers of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, and St. George the Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m. The next will be on October 31st. A business meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, after the practice on November 14th.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, to-day, Sat., October 29th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 sharp.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, to-day, Sat., October 29th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling to-day, Sat., October 29th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church.

E. TRENDALL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Whitworth to-day, Sat., October 29th. Bells at liberty from 3.30 to 8.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is particularly requested.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Benhilton, Sutton, to-day, Sat., October 29th. Bells at All Saints available from 3.30, by permission of the

Vicar. Service at 5.30, and meeting at the Shaftesbury Hall, preceded by tea at 6.15.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

57, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Erith to-day, Sat., October 29th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. G. A. S. Adams, Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the West Street Schools, for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Combined practice will be held at Yorktown on Tuesday, November 1st, commencing at 6.30.

G. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne to-day, Sat., October 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 5.30.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James Waterfoot, to-day, Sat., October 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle to-day, Sat., October 29th. Committee meets at 12.0 noon in the vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County hotel at 2 p.m. Seven towers open for ringing.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7.30 p.m. A hot supper will be provided at 9d. per head to all those who notify me not later than Monday, October 31st. Business meeting will follow.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, November 5th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 6 in the Victoria Institute. Service in church at 7. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than the 3rd inst.

REV. C. E. DONNE, *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, November 12th, at 6 o'clock.

G. PINCOIT, *Br. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, November 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.40 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by November 7th.

G. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Sonth-Western Division.—The annual meeting at Romford is unavoidably postponed from October 22nd to Saturday, November 12th. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30, the Vicar in the chair. Members 6d., Visitors 1s. 6d. to those who notify me a few

day's prior to the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's church, Hulme, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 12th. The cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

JAS. W. ELLINS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 16th. 5.30.—Service at St. Mary's church, preacher—Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, General Secretary of the Guild. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Followed by the annual business meeting, after which Mr. F. E. Dawe will give some more of his "Experiences in the Ringing World," concluding with a social evening, arranged by Mr. C. Willshire. Will representatives kindly bring the amounts subscribed to the Robinson Memorial Fund which will shortly be closed.

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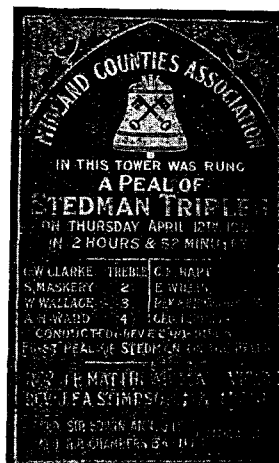
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1910.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A most successful meeting was held at All Saints, Edmonton, on Saturday, October 22nd, being attended by thirty members and friends. A meat tea was capably served at The Rose and Crown, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held. The Master (Mr. F. Smith), called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed.

Mr. Parker proposed that the Annual Meeting be held as usual at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in January, and there being no other proposition, this was carried.

The Secretary brought forward the subject of the "Robinson Memorial," and it was decided that the Secretary should see what could be collected, and report to the Annual Meeting.

The following new members were then elected: Messrs. Saban, Boxall, and Hairs.

A return journey was then made to the tower, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise were brought round. The Edmonton band then rang three leads of "Double Bristol Surprise." A few rounds, in which four ladies took part, brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

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The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, October 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
SIDNEY WADE 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. 6.
HARRY FLANDERS 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

This is the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	*GEORGE MARTIN 6.
EDWIN GIBBS 2.	†JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 9.
JOHN C. TRUSS 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN H. BARRETT, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Gibbs.

The Provinces.**CRANLEIGH, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALWYN CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM CHARMAN .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED STEVENS* .. Treble.	JAMES SULLY 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	HERBERT STEVENS .. 5.
JOHN G. HAMILTON .. 3.	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

*First peal.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PEARSON, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	BENJAMIN WATKINSON .. 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON, SEN. .. 7.
HARRY C. WALTERS .. 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM P. BROOK.

*First peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

GEORGE BARRINGTON .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
PETER MILLER* 3.	A. GEORGE FREEMAN .. 7.
HARRY PATES 4.	LOUIS ATTWATER .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

*First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

F. MARKLAND Treble.	W. PENNINGTON 5.
A. HOLDEN 2.	J. E. MARKLAND 6.
W. HODGSON 3.	*A. MINSHULL 7.
G. PINCOTT 4.	R. HOLDEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. MARKLAND.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	GEORGE LADD 6.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	JOHN CRAGG 7.
FREDK. J. STOKES .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.**KELMARSH, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST W. LENTON* .. Treble.	PERCY J. LENTON 4.
FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY .. 2.	ALBERT E. WYKES .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLAND 3.	HORACE W. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

First peal. First peal of Minor by all. First peal as conductor.

CHASTLETON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, October 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

F. SKELCHER Treble.	W. LARGE 4.
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On Sunday, October 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY 5.
GEORGE SOAMES* 2.	ALBERT ROUGHT 6.
ERNEST SUFFLING* 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 7.
JOHN MOY 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY Treble.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER.. 5.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON* 2.	REV. B. TYEWBITT-DRAKE 9.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

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

First peal on the bells by the Guild (reference elsewhere). *100th peal.

EMSCOTE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX Treble.	THOMAS MALE 5.
WILLIAM MALE 2.	REV. C. CAREW COX .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 3.	*JOSEPH STANDLY 7.
WILLIAM COLLETT* 4.	*GEORGE LAPWOETH .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp

ROBERT WOOD Treble.	FREDK. G. RADLEY 5.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS* .. 2.	*HENRY F. COOPER 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal in the method.

KEA, TRURO.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR HAM Treble.	FRANK HALL 5.
WILLIAM DAVBY* 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
PETER HARFOOT 3.	WILLIAM SANDERCOCK .. 7.
CHAS. R. LILLEY 4.	*JOSEPH SANDERCOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

HARRY PERCIVAL* .. Treble.	REV. R. P. FARROW .. 5.
STOTER W. WEST 2.	EPHRAIM W. RANDE.. 6.
JOSEPH CADLE 3.	HARRY POWDRILL .. 7.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	THOMAS BAILEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. RANDE.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who has been captain of the local company, and is now leaving for the county of Rutland. The best wishes of many friends, ringers, and others go out to him in his new sphere.

WESTBROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL PUGH Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
WILLIAM PRATT 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	FRANK JOHNSON 7.
JOSEPH WALKER 4.	ELIJAH PAGETT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Wednesday, October 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. *xxxx. 105*

FRED HAYES Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
FRANK BOREHAM 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	FREDK. G. BIGGS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

JAMES E. GROVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
FRANK JOHNSON* 4.	ALFRED FALLON Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss May Hickman to Col. H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Godden.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. WATERS .. Treble.	WM. J. WALKER 4.
GEORGE J. MABBS 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. L. Page, of Bobbing Court, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

KENWYN, TRURO.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENWYN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK CAWSE Treble.	CHAS. R. LILLEY 5.
ERNEST C. FREUND 2.	WILLIAM P. TREBAIN 6.
HARRY M. SMEATH 3.	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 7.
WILLIAM G. SANDERCOCK .. 4.	JOSEPH T. GULLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by all except the ringers of 4 and 5. First peal in the method on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM S. INWOOD* .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
CECIL A. VALENTINE 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7.
CHARLES W. SMITH* 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Major. Arranged for C. A. Valentine.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, October 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JOSEPH JOHNSON* Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
THOMAS GIBBS 3.	ARTHUR PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

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

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. .. Treble.	C. H. PAGE 5.
H. WASHBROOK 2.	H. PAGE 6.
G. SMITH 3.	W. R. WASHBROOK 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK 4.	S. WALTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	JOHN H. PAULSON 5.
WILLIAM G. HOUSELEY .. 2.	*WILLIAM F. LAMBERT .. 6.
FREDK. KNOWLES 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	JOHN TOPLIS Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX,

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

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THDBSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 3.	SYDNEY CARTER 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4.	WILLIAM J. WATSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY DURLING* Treble.	ERNEST H. NEWMAN 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
JOHN WHEADON 4.	ISAAC EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

FARNHAM BOYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 11.

HAROLD SKUSE Treble.	JAMES BLACKMORE 5.
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HAROLD T. BATTEN 3.	GEORGE BASDEN 7.
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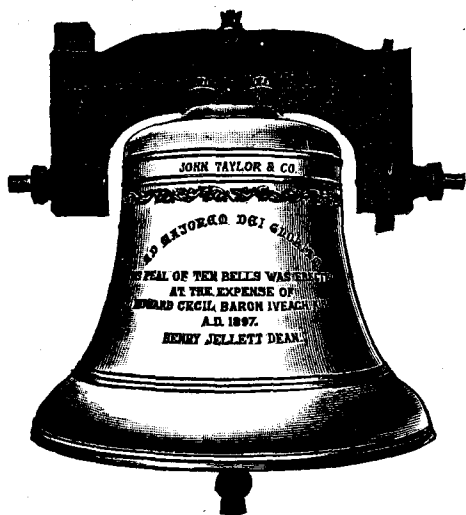
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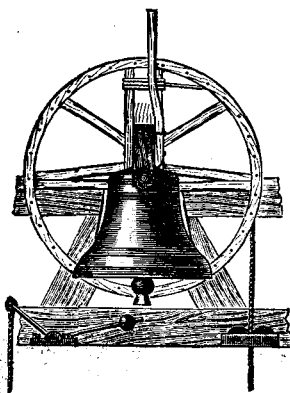
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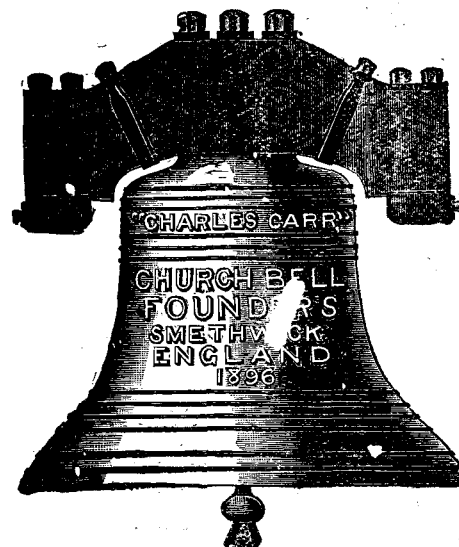
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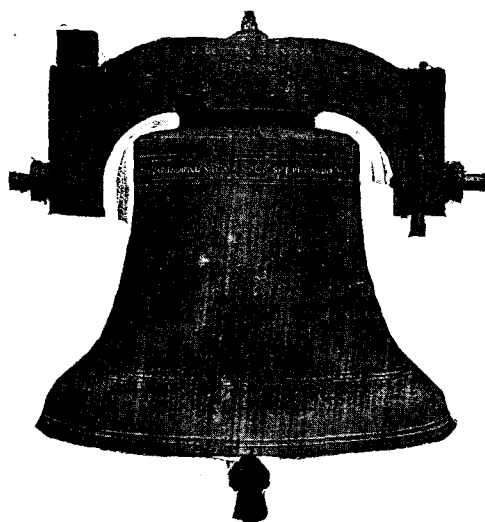
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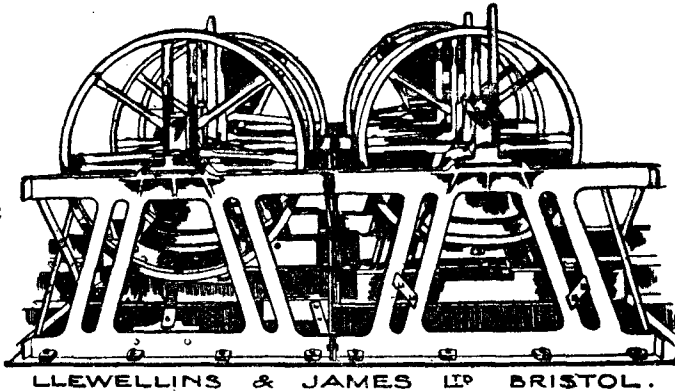
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axminster Deanery branch of the above Association was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, October 8th, when members were present from the following towers: Bridgwater, Burnham, Congresbury, Highbridge, Kewstoke, Taunton, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, and Worle.. The bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. T. Doble and Sons, of Taunton, were available from 2 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Amongst which was a 720 of Bob Minor by T. Doble, J. Maddock conductor, J. Broad, A. E. Coles, G. Chamberlain, E. E. Burgess. This is the first 720 on the bells, the "go" of which reflects great credit on the hangers. Service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., when an excellent address was given by the Vicar, Prebendary De Salis, after which tea was partaken of at Glass's restaurant, the usual business meeting being held afterwards. In the absence of the President of the branch—Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson—Prebendary De Salis occupied the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Congresbury selected as the place for the next meeting about the middle of January 1911, by which time this fine peal of six will have been increased to eight.

A hearty vote of thanks to Prebendary De Salis for arranging the service, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, brought it to a close, and the ringers again adjourned to the tower where the bells were again made good use of during the evening.

Worle tower was also visited, where the bells were rehung in a new cage and with new fittings last year by Messrs. Doble and Son, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by A. Badcock, J. Maddock conductor, A. E. Coles, G. Chamberlain, T. Doble, E. E. Burgess. This is the first 720 on the bells, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29th, the Canterbury District held a meeting at Selling, when about thirty members from various towers in the neighbourhood. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and continued till 9.15, with a break at 5.30 for tea. After tea it was decided to hold a meeting at Boughton during January 1911, for the practice of Stedman. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round. A futile attempt was made for a course of Superlative. The last hour was devoted to the local members who have just commenced change-ringing. Messrs. W. H. B. Wilkins, E. Dobbie, and S. Dobbie (Rochester District), and A. Kay (Ashford District), were welcomed.

The incumbent (Rev. C. Whitmore Ford), gave a hearty welcome to the members, to which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore suitably and briefly responded.

HOW TO FORM AND INSTRUCT A Band of Musical Handbell Ringers. — Price Sixpence. From W. H. GIGGLE, 52, Manor Road, Ossett, Yorkshire. Music arranged for Handbell Bands.

EXETER RINGER'S DOUBLE JUBILEE.

An interesting double event was celebrated on Saturday, October 8th, by a well-known Exeter and Devon ringer, Mr. Thomas Mudge, namely, the 50th anniversary of his wedding, and the completion of 60 years as a bell-ringer. Mr. Mudge, who claims Drewsteignton as his native place, commenced ringing there when about fourteen years of age, and soon became proficient in the Art. At that time prize-ringing was in the heyday of its course, and during the 50's and 60's Mr. Mudge formed one of the members of victorious sets, which competed at various places in Devon and Cornwall. He came to Exeter to ply his trade as a tailor, and was also for some time a licensed victualler. He naturally found his way into the Cathedral band of ringers, and has the unique distinction of having rung there during fifty-three years. He has been associated with all the other Exeter churches, which possesses peals of six bells and upwards, and is at the present time an ordinary member of the St. Sidwell's society. He was induced to take up scientific ringing, quite a different thing to what he had been accustomed, less than a quarter of a century ago, showed the keenness of his faculties by scoring a peal of 5040 changes on the treble in the course of twelve months, and has since then rung some two score of peals in standard methods. He has rung in some hundreds of towers. He was married at Drewstetgnton on October 8th, 1860. He is now 75 years of age, and his wife 76, but both happily are hale and hearty.

The double event was celebrated by the ringing of a peal, and the making of a presentation. The peal was rung at Sidwell's church, in which parish Mr. and Mrs. Mudge reside, and consisted of 5040 Grandsire Triples. It occupied 3 hrs. 8 mins. During the whole of that time Mr. Mudge never faltered, and, although easily old enough to be their father, was as fresh at the finish as any of the other members of the band. The performance was a remarkable proof of his vitality and endurance.

The presentation took place at The Swan inn, Catherine Street. Mr. E. Shepherd (Ringing-Master of the St. Sidwell's Society), presided, and requested Mr. Mudge's acceptance of an armchair and an illuminated address as follows: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mudge together with an armchair, on the occasion of their golden wedding, and in token of the high esteem in which Mr. Mudge is held by the ringers of Exeter, with whom he has been associated for a great number of years, and who wish him and Mrs. Mudge continued health and happiness." The names of twenty-nine subscribers followed. The address, which bore views of St. Sidwell's church and the Cathedral towers, as well as appropriate emblems, was kindly executed by Mr. F. Davey, and framed by Mr. Richards.

Mr. Mudge fittingly returned thanks, and expressed his grateful appreciation of the kindness of his fellow-ringers, and hoped that all would be able to celebrate such events as were that day happening in regard to himself. Harmony followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

RANDOM NOTES.

By G. F. M.

I have just been peeping into the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's "Glossary" of technical terms and methods of ringing. I shall explore later on, perhaps, for just now I seem to have permutations on the brain. I never thought I was so wondrously ignorant of campanology. However consolation comes of the fact that I know my ignorance, and that I am on the road to progress though late in the day. Really our noble art requires an exhaustive study. To approach it with a view of gaining the laws of composition and conducting a peal requires a retentive memory and an indomitable patience. I have met clergyman, with all the zeal imaginable, unable to grasp even the elements of this science, while I have known men hardly possessing the rudiments of knowledge, carrying everything before them to a successful issue in the belfry. How is this? Can it be that, once the pericranium is stored with mental furniture, there is no further space or admittance for subjects that are more dispensable? Or is it, when a man is possessed of too many ideas, his mind moves slowly, like a large congregation leaving church through the vestry door?

What a splendid bell is Sawbridgeworth tenor! All honour to the memory of Bryant and those who received her of him in 1795. The spring fades, and the lilies depart, but she is a beauty for ever. "That's the tenor, I suppose," said a friend of mine as the 7th was being raised, and we stood together in the churchyard. "Very good bell" I replied, though in truth, from what I had heard, I expected something better. And I had it, for the next moment came a note a tone lower, which fairly enchanted my senses. No wonder, forty years ago, when those two prodigies—Haley and Cox—were here, the latter exclaimed "Why, Haley, we must be at Lavenham." In imagination we may picture the two monarchs side by side, listening to this noble peal. Like them, most of the company present that day, have departed from our midst, but there are at least two veterans still living at Sawbridgeworth—Messrs. Tarling and Saban—to whom I am indebted for a lively and interesting conversation of what happened in the days of long ago.

Not so very long ago, a party of ringers at a church where peal-ringing had almost become a thing of the past, took advantage of the newly-appointed Vicar's want of experience in belfry matters, by securing themselves safely from disturbance with lock and key, and started for a peal. All went well until it had been nearly accomplished. Outside the whole parish were fomenting with anger, and messengers were sent to the Vicar asking the cause of such a prolonged pealing, petitioning to have it stopped. Police and postmen, publicans and sinners, politicians and electors, were all surmising. Had there been any increase of the Royal Family? Anyone married of importance? Were the bells espousing the cause of Conservatives or Liberals for the coming election? The calendar was scrutinised, but no one could divine the cause other than the men who were pulling the ropes. At length, the parson almost distracted by the numerous inquiries and discontents, procured a duplicate key, making his way into the belfry. From beneath the cliffs of his thoughtful and troubled brow, his eyes flashed like a meteor upon the disappointed strings. "Stop!" said

the rev. gentleman, peremptorily, "What is the occasion of this performance, while outside the whole creation groaneth and travaileth at your indiscretion?" The ringers, looking round at each other for some one to explain, seemed equably unable to show cause of the peal or give reply, until one of their number falteringly said: "I wouldn't have lost this peal Sir, for something." "Why?" interposed the Vicar anxiously. "Why, Sir," answered the speaker, "This is my father and mother's wedding-day—been spliced just fifty years,—their golden wedding, Sir."

According to writers on the evolution of women, the fair sex are well on their way to the Golden Age, and mere man will shortly have to take a back seat in all that pertains to the well-being of society. Witness the Countess of Warwick. How feeble must be the Earl beneath the lashes of his masterly wife. Dean Swift once told a young married lady that, with regard to learning, she could never hope to ride above a schoolboy. Such was the fate, in the dean's opinion, of all female pretenders to a knowledge of fundamental truths. In the present age there seems hardly any science or Art above their grasp, if we may except logic. That I think they will never rightly chop. But with the progress of their sex, we are astonished at the lady bell-ringers. I well remember a lady steeple-keeper at Ipswich whose name was "Old Matilda." We choir boys were so delighted with her cleverness, that we often volunteered to do duty for her, which resulted in our being trained to change-ringing, when alas! poor old Matilda's services in the belfry were no longer required. I have not met a lady-steeplekeeper since, but no doubt, as things progress, they are bound to come sooner or later, and then we shall hear of "ladies peals." Man will not be required even to splice a rope or wind up the clock then. So much for evolution.

A CORRECTION.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

What is believed to be the first complete 720 of Grand-sire Doubles heard in Canada, was rung prior to the High Mass on Sunday, September 25th, at the above church. The touch was rung by an English party, conducted by H. Whiteman, of Northampton, England, and was a complete success. A new peal of 5040 changes, is contemplated for the near future.

The party of ringers were: H. Whiteman (conductor), 1; A. H. Burgess, 2; J. F. Pearson, 3; J. Merrick, 4; D. S. Bell, 5; W. Livermore, 6. The ring in question has just been erected by Mears and Stainbank.

These bells are a ring of ten, and the above 720 was rung on the front six. This appeared in our last number, but Quebec was mentioned instead of Montreal.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £284 2s. 9d. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 1264 Bob Major in 46 mins. C. Watson, F. Newton, G. Welburn, G. F. Alexander, Rev. A. J. de Denne conductor, J. Wilkinson, R. Duck, J. Lowther. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who left Fylingdales the following day to take up duties at Stone, Bucks.

Before ringing, Mr. Wilkinson, in a few appropriate remarks, expressed the general feelings of those present, as losing one whose abilities had shown to such advantage in so short a time, who having first taken up the Art amongst them, rapidly became an efficient and enthusiastic ringer, whose place in the tower would be hard to fill. On behalf of the company he wished him success and happiness in his new sphere, sentiments which found unanimous support from all present.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By JOHN CARTER.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
65432	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5040.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

WATLINGTON.—On Saturday, August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Sedgley, Rev. C. J. Sturton, J. Hallifax, W. Truss, C. Sedgley, W. G. Curston. 720 Double Court. E. Barker, Rev. C. J. Sturton. J. W. Sedgley, C. Sedgley, W. Truss, J. Hallifax. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Sedgley, Rev. C. J. Sturton, J. W. Sedgley, E. Barker, W. Truss, J. Hallifax. All conducted by J. Hallifax. The first 700s in the methods on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, S. Jones, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan conductor, S. Baiss. And 336 Bob Major. F. Morgan, C. Creedy, J. Bullen, B. Millard, S. Jones, J. Pippin A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service at St. Andrew's church a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. J. Hogg, J. Langstroth, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, W. Townson, C. Lngstroth, A. R. Jones, J. Mckell.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On October 16th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, A. Coppock conductor, T. Burnham, J. Hickman, T. Flint, R. Cobbin, E. Oliver, S. Barnes.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Smith, A. R. Macdonald, W. Welling, H. Walters, L. Stilwell conductor, F. Richardson, R. H. Young, R. Flaxman.

CLEWER.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Harvest Festival, 960 Grandsie Doubles, in 30 mins. T. Smith, A. Andrews, L. Stilwell conductor, W. Ralph, W. Welling, E. Brown.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Warren, F. Radley, S. Sargeant, W. Grimwade, H. J. Tucker conductor, C. Bearman, A. Shufflebotham, L. W. Crow.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM.—On Saturday, May 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. F. E. Dawe conductor, W. Haigh, R. Paine, E. Allen, W. Easter, W. Walker, W. H. B. Wilkins, G. Hayes.

MITCHAM.—On Friday, May 20th, after the memorial service to the late King Edward, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. W. Parslow, E. T. Broadbridge, A. Miller conductor, W. Saker, R. Rapson, H. Jennings.

HATTON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, June 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. G. Drage, conductor, W. Court, F. Moss, G. Drage, jun., T. Male, J. Drage.

RAINHAM (Kent).—At the parish church, on October 5th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Vaughan, W. Ha conductor, F. A. Holden, W. Easter, J. H. Champion, C. Besley On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob, in 50 mins. R. W. Belsey, A. Vaughan shall, S. Macey, J. H. Champion, C. Besley conductor.

SAWSTON.—On Saturday, May 7th, at the parish church, the bells were rung muffled in memory of the late King, by E. R. Freestone, W. Sykes, B. J. Freestone, S. M. Nunn, F. P. Matthews, M. J. Lyles, J. Stubbings, R. F. Wilson. On Tuesday, May 10th (the day of the local proclamation of King George) 720 Bob Minor. E. R. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. P. Matthews, S. M. Nunn, F. Hurry conductor, M. J. Lyles, B. J. Freestone, R. F. Wilson.

SELLY OAK.—On Thursday, May 12th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of London Surprise, 288 Bristol Surprise Major. C. Dickens, H. F. Street, W. Short conductor, C. Chambers, F. Withers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, H. Withers.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, October 30th, being Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service at the parish church in 45 mins. J. Jennings, B. Claydon, C. Waithman, G. Roberts, W. Allsopp, T. Bloore conductor, B. Leedam, J. Reynolds.

WARWICK.—On Thursday, June 9th, at the residence of J. Hobbs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 36 mins. F. Moss, T. Mace conductor, A. Hobbs.

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."

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

SIR,—In your issue of September 24th last, on page 398, the figures of two peals of Double Norwich Major appear under the name of F. A. Holden. The first one given bears so striking a resemblance to the one by me, rung at Crayford on September 15th, 1908, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" the following week, that I fail to see where the originality comes in, as 44 out of the 46 courses are in the same almost identical order.

I give the figures of the two peals side by side, and leave your readers to judge for themselves. I wrote Mr. Holden more than three weeks ago, pointing the above facts out to him, but have received no reply. I also told him that a well known composer had written me privately, upholding my claim. The figures of my peal also appear in last year's Kent County Report.

E. BARNETT.

E. BARNETT.

5024.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
54326	-	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	-	
35426	-	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	-	
52436	-	-	-	-	

32654	-	-	-	-	
26354	-	-	-	-	
23654	-	s	-	-	
35624	-	-	-	-	
52634	-	-	-	-	
36254	-	-	-	-	

23465	-	-	-	-	
34265	-	-	-	-	
42365	-	-	-	-	
43265	-	s	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	-	
24365	-	-	-	-	

25346	-	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	-	
35246	-	s	-	-	
52346	-	-	-	-	
23546	-	-	-	-	

Repeated; omitting the three bracketted bobs in one part only. "BELL NEWS," September, 1908.

DOUBLE NORWICH AT SOUTH WIGSTON.

SIR,—As I was answerable for the footnote to the peal rung at South Wigston, on October 1st, I naturally feel called upon to reply. I was not unaware of the peals he mentions, but I have still to learn that Anstey is in Leicester (his bands were made up from here). I do know that it is in the Leicester district, also in Leicestershire, but so are Lutterworth, Market Harborough, etc., but they are not Leicester. The footnote as it reads is in perfect order. I give it a second time: "This is the first peal of Double Norwich ever rung in which all the bands are residents of Leicester." I did think that most people would have understood that in speaking of Leicester that Leicester was meant, not Leicestershire. I wonder if it would have been necessary to write this letter if Mr. Willson had rung in the peal. Be a good sport, William, and congratulate us.

FREDK. H. DEXTER.

P. S.—In the three peals he mentions there was not more than three residents in any one peal rung, whereas in this there was eight. No sane person would have raised the argument. I use his personal remark,

F. A. HOLDEN.

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23456	I	4	5	6	
54326	-	-	-	-	
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34265	-	-	-	-	
42365	-	-	-	-	
43265	-	-	s	-	
32465	-	-	-	-	
24365	-	-	-	-	

25346	-	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	-	
35246	-	-	s	-	
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23546	-	-	-	-	

Repeated.
"BELL NEWS," September 24th, 1910.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17th, the Chelmsford and district companies had their annual outing, the places selected being Hatfield Broad Oak, Sawbridgeworth and Harlow. Starting time being 7 a.m. from the County Offices, Chelmsford, picking up the Writtle contingent ten minutes later, the conveyance being a pair horse brake. However, the Writtle men were waiting a quarter of an hour, which was spent discussing the value of time wasted, and what we ought to fine the defaulters. When the brake arrived each one was handed a type written programme, shewing times of arrival and departure from each place, as well as touches to be rung, each touch typed peal fashion and the conductors started. A very pleasant drive of about fifteen miles brought us to Hatfield Broad Oak, when the ringers down for the first touch raised the bells and got to business, while the others inspected the church and village and secured picture post cards. Short touches being the order of the day each lot were ready to drop in as soon as the other was finished. Grandsire, Kent and Double Norwich was accomplished here, the bells running the reverse way. After light refreshment a move was made to Sawbridgeworth. Here we were met by Mr. G. F. Margetson on his trustworthy steed, who was to be with us the rest of the day. As before, each set dropped into their places, and were soon enjoying the music of this grand ring. Touches as before were rung with the addition of Stedman Triples. Bidding Messrs. Tarling adieu, a move was made to Harlow, where a capital spread awaited us, Mr. W. Hobbs joining us at dinner. After dinner a move was made to St. Mary's church, which was soon found to be a capital spot for peal ringing. Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Kent and Bob Major was pulled off here with two local men taking part. Another drive of two miles brought us to Harlow Common, where tea was awaiting us. The tower was visited, and the bells were soon in full swing in several methods, every one being pleased at the tone of this handy ring. At the tea table a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cooper for his masterly arrangements, Mr. Margetson and Mr. L. Green (Exeter) responding as visitors. So well was the programme arranged that the fifteen minutes lost in the morning was never regained. The conducting was shared by H. F. Cooper, A. Edwards, H. Head and W. Lincoln. The various Vicars are thanked for the use of their bells.

W.

Obituary.

F. PALMER.

Amidst signs of sorrow the remains of Mr. F. Palmer, whose death took place at Northampton Hospital on October 9th, after a brief illness from ulcerated stomach, were laid to rest in Irthlingborough on Wednesday afternoon. Deceased, who was only 27 years of age, was a well known and highly-respected ringer at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, and at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, Essex, where he was for three years in the employ of Mr. G. Dent, who he had to leave on account of his wife's illness. He will be greatly missed by the Irthlingborough company, his thoughtfulness for others, especially the younger members, endearing him to all. Deceased was a splendid striker. He had rung about 100 peals, consisting of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London. On May 20th he conducted a muffled peal of Double Norwich for the late King. His last peal was one of Superlative on September 10th, at Irthlingborough. The greatest sympathy is felt for his widow and three children, especially sad being the fact that his widow is a confirmed invalid. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Taylor. The Irthlingborough ringers acted as bearers, and over his grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Perkins, W. V. Newman, A. Tyler, W. Perkins. Among other mourners were F. Willford, J. Houghton and J. Mawby, also ringers from Kettering, Cranford and Higham Ferrers. Beautiful floral tributes from most of the bands of ringers in the district, and also from Harlow Common, spoke volumes for the esteem and regard in which he was held. A muffled peal of Double Norwich was rung at Irthlingborough, on Saturday, October 15th, which will be found in its proper place. The Dead March was played in church on Sunday.

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 November 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 273rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes A. A. Hughes, Alf Jones, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or
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The towers of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, and St. George the Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Millford Lane, after the practice on November 14th.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head at 6 o'clock. Members and friends heartily welcome.

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

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield to-day, Sat., November 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Sat., November 5th. Bells ready at 4, Tea at 6 in the Victoria Institute. Service in church at 7.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, November 12th, at 6 o'clock. G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, November 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.40 p.m.

Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by November 7th.

G. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting at Romford is unavoidably postponed from October 22nd to Saturday, November 12th. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30, the Vicar in the chair. Members 6d., Visitors rs. 6d. to those who notify me a few days prior to the event.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's church, Hulme, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SAUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 12th. The cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members of other Associations and districts gladly welcomed.

G. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells at 2. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows. The Vicar has kindly consented to take the chair, and it is earnestly desired to have a good muster. Will those who intend coming kindly let me know a few days previously.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, November 19th. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells of St. Peter's and All Saints available.

E. J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing at 4. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Errington) is kindly providing tea, which will be held at The Turkey Cock at 6. The business meeting will follow. I should be grateful if those who can will notify me of their intention to be present by the 15th inst. All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Little Munden.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available from 4. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. Communicate with

Oakley, Basingstoke REV. F. G. HUME.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be

held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 16th, 5.30.—Service at St. Mary's church, preacher—Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, General Secretary of the Guild. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors rs. Followed by the annual business meeting, after which Mr. F. E. Dawe will give some more of his "Experiences in the Ringing World," concluding with a social evening, arranged by Mr. C. Willshire. Will representatives kindly bring the amounts subscribed to the Robinson Memorial Fund which will shortly be closed.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

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23465	-	-	-	-
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25436	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
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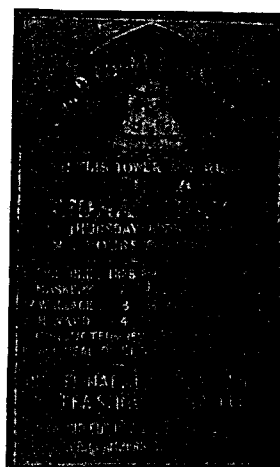
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On Thursday, October 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 5.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES* 2.	SEDDLEY J. COLLINS 6.
HENRY T. GOWLETT .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 4.	EDWARD J. SAMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal with a bob bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 9.
JOHN J. LAMB† 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 10.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT† 5.	HARRY FLANDERS 11.
CHARLES T. COLES† 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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FREDERICK ROOPE Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
OLIVER HINCHLEY* 2.	*FREDERICK MANSEY .. 6.
FREDERICK BOERETT 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by F. R. ROOPE.

First peal as conductor and 100th peal. *First peal on eight bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.**

NEVILLE WIDDOWSON* .. Treble.	JOHN C. DICKEN 5.
ALBERT R. COPPOCK* 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	WALTER ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lb. in E flat.**

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	MARK LANE 5.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 6.
ERNEST HERBERT 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON 4.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

JOHN HOLLOWS Treble.	JOSEPH OGDEN 5.
JAMES JACQUES 2.	JAMES H. BASTOW 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM* 3.	†HUGH REYNOLDS 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 4.	TOM WHEELS Tenor.

Conducted by H. REYNOLDS,

†First peal, *First peal of Triples.

SAMPFORD, BRETT, SOMERSET,**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;****Being forty-two 6 scores.**

EDWARD BERRY* Treble.	ALBERT BAKER 3.
WALTER DATE* 2.	*ARTHUR CAVILL 4.
WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.	

Conducted by Wm. BENNETT.

*First peal.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****CARTER'S No. 41. Tenor 14 cwt.**

THOMAS VERRY* Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Stedman.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;****Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.****Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.**

BERNARD J. SAUDINGTON Treble.	MARK NORTON 4.
FRANK LEWIN 2.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. 5.
JOHN LEWIN 3.	JOSEPH SADDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SADDINGTON.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to F. Lewin.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 21 cwt.**

FREDK. ROBSON* Treble.	*ARTHUR TEMPLE 5.
JOHN CHILTON 2.	RALPH POUNDER 6.
ROBERT STEPHENSON .. 3.	SAMSON T. WRIGHT .. 7.
ALBERT SIMPSON 4.	ERNEST BURNETT Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by E. BURNETT.

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

WOLLASTON, WORCESTER.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****(NORTHERN DIVISION.)***On Monday, October 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;****Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.****Tenor 12½ cwt.**

ALBERT DAKIN* Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.
JOSEPH H. PARSONS 2.	†WALTER J. BERTHERTON .. 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM PARDOR Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES 5.
THOMAS HUGHES 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
ALBERT BLUNDELL 3.	HOBACE BELCHER 7.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 4.	BENJAMIN REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Rang as birthday compliments to G. Hughes and B. Reeves.

KEA, TRURO.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHAS. R. LILLEY Treble.	FRANK HALL 5.
WILLIAM DAVEY* 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
PETER HARFOOT 3.	WILLIAM SANDERCOCK .. 7.
EDGAR HARRIS 4.	EDGAR HAM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SANDERCOCK.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Treble.	ALBERT D. CULLUM 5.
HUBERT HATTO 2.	JOSEPH HANDS 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	ERNEST MENDAY 7.
GEORGE IRVINE 4.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE,

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SAM ELLES Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
GEORGE CLARKE 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
GEORGE PARROTT 3.	THOMAS E. KNAPP 7.
JOSEPH LARDNER 4.	ERNEST CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

WARWICK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
REV. J. F. HASTINGS .. 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 8.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
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HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble.	*HOBART E. SMITH 5.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 2.	WILLIAM FLOEY 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7.
HERBERT P. BONNEY* .. 4.	*HARRY BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, October 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

ON THE "GABRIEL" RING OF EIGHT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST BECKETT* .. Treble.	GEORGE P. BURTON 5.
JOHN FREEMAN* 2.	GEORGE MAYERS 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT 3.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 7.
FRANK H. PHILLIPS* .. 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

This is the first peal rung upon the "Gabriel" ring. *First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

CHARLES DOWNING .. Treble.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL 9.
NORRIS WAY 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES L. WRIGHT† .. Treble.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5.
HUGH GREGORY 2.	EDWIN BLACKWELL 6.
THOMAS WHITE* 3.	HENRY GREGORY 7.
HUGH W. GREGORY* .. 4.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH DERBYSHIRE.

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

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST G. COOPER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER 4.
ALFRED CLEMENTS 2.	CHARLES E. FISHER 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK 3.	DAVID LEGGETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX Treble.	WILLIAM MALE 5.
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JOSEPH STANDLY 4.	JOHN AMBROSE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

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On Wednesday, October 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the second clerical peal of Stedman Triples, the first having been rung at Drayton in 1884.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE DENT Treble.	THOMAS ELLIS 5.
HENRY FERRIN 2.	HENRY F. COOPER 6.
HARRY BOTTAILL* 3.	WALTER HOBBS 7.
CHARLES FRENCH 4.	†HARRY SMALE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

†First peal of Grandsire away from the treble. †First peal, for whom it was arranged.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

HENRY WHITE* Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 5.
F. STEDMAN WHITE 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6.
RICHARD WHITE 3.	CUTBERT G. WHITE .. 7.
ARTHUR H. WHITE† 4.	WALTER J. TUBB Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was proposed and elected a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for A. Lambourne, one of the Appleton ringers, who was buried at Cumnor on that day.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	WILLIAM C. HART 6.
THOMAS FADLENER .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS* Treble.	†JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 5.
JOHN WILSON, JUN.† .. 2.	*ALFRED FUNNELL 6.
JOHN ALOIS, SEN.* .. 3.	*GEORGE POINTS 7.
RICHARD BALDREY .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Tenor.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Treble.	*CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	C. RAYNBIRD GLADDIS .. 6.
PERCIVAL E. MORFEE .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4.	*OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman Triples; also on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. P. E. Morlee and Miss A. E. Marr, of Shirley, Southampton, which was solemnized at All Saints church, Southampton, on September 21st last; also the 29th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREELE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	JOHN MOY 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME 2.	GEORGE MOY 6.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 3.	ERNEST G. SUFFLING .. 7.
FREDERICK J. J. HOWCHIN 4.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

HONNINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

C. BIRD* Treble.	E. RANDALL 4.
F. RANDALL 2.	W. LARGE 5.
F. A. CASE 3.	W. ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW 5.
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2.	JAMES CHARLESWORTH .. 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON 3.	DAVID BREARLEY 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the 25th birthday of John R. Brearley.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK,

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

FREDERICK COBB Treble.	TOM FORD, SEN. 5.
ALFRED KEEBLE 2.	JOHN SOUTER 6.
CHARLES MILLS 3.	GEORGE ARCHER 7.
TOM FORD, JUN. 4.	CLEMENT J. MORE .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by CLEMENT MOORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Keeble.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN THE WALLS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE* Treble.	JOHN SCONE 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 2.	WILLIAM SCONE 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by R. SPERRING.

*First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

RICHARD LANGFORD, JUN.* Treble.	ARTHUR ALLMAN 5.
WILLIAM T. HOLDING 2.	JOHN BRASSINGTON 6.
HARRY F. HOLDING 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 4.	WILFRED GILL Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal. The above band are all members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity), and the peal was rung to celebrate the centenary of the order.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES WARD Treble.	WALTER GERMAN 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	CHARLES KELLER 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	WALTER PERRENS 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. E. BULWER, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to F. Palmer, who was buried at Irtlingborough on October 12th.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

J. R. HAYMAN Treble.	W. A. HAYMAN 5.
F. J. DAVEY 2.	J. M. SKINNER 6.
J. A. SNOW 3.	A. H. SNOW 7.
R. B. SNOW 4.	*W. A. WILDE Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. DAVEY.

*First peal of Triples.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Hicklin, B. Mitchell, J. R. Ward, S. Freebrey conductor, W. R. Hexter, J. Andrews, J. Bailey, N. Widdowson.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER (Oxon.)—On Thursday, October 20th, three courses of Grandsire Major, and plain courses of Bob Major. Miss M. Nightingale, J. Bower, H. Holi-

field, R. G. Rice, G. Holifield, E. Humfrey, W. Hutton, E. Bannister.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Tuesday, October 25th, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. F. James, Miss M. Nightingale, R. G. Rice, J. Napper, T. East conductor, M. E. Caudwell, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EAST HOATHLY (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Jenner, C. Humphrey, P. Burgess, J. Hart, A. Hobden, A. Reed conductor.

SUNBURY.—On Thursday, October 6th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Gregg, W. Shepherd conductor, T. Culver, J. Alford, W. Biggs, H. Walter, G. Spencer, W. Warne

GRANTHAM.—On Monday evening,

October 23rd, at St. Wulfram's church, a quzrtor-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins. J. Lord, W. Thorpe, W. Cawton, S. Proctor, A. Darnell, H. Haines, A. Mackears conductor, T. Hall.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, J. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, W. Webb, R. Hackley, W. H. Carrod, J. Porter, T. Pearce. Rung as a farewell to G. Rastall, who is leaving for Lincolnshire, and who was too unwell to stand in.

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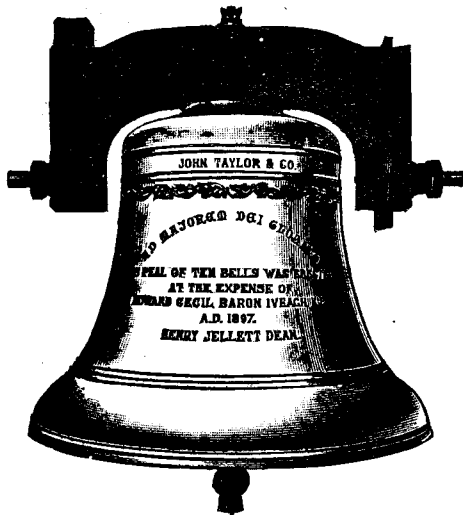
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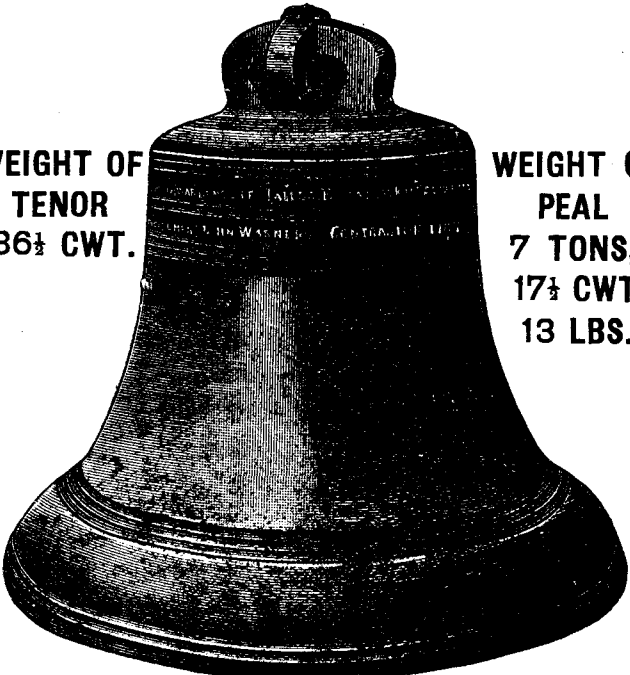
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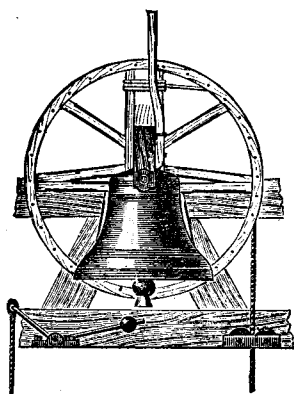
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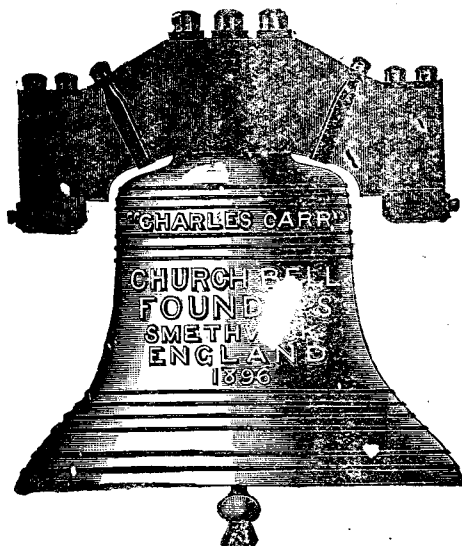
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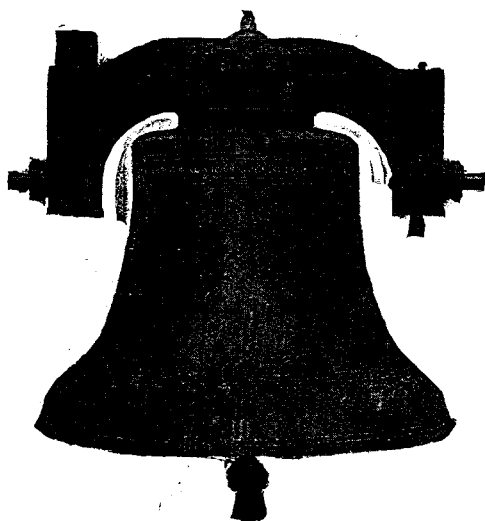
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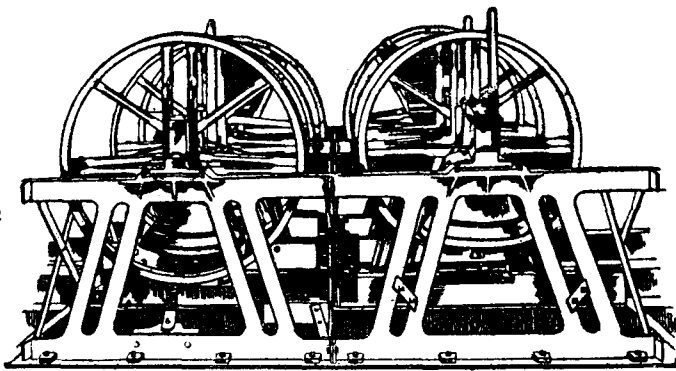
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING. PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.

The thirty-second annual meeting was held at Norwich on Thursday, October 20th, and proved a very enjoyable gathering. The authorities at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael's, St. John de Sepulchre, St. Gregory's, and St. Peter Parmentergate, had very kindly given permission to use the bells in their churches, and the privilege was made full use of. The annual service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, when a forcible and helpful address was given by the Venerable Archdeacon Westcott, from the words of the 150th Psalm.

Lunch was subsequently partaken of under the chairmanship (in the unavoidable absence of the President) of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. C. L. Kennaway. Supporting him were Archdeacon Westcott, the Revs. F. J. Meyrick (St. Peter Mancroft), E. C. J. Bowen, E. C. Hopper, and W. C. Pearson, Mr. G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), Mr. C. E. Borrett (secretary), Messrs. F. Day, D. Hayward, F. R. Borrett, H. Hopson, W. Grimes, T. Fitzjohn, W. J. Howson, F. C. Lambert (district secretaries) and representatives from many towers in the diocese—126 in all sitting down. The loyal toast was given by the chairman, and Mr. G. P. Burton, in an admirable speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher at the service, and to the Norwich clergy for the use of their bells. Archdeacon Westcott and the Rev. F. J. Meyrick responded, and the former, in very happy terms, proposed the toast of the day "Success to the Association," with which he coupled the name of their hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Rev. C. L. Kennaway briefly responded to the toast, and apologised for the absence of the President, who, for reasons of health, was compelled to be at Buxton. Proceeding, the speaker said he had a pleasant duty to perform. They all knew their Secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett) had quite recently taken to himself a wife. The President and himself had been in correspondence, and they felt very strongly that that event should not be allowed to pass unnoticed by the members of the Association. They decided to appeal through the district secretaries and to limit the subscriptions to one shilling. He was glad to tell them how immediate and satisfactory was the response, and as a result he now had the greatest possible pleasure, on behalf of all the members, from the Bishop of the diocese downwards, in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Borrett every possible happiness, and in asking them to accept a silver tea-pot and silver inkstand and pen. The former had upon it the following inscription, written by the President:—

Presented to

MR. C. E. BORRETT,

by the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of change-ringers, with their best wishes, on the occasion of his marriage September 7th, 1910, and in grateful appreciation of his services as Secretary.

Mr. Borrett, who had a very warm reception on rising

to acknowledge these very handsome presents, first expressed his astonishment that the members had managed to keep their secret so well, for until that morning he was quite unaware such a movement was on foot. He could only tell them how grateful he was for this mark of their kindly interest in himself, and how much both his wife and himself would always value and treasure the sumptuous things they had given him. He was glad they had bought those beautiful presents, as his wife could feel she also had a share in them. As some of them knew—his very limited leisure from his daily work was mainly occupied with the work of the Association, and the duties devolving upon him as a member of a church choir. His chorister comrades had given him a silver sugar basin, and the clergyman who officiated at his marriage, and whose ringers he had helped on for some years, had given him a silver cream jug. They would therefore see their gifts that day had completed the set, and they were all things which would continually remind him of "days that are and have been." He asked all the kind donors to accept his most grateful thanks.

The annual report was then read. It set forth encouraging details of the restoration work carried out in the belfries of the diocese during the year, and that both financially and numerically the Association was in a thoroughly sound condition. The peal performances of the preceding twelve months included some brilliant records, special mention being made of the Cambridge Maximus rung by all resident members of the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, branch.

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, and the election of a batch of new members, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the business meeting.

The members immediately proceeded to the various belfries in the city, and ringing was continued until a late hour.

WARMSWORTH, NEAR DONCASTER.

The belfry and church at Warsworth are far apart. The belfry stands in the village, and the church is more than half a mile away—in fact, nearer Balby and Hexthorpe. It is said that the church, which dates back to the thirteenth century, was built there to accommodate residents of Balby which had not a place of worship until the middle of the last century. A Latin inscription on the bell is "Voca veni precare" ("I call—come to pray,") and the bell ceases to ring a quarter of an hour before the service to enable the bellringer to get to the church in time.

"AMONG THE BELLS."

THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A. Vicar of Drayton, Berks., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Written by himself. Edited by the Rev. T. L. CANON PAPILLON, M.A. Parts I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. With case for binding same price one shilling. Or the whole Work bound in Cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.—Of all Booksellers. By order from London Agent—MR. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS AT SOUTHPORT.

There are enthusiastic members of the Ringing Exercise as there are in most other forms of art and science, who give their valuable time and substance in elevating and encouraging the Exercise generally. Such a one is the moving spirit in promoting another to the series of excursions which will always remain and excite in the minds of the lucky participators happy memories of their visits to various places. The present short trip to Southport and district came as a substitute for a more elaborate trip which was abandoned last Whitsuntide owing to the death of His Majesty King Edward. The following ringers formed the party on this occasion: Messrs. G. Bolland, H. Oddy, E. Oddy, from Tong; J. W. Moorhouse, Wakefield; T. B. Kendall, Shipley; P. Johnson, Leeds; G. Naylor, Lightcliffe; and F. Salmons, J. S. Ambler and J. Cotterell from Halifax.

The journey to Southport was enlivened by handbell ringing, and on arrival at 4.5 p.m. were met by Mr. Maude and Mr. Rimmer of the local band, and escorted to tea, after which a move was made to the station again to travel to Aughton, ten miles out, where a peal was attempted and brought round, which will be duly recorded, Mr. Bentham having had all in readiness for us. Returning to Southport by the 10.20 train we soon had the last course put away and ready for a little rest.

Sunday morning at six o'clock began a day full of ringing and quiet enjoyment, commencing to the tune of Bob Minor, tapped on the handbells by a young enthusiast, who on awakening must have a go previous to making himself presentable for society, and after an hour's stroll on the shore, followed by breakfast, a visit was paid to Emmanuel church, where we found a lovely ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt., with which we were delighted, and a peal on them would have been a treat. A visit to Hesketh Park on the way back to dinner amply rewarded us for the trouble.

Arriving at Christ Church during the afternoon, with a stroll round and back to tea, the time soon came for train home. Before leaving, however, we had the good manners to pass a hearty vote of thanks to our moving spirit for his continued interest and generosity. This was ably proposed by Mr. Johnson and supported by Messrs. Cotterell and Bolland, which Mr. Maude suitably acknowledged.

The journey home was again enlivened by touches on the handbells, and finished a most enjoyable outing, in which one and all had been delighted. May it be continued in the near future. C.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £291 10s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

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THE WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION.

The sixth annual dinner was held at The Red Lion hotel on Saturday, October 15th. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the parish church, Handsworth. Ringing over, they made their way to the hotel, where other ringers and friends were met. After the signal from the host they made their way to the dinner-table, ample justice being done to the several courses provided. After adjourning for a few minutes, and a quiet chat, their old friend, Mr. James George, of Rugby, having been elected chairman for the evening, the concert commenced with a pianoforte solo by Mr. H. Butcher. Songs and tunes on the handbells followed. After rising, the toast of "The King" was given by the chairman. Mr. Harry Withers, assisted by the pianist, gave a selection of tunes on his beautiful dulcimer. Mr. T. Verry sang a song entitled "You get more like your dad every day."

The chairman then called upon Mr. Godden to give a few remarks of his connection with the late William Verry, who was a ringer and tower-keeper at Handsworth parish church for over fifty years. He said he had known him for a number of years, and had always found him straightforward, upright, and honest, with a kind word for everyone he met.

Mr. Faux, who seconded, said he had also known him. Mr. Verry was a good ringer, and a true example of an Englishman, but he would always have his "corner."

Members of the St. Martin's Guild then gave a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells. Those taking part were—H. Withers, J. Carter, J. Groves, T. Russam, A. Smith. A humorous song was given by Alf. Cattelle, which was immediately encored. This was followed by a course of Stedman Triples by Mr. Withers on his dulcimer, which is no doubt a smart piece of work. Other songs were rendered by Messrs. Adams, Langley, and Brandon. The toast of "The Chairman" was then drank, and after thanking the host for the way he catered, the singing of "God save the King" brought the evening to a close.

THE PUDDING BELL.

About sixty years ago, and perhaps somewhat later, the clerk of Whitmore (one of the most picturesque villages in our woodland quarter), was accustomed to perform a function which, if not unique, was certainly not at all general. On Sunday mornings, immediately the parson mounted the old three-decker pulpit, Mr. Clerk left his desk in the lower storey, went up to the belfry, and rang a few strokes on the bell. Why this bell-ringing? Was it to call the attention of the congregation to the message about to be delivered? Not at all. It was an announcement to the good wives at home that the time had come to put the Sunday pudding on to boil. So it was locally known as the "pudding bell."

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, October 30th, being Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service at the parish church in 45 mins. J. Jennings, B. Claydon, C. Waitbman, G. Roberts, W. Allsopp, T. Bloore conductor, B. Leedam, J. Reynolds.

WARWICK.—On Thursday, June 9th, at the residence of J. Hobbs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 36 mins. F. Moss, T. Male conductor Hobbs.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

The ringers of the above church had their annual trip on Saturday, September 24th, and three following days, London being the place fixed on. Although the number of ringers who started were not as numerous as expected (several not being able to go at almost the last minute), a very enjoyable time was experienced. Starting from Newcastle at 2.8 p.m., London was reached at 8.40 p.m., too late for any ringing that night.

Sunday being the next day, a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung at Croydon parish church for morning service. In the afternoon the visitors were allowed to watch the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral ring for service. Edmonton parish church was visited in the evening, where the Novocastrians had the pleasure of taking part in a touch of London Surprise Major and a touch of Stedman Triples. Mr. J. Parker must here be thanked for his hospitality, also his invitation to attempt a peal of London on the Monday night at Edmonton, which latter could not be accepted, owing to being already fixed up for that night. Monday was employed sightseeing. In the evening it was hoped to attempt a peal at St. Magnus, London Bridge, but not being able to muster a full band, it was abandoned, and short practice held instead, assisted by several London ringers. A touch of Stedman Caters, a course of London Surprise Major, and three leads of Treble Ten completed the ringing here. Previous to this the bells at St. Clement Danes, Strand, were heard ringing in a peal by a London company. On leaving St. Magnus an old friend and Tynesider, in the person of Mr. G. R. Holmes, joined the party for the remainder of the visit.

Tuesday, the last day, was principally spent in the Jap-Anglo exhibition. Whilst on the return journey to headquarters, the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow were heard ringing; a few minutes was spent listening to them (outside).

London was left behind about midnight, arriving at Newcastle about 7.30 a.m. Mr. A. F. Hillier, one of the party, stayed behind for another eight days in the district, scoring a peal of Treble Bob at Crawley, and doing other ringing at Southgate, etc.

The weather throughout was splendid, and the company wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of St. John's, Newcastle (Rev. C. Hepher), and Messrs. Welsh, Rickaby, and Davidson (wardens), who subscribed towards the expenses of this outing; also all who helped to make the trip a success, not forgetting Messrs. Hughes, sen. and jun., who did all in their power to make the visit enjoyable and successful.

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THE ROUND VILLAGE CHURCH.—The church of Little Maplestead, Essex, is the only example of a round village church. The three other round churches in England are the Temple Church in London, and the two churches of the Holy Sepulchre in Cambridge and Northampton. They were built early in the twelfth century in imitation of the church at Jerusalem, which was raised over the spot where our Lord was buried. The Little Maplestead church is in the gift of the Sabbatarians, who are almost entirely Baptists. The Rev. J. F. Harward has been the Vicar of this church for the last fifty-four years, and who is now in his eighty-eighth year.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

5088.

23456	B	M	W
35264	x		
42635		5-4	
34625			-
42356	x		
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45623		-	
26354		-	-
52364			-
63425		-	-
43526		-	
25634		-	-
32654			-
56423		-	-
46325		-	
23564		-	-
62534			-
36524			-
25463		-	-
56234	x		
26435		-	
63254	x		
23456			-

In this composition there are bobs at course-ends. Each is brought up plain, and the 2nd is never there in 6ths place. A variation in calling of two first courses may be made thus:—

23456			
64523		5-4	
42635	x		

Number of changes remain the same. A variation in calling of three last courses may also be made as follows:

56234	M	W
35264		-
63254		-
23456		-

when changes will be 5184 in number.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Bailey, W. Bolton, W. Biss conductor, F. Chamberlain, S. Dawe, A. Rowley. Also 720 Bob Minor. L. Wright, W. Biss conductor, F. Bailey, S. Dawe, F. Chamberlain, A. Rowley.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, S. Jones, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan conductor, S. Baiss. And 336 Bob Major. F. Morgan, C. Greedy, J. Bullen, B. Millard, S. Jones, J. Pippin A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor.

HATTON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, June 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. G. Drage, conductor, W. Court, F. Moss, G. Drage, jun., T. Male, J. Drage,

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By JOHN CARTER.

5040.

23456 M W H

52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5040.

23456 M W H

52436	-	-	-
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42635	-	-	-
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25463	-	-	-
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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.)—On October 9th, at All Saints church, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Morgan, S. Jones, C. Greedy, A. E. Morgan conductor, S. Baiss.

5040.

23456 M W H

64352	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. G. BROWN, *Stradbroke*.

8000.

23456 W B H

45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-

Nine times repeated; substituting single for bob at half-way and end.

AN EARLY CHRISTIAN BELL.

A church at Rostrevor has a bell with a wonderful history. For centuries the peasants used to say that bells rang in a certain wood on stormy nights. Between forty and fifty years ago one of the trees, a great oak, was blown down and split up; and stuck in a hole in a tree was a very quaint old bell with Celtic inscriptions round it. The authorities sent it to Dublin for exhibition, and the National wished to buy it. The bell is said to have been hidden by some of the early Christians.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Eckington on Saturday, November 5th, when ringers attended from the following towers: Bolsover, Mansfield, Killamarsh, Ranmoor, Sheffield parish church, Staveley, Gainsborough, North Wingfield, and the local company. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise was successfully brought round. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolsover on December 3rd, instead of Staveley, owing to the tower and bells at the latter place being under repair. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close, it being a very successful one.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on November 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, after the practice on November 14th.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. per bead at 6 o'clock. Members and friends heartily welcome.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, November 12th, at 6 o'clock.
G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Queensbury to-day, Sat., November 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.40 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by November 7th.
G. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting at Romford is unavoidably postponed from October 22nd to Saturday, November 12th. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30, the Vicar in the chair.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's church, Hulme, to-day, Sat., November 12th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Woolton to-day, Sat., November 12th. Bells ready at 4.
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Winchester to-day, Sat., November 12th. The cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.
JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—York-

town District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chertsey to-day, Sat., November 12th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members of other Associations and districts gladly welcomed.
G. EDSEK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 16th. 5.30.—Service at St. Mary's church, preacher—Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, General Secretary of the Guild. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Followed by the annual business meeting, after which Mr. F. E. Dawe will give some more of his "Experiences in the Ringing World," concluding with a social evening, arranged by Mr. C. Willshire. Will representatives kindly bring the amounts subscribed to the Robinson Memorial Fund which will shortly be closed.
JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells at 2. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows. The Vicar has kindly consented to take the chair, and it is earnestly desired to have a good muster. Will those who intend coming kindly let me know a few days previously.
JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, November 19th. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells of St. Peter's and All Saints available.
E. J. TRASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing at 4. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Errington) is kindly providing tea, which will be held at The Turkey Cock at 6. The business meeting will follow. I should be grateful if those who can will notify me of their intention to be present by the 15th inst. All members and friends will be made welcome.
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*
Little Munden.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, November 19th, and Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready about 3 o'clock.
FRED WILFORD, *Gen. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available from 4. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. Communicate with
Oakley, Basingstoke REV. F. G. HUME.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at Christchurch. Bells available from 4 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m.
G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A special meeting will be held at Rushall near Walsall, on Saturday, November 26th, in connection with the unveiling of a peal-tablet. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Short service in church at 4.30. Unveiling ceremony at 5.0, to be performed by the Rev. A. T. S. Talbot, Vicar. Tea will be provided at 5.30 in St. Mark's schools, free to those only who send

word not later than Tuesday, November 22nd.
H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.
JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, November 26th. The tower will be open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Roberts. Business meeting afterwards, which is important.
HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.
JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
Buriton House, Penzance.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BURGESS HILL.—A. W. Gravett's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 21, conducted 8; Stedman Triples 34; Caters 3; Bob Major 6, conducted 1; Royal 3; Kent Major 14; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 18. Total—100

CORRECTION.—There is an error in the calling of the 5024 of Double Norwich Major in last week's "BELL NEWS," under the name of E. Barnett, on page 472. The calling of the 13th course which produces the course-end 23465 should be a bob at 5 only, and not at 6 as given.

Mr. Fred A. Holden writes; I beg to withdraw my name from the two-part peal of Double Norwich Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" on September 24th.

LONDON.—On Monday, August 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornford, G. Gains, A. Hart, J. Barry, H. Ranzetta, H. Flanders, R. F. Deal, A. Riley. Composed and conducted by H. Ranzetta. First as composer, and first quarter-peal since re-opening of the bells.

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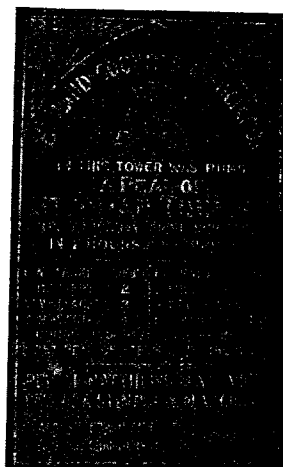
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1910.

RADYR, NEAR CARDIFF.

In the presence of a crowded congregation, and assisted by many local clergy, including the Rev. Canon Buckley, the Rev. Connop Price, rector of Caerphilly, and the Rev. David Phillips, vicar of Radyr, the Bishop of Llandaff dedicated on Wednesday morning the re-opened nave and the new chancel, vestry, tower, organ, and bells of Christ Church, Radyr.

The Bishop, in his address, pointed out the joy and duty of giving without ulterior motive, and made an appeal for the preservation of Sunday as a day of rest and peace. At the close of the service a peal was rung in the newly-dedicated tower.

The work of completion of the church includes the chancel, organ space, and choir vestry; also a priests' vestry and tower, which rises to a height of 95-ft. The tower is provided with a ring of eight bells, the gift of Col. Oakden Fisher, of Tymynydd, Radyr. The nave of the church was built some years since, the style adopted by the architect being fifteenth century English Gothic, to which style the present additions are in keeping. The foundation stone for the completion of the church was laid by the Earl of Plymouth in March last. The chancel has been somewhat elaborately treated. The steps leading to the altar are of polished Devonshire marble, while the encaustic tile pavements contain the arms of the late Bishop Lewis, who dedicated the nave; also those of the present Bishop, during whose episcopate the building has been completed. Mr. G. E. Halliday, designed the nave, and is responsible for the complete building.

The bells are a very musical ring of eight, tenor 11 cwt., and reflect the very highest praise on the founders—Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough—the "go" being

absolutely perfect. The bells were kept going throughout the day by members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Jones, but was lost owing to the noise in the belfry, the ringers having to ring in the room immediately under the bells. The proper ringing chamber is at present used as the Rector's vestry, but there is reason to think that before long the ropes will be lowered and the ringers make use of the same chamber. It will then be an ideal place for peal ringing.

The Provinces.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WALLACE MANNING* .. Treble.	HERBERT STEVENS 4.
JAMES SULLY 2.	HENRY MOORE 5.
JOHN FARMER 3.	ARTHUR BELLAMY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

*First peal.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT STEVENS .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
CHARLES W. THRUSH .. 2.	ALBERT W. CHILCOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM HOYLE 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
GEORGE STACEY.. .. 4.	*HERBERT FARMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

*First peal.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE,

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 11 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES.. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 4.
FRANK BARTLETT 2.	DAVID THOMAS 5.
CHARLES GREEDY 3.	SIDNEY DAWK Tenor.

Conducted by D. THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Morgan. First peal on the bells, which were rehung by Messrs. Warner last year, and with whom the order has just been placed for adding two trebles.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN B. HALLIFAX* .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	GEORGE TRUSS 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in eight methods on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

MISS E. N. BELCHER .. Treble.	ALBERT TURNER 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW 2.	ALFRED MILES 6.
DAN COOMBS 3.	HARRY MILES 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT 4.	HARRY COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER GRAY Treble.	FRANK CAUSBY 5.
ALFRED EVERETT 2.	LEWIS CHAPMAN 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN 7.
ARTHUR CHAPMAN 4.	OSCAR PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Fred Palmer, of Irthlingborough, a member of the Association,

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	†WILLIAM ATKINSON 5.
WILLIAM BACKLER* 2.	WILLIAM DENT 6.
DANIEL GRIDLEY* 3.	W. R. JOHN POULSON .. 7.
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 4.	CHARLES HOWE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN FOULDS Treble.	RENNIE HARTLEY 6.
RICHARD ASHWORTH 2.	EMMANUEL DUTSON 7.
HARRY ENTWISTLE 3.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 8.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON† .. 4.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 9.
TOM REDMAN 5.	JOHN WATSON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

First peal of Royal by all. First peal of Royal on the bells. †First peal of Treble Bob.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, NEAR CHORLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

RICHARD F. LANE .. Treble.	ALFRED POTTER 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	REV. H. J. ELSEE 6.
JOHN POTTER 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

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

First peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Taylor, the go and tone of them being excellent.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	ALFRED DAVEY 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE BATH
AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BELL 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE 2.	SIDNEY HILLIER 6.
THOMAS RICEBETTS 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
GILBERT H. HARDING* .. 4.	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor.
	*SAMUEL HECTOR

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal of Stedman.

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

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH WRST Treble.	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6.
WILLIAM MILLS 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY 8.
HARRY S. SMITH 4.	HARRY GOODMAN 9.
THOMAS WATTON 5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and 6th,
the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN LOVELL Treble.	FRED J. MYNARD 4.
FRED HOPPER 2.	FRANK ROLLINGS 5.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

A. HONE* Treble.	S. B. DOBBIE 5.
E. J. DOBBIE† 2.	A. HAIGH 6.
R. PAINE* 3.	F. A. HOLDEN 7.
E. A. G. ALLEN* 4.	W. HAIGH Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.)

On Sunday, October 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD FRANCIS Treble.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 5.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES 6.
PEBCY C. ARTIS 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS 7.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	CHARLES SADLER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	CHARLES DENSLEY 4.
RICHARD J. COUSINS .. 2.	JOHN H. ODEY 5.
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER* .. 3.	ALBERT E. SEERS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

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

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, October 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JESSE B. TYLER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 2.	*HENRY PRING 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3.	*GEORGE CONDICK, JUN* .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Pring. *First peal of
Superlative.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occa-
sion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the sanatorium at Shirlett,
the Shropshire memorial to His late Majesty King Edward VII., by
the Right Hon. the Earl of Powis, Lord Lieutenant of the county.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT COLEMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS SELF 5.
DANIEL SNELLING 2.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6.
ALFRED BROWN 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT 7.
CHARLES MAYS 4.	FREDERICK COLDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK MARSH* Treble.	ALBERT CAPON 5.
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STANLEY DAMON 4.	GEORGE VAUGHAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. LEONARD.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. F. B. Leonard was elected a member previous to starting.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 18, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5344 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW 5.
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ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ASHDOWN Treble.	JOHN FEIST 5.
ERNEST E. BISH 2.	JAMES PARSONS 6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE 3.	THOMAS STRINGER 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

First peal of Major by all except the conductor. It was also the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	FRANK JOHNSON 5.
THOMAS H. REEVES 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	ALBERT MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BERTRED SMITH* Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4.
ALBERT TAYLOR* 2.	*HARRY WILLERTON 5.
JOHN W. LAKIN* 3.	RUFERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by RUFERT RICHARDSON.

*First peal, and are members of the local band.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
FRANK CLAYDON 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLENOTHAM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

WILLIAM GILBERT Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	BERT CHALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MALINS LEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob. and two each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and College Single.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT WOODVINE* Treble.	JOHN T. TYLER 4.
WALLACE L. RODEN 2.	WALTER HAYWARD 5.
GEORGE E. JONES 3.	GEORGE CASE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. Parry for his kind hospitality after the peal. A. Woodvine was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK WILD Treble.	A. CLEGG 5.
G. W. BEEVER 2.	J. SCHOFIELD 6.
J. W. TAYLOR 3.	L. HAMPSON 7.
J. LEES 4.	W. HAMPSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt.

F. BRINE Treble.	H. MILBORNE 4.
G. CREED 2.	E. CREED 5.
T. G. VINCENT, JUN. .. 3.	G. GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by E. CREED.

First peal on the bells, and by all.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 2.	JOHN DENTITH 6.
ALBERT CRAWLEY 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY .. 4.	SAMPSON MOSSFORD Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

EDWIN MILES* Treble.	ALFRED JAMES TRAPPITT .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7.
BENJAMIN MORISS† 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

*First peal of Major.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Selly Oak on October 6th, was Arthur Gardner, not Arthur Pegler.

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GARGRAVE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service at St. Andrew's church a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. J. Hogg, J. Langstroth, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, A. R. Jones, J. Mckell.

NOTTINGHAM.—On October 16th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, A. Coppock conductor, T. Burnham, J. Hickman, T. Flint, R. Cobbin, E. Oliver, S. Barnes.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Smith, A. R. Macdonald, W. Welling, H. Walters, L. Stilwell conductor, F. Richardson, R. H. Young, R. Flaxman.

CLEWER.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Harvest Festival, 960 Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins. T. Smith, A. Andrews, L. Stilwell conductor, W. Ralph, W. Welling, E. Brown.

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BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, J. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, W. Webb, R. Hackley, W. H. Carrod, J. Porter, T. Pearce. Rung as a farewell to G. Rastall, who is leaving for Lincolnshire, and who was too unwell to stand in.

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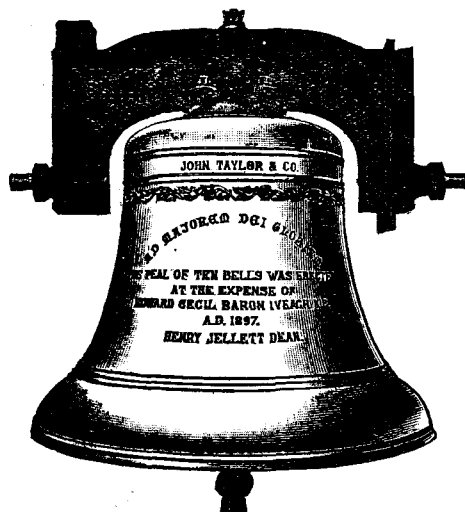
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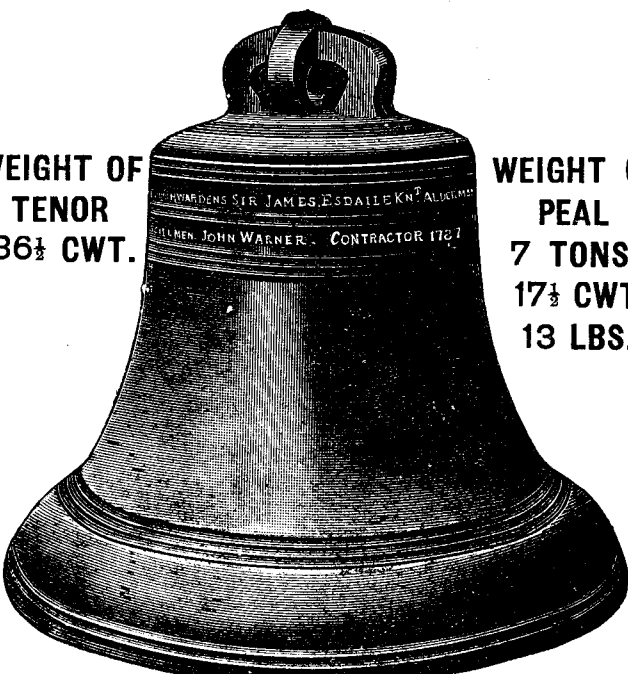
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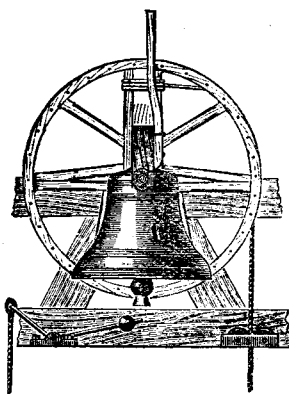
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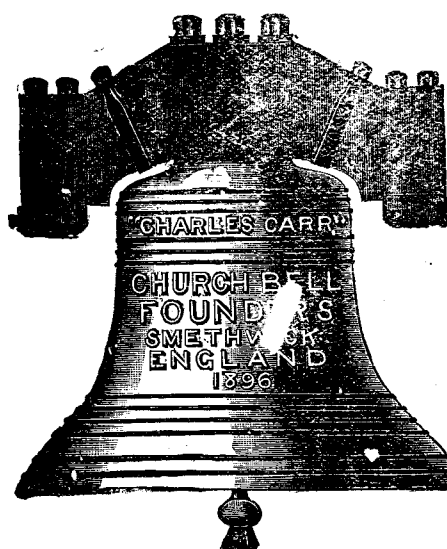
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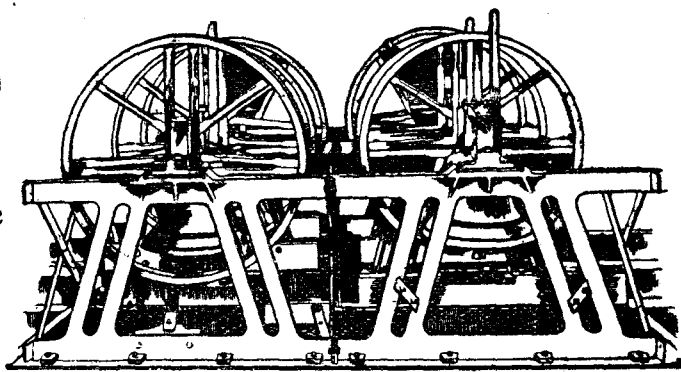
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

The great annual gathering of this Society took place on Saturday, November 5th, when the 273rd Anniversary Dinner took place at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge. Mr. C. S. Burden, Master, occupied the chair, and Mr. E. P. O'Meara was in the vice-chair. There was an attendance of nearly 200, including the Ven. W. W. Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London; Miss Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst; Mrs. Robinson (nee Gillbanks); the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, the Rev. — Evans (Burstow), Lieut. G. Mackinnon, R.N., Prince Rangweia (New Zealand), Mr. Reginald Clarke, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. W. W. Gifford, Mr. J. C. Bowen, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), and other great lights in the ringing world. The Master, Mr. C. S. Burden, submitted the first toast of the evening—"The King," and this was received with musical honors. The Chairman read a telegram from the Rector of Speldhurst, wishing the Youths a successful evening, and a letter from the Rev. E. Peck, Rector of St. Magnus, regretting his inability to be present.

In proposing the toast "The Church," the Master said: I would that someone more capable to propose this important toast had been selected. As I look around me and see so many ringers I cannot help feeling very gratified that we have so many of the Clergy shewing a great interest in our annual gathering. I look across here and see our friend the Rev. Mr. Eisdell with his little flock and the "General" at its head. This recalls pleasant memories. We have something to be proud of in the clergy that they meet us year by year. It gives us especial pleasure to welcome the Archdeacon, and when he is unable to attend we greatly miss him. We look upon the Clergy as stewards, to guide us in our spiritual life; we also are stewards, and must always remember that although we are ringers, we are also churchmen. It will always be the governing spirit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to be churchmen to the backbone. There is very much going on to disturb the peace of our National Church, and I am sure we were all interested to read a report of the Commission that has been held on the Church in Wales and the question of its disestablishment. It behoves us as ringers and as men to remember our responsibilities. The Church is worth making a sacrifice for. Who has not pleasant memories of his childhood and of his village Church? Great advantages are being made in the different spheres of life, and while we are trying to search out new methods and to make headway, I implore you let us never forget our duty as churchmen.

The Ven. Archdeacon of London, in responding, said: I am quite sure that every one of my profession in this room was very much touched by the admirable speech to which we have just listened from the chair, and I am sure that we all cordially re-echo his sentiments of loyalty to the most ancient religious institution of our country. I am very much obliged to him for the very kind way in

which he has spoken of myself, and I can assure him that it gives me the greatest pleasure to come amongst a body of my fellow citizens and fellow countrymen who are connected in a very particular manner with one of the most characteristic features of our common life. There is a very intimate connection between our two pursuits, the pursuit of the clergyman and the pursuit of the bell ringer, and they are both connected with the public worship of this land. My idea of the Church is a body perfectly loyal to its own opinions, but at the same time it is kindly and tolerant towards everybody else, a body which tries to see the points of agreement, like the harmony of our bells, and not so much the points of difference, a body which wishes to recognise the good in others and not always to see the evil. If that was the spirit which animated the Church in every part of the country, then I think the hostility and opposition that we are met with would be somewhat less. I am going to tell you a little about ancient bell ringing, and I am going to take you back 1240 years, a good long way, when the first large bell in this country was made, that was the year 670, by one of the most interesting of our early writers, the Venerable Bede, but the first complete peal of bells was not made till about 200 years later. It was made by Abbot Turketull of Croyland, in Lincolnshire. He made one great bell which was called Guthlac, after the Saxon Saint of that name, and after that six others which had peculiar names, Pega, Bega, Bettelin, Bartholomew, Taturin and Turketull after his own name. I fancy these must be the names of the leading members of the Monastery of Croyland. In the early days the connection between bellringing and the clergy was even closer than it is now, because the bells were actually made by the Monks. Saint Dunstan the Monk, who afterwards became Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of London, was a skilful artificer in bells, and presented bells very largely to the churches in the West of England. Later on it became a trade, and founders went about the country from place to place, just like the masons did in those days, building cathedrals and churches, and they stopped wherever they found business. The majority of them settled in towns such as London, Gloucester, Bury St. Edmund's, Norwich and Colchester, which were all important centres of bell founding in ancient days. Now, of course, we include the Towns of Loughborough and Leicester. Bells were anciently consecrated because they were supposed to be efficacious in dispersing storms and scattering evil spirits. The "passing bell," for instance was tolled for two particular reasons, one to scare any fiends that might molest the departing soul on its flight from the body and from the earth, and secondly to secure the prayers of the pious folk who should hear it. There is a recent story of an old woman in a village who said that when the wicked squire of the village died, his spirit went and sat on the frame of the bell, and that the strength of all the ringers could not move it. In some of our old churches there is a sanctus bell in cotes on the gables of the church which was the sound called the elevation of the host, but that of course is not so common now. With regard to the age of

bells in this country I do not think there are many older than the 14th or possibly the 13th century at present in existence, though the metal of course may date from earlier times. It is rather difficult to discover the actual age of old bells, because the dates were not inserted in the inscriptions till about the 16th century. Close by here there was a famous curfew bell in Bow church from which probably the Bow bell got its reputation. At one time the clerk was rather late in ringing it. The apprentices in Cheapside made a rhyme upon it, "Clerk of Bow bell with thy yellow locks; for thy late ringing thy head shall have knocks." The Clerk of Bow bell replied in poetry equally good or equally bad—

Children of Chepe, hold you all still,
For you shall have Bow bell rung at your will.

Rather a friendly and accommodating answer for him. An expression of the work of bell ringing in Shakespeare is King John addressing Hubert—

If the midnight bell
Did with his iron tongue and brazen mouth
Send one into the drowsy race of night.

I do not think anything could be more worthily picturesque than the sound of the great bell in the lonely silence of the night. Some of the old bells had very curious mottoes. Here is one:—

This bell was broke and cut again, as plainly doth appear,
John Draper made me in 1618 which time churchwardens were,

Edward Dixon for the one who stood close to his tacklin,
And he that was his partner there was Alexander Jacklin.
Another curious old motto:—

Of all the bells in Benet I am the best
And yet for my casting the parish paid least.

There is an old inscription on the four bells of Gravely in Cambridgeshire. The treble bell has "God of His mercy heareth us all"; the second bell has "Whereupon that we do call"; the third has "O praise the Lord therefore I say"; and the tenor has "I sound unto the living when the soul doth pass away." That reminds me rather of the inscription which I believe is written on the four chiming bells of Westminster tower:—

Lord through this hour watch over all,
And by Thy power no foot shall fall.

I like to think of that sounding over the great City of London quarter by quarter and hour by hour. During the Civil War many church bells were melted down and cast into cannons. We had celebrated old bells in the Saint Jesus towers, the towers towards the east end of St. Paul's cathedral. Henry VIII. and Sir Miles Partridge played cards together and Sir Miles won. The stakes were these four Jesus bells. Sir Miles didn't give the King time to repent of his bargain, but had them broken and melted down, and then finally the tower was destroyed. If the bellringers are indebted to the clergy certainly the clergy are indebted very much to the ringers. Bellringers do I believe get help and encouragement from the clergy and ample use of the belfries and churches, but on the other hand the clergy find the greatest assistance in their services by the bells sounding out over hill and valley and calling the people to church, or ringing peals of joy for happy events in the town or in the villages, and in all the old and hallowed associations which find their home in the time honoured church towers of the land. If you wish to know what it is to be without bells you should go to Scotland, to which Miss Leny and I both

belong, and where there are hardly any bells at all, and where our religious emotions are saddened rather than elevated by a cracked and melancholy tinkle. Long may the Church and the bellringers be united to support the ancient religious principles and habits of a loyal, a contented, a prosperous, and a christian nation.

(To be continued.)

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 25th, two new trebles were dedicated at the above church by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The special preacher being the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, secretary to the Central Council. The treble bell is the gift of Lady Marriott, of Kibworth, and the second was raised by public subscription and were cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughboro'. The bells are now a fine peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., and "go" excellent, which reflects great credit upon the bellfounders. After the dedication service, the local ringers, with the help of Mr. J. W. Taylor and the Rev. Davies rang several touches of Grandsire Triples. On Saturday last, November 12th, a party of Leicester ringers were successful in ringing the first peal on the bells, one of Bob Major, an account of which will appear in due course.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Monday evening, October 24th, at the usual weekly practice of the ringers, Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells), was the recipient of another silver wedding present. During the practice Miss R. Macalpine-Leny entered the belfry, and after apologising for the absence of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, offered their heartiest congratulations to Mr. Latter on his recent silver wedding, and hoped that both he and Mrs. Latter would live to see their golden wedding. Miss Leny then spoke of the great assistance that Mr. Latter had rendered to the ringing in general, and to the Speldhurst band in particular, saying that he was always ready at any time to help them, and they felt they could not let this opportunity go by without a slight acknowledgment of his services. Miss Leny then asked Mr. Latter to accept a watch in a silver mounted case, as a token of their esteem and regard, from herself, the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, and the ringers, and with it their best wishes to himself and his wife.

Mr. C. Chapman also bore testimony of the ringers' appreciation of Mr. Latter's services.

Mr. Latter, in returning thanks, said that they seemed bent on springing surprises on him; a fortnight ago he had a surprise in his own belfry, and now this was even a greater one. It was always a pleasure to come to Speldhurst for ringing, but he was not aware that he had done any great things for them, and he had not the slightest idea when they asked him to come over that evening that they had got this beautiful present for him. He thanked them all for their kindness and also for their good wishes to himself and his wife, and they would always prize their gift.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Winchester District held their annual meeting at Winchester on Saturday, November 12th. By kind permission of the Dean the Cathedral bells were available from 2 o'clock. Service was attended in the choir of the Cathedral, the singing of the fine old anthem by Boyce—"O where shall wisdom be found," being much appreciated. At 5.15 members met for tea in St. Maurice Hall, at which the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews), presided. There were also present the Rev. Canon Storr, Canon Nash, Canon Madge, Rev. W. E. Colchester (General Secretary of the Guild), H. White (Basingstoke), and members from Southampton, North Stoneham, Twyford, Hursley, Alresford, Kingsworthy, and the Cathedral band. The Dean and the Archdeacon of Winchester were prevented from being present by a meeting, at which they both had to be present, lasting longer than had been anticipated. Apologies were also received from Canon Braithwaite and Canon Vaughan.

At the business meeting which followed, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were confirmed, and the balance-sheet passed provisionally, the General Secretary desiring to have the District Secretary's accounts made up to December 31st. The balance-sheet showed receipts £22 5s. 8d.; expenditure £9 18s. 6d.; paid to General Secretary £9 18s. 6d., and a balance in hand of £2 12s. 6d. Messrs. W. Andrews and G. Williams were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee. Mr. J. W. Elkins was again elected District Secretary; and Mr. G. Smith (Twyford), Auditor.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on the second Saturday in November 1911. Matters were discussed relating to the welfare of the Guild, in which Mr. George, the Master, and others took part.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean for the use of the bells; to the Master for presiding; and to Canon Storr, who succeeded to the chair, the Master having to leave before the end of the meeting. Canon Storr then announced that he wished to become an honorary member of the Guild.

At a subsequent committee meeting, of which Mr. G. Williams was chosen chairman, and at which there were present Messrs. W. Andrews, G. Smith, L. Lampard, F. Marks, H. F. Hunt, and the district secretary (Canon Braithwaite), was elected chairman. It was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Eling in February, another at Cheriton and Tichborne in May, and a third at Hursley in September. The Bishop of Southampton having expressed a desire to entertain the members at his residence, it was left in the hands of the District Secretary to arrange a special meeting at North Stoneham on a date suitable to the Bishop.

The district has now 18 towers in union with the Guild and 175 members. The Rev. R. Merrick, Holy Rood, Southampton, has become a life member of the Guild. During the day touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Triples, Treble Bob, Bob Major, etc., were rung on the bells and were conducted by Messrs. Andrews, Williams, George, Tucker and others. The strengthening of the cathedral tower has now been completed and the Wednesday evening practices and Sunday ringing have been resumed. Visiting ringers are always heartily welcomed on either of these occasions. Sunday morning ringing commences at 10.15, and the afternoon ringing at 2.30; Wednesday practices are from 7 to 9.

"A REMARKABLE FEAT."

On Tuesday, October 11th, ten priests rang an excellent peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Mary's, Warwick. The peal, which consisted of 5,067 different changes, was composed and conducted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Secretary of the Central Council of Bell Ringers, and occupied three hours, thirty-two minutes in ringing. Many and great difficulties stand in the way of a successful accomplishment of such a peal, not the least being the difficulty of bringing together ten priests highly skilled in the art of change ringing from as many as seven or eight dioceses on a day and at a place convenient to all. The ringers stood at the ropes in the following order:—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, Treble; Rev. J. F. Hastings, rector of Martley, Worcs., 2nd; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Principal of Bishop's Hostel, Durham, 3rd; Rev. C. Carew Cox, assistant-priest of Stratford-on-Avon, 4th; Rev. E. V. Cox, assistant priest of Tamworth, 5th; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury, 6th; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, vicar of Fretherne, Glos., 7th; Rev. H. Law James, vicar of Surfleet, Lincs., 8th; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 9th; Rev. H. A. Cockey, vicar of Oldland, Bristol, tenor.

On the following morning a peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples, composed by the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, rector of Stanhoe, Norfolk, and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, was rung at Mickleton, Glos., in exactly three hours before the party broke up, determined, with the assistance of two additional skilled priests, to attempt a peal of Cinques on twelve bells at a time and place to be arranged later.—*Church Times*.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Shepton-under-Wychwood on Saturday last and proved one of the largest gatherings that have taken place for some time. At 4.15 a service was held at the church, conducted by the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, the organist and choir being in attendance. An interesting and helpful address to the ringers was given by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild.

After the service, the company, numbering about 60, sat down to an excellent meat tea in the Vicarage Long Room, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, chairman of the branch presiding.

Following tea, the annual business meeting took place, when among those present supporting the Chairman were the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Rev. W. J. Palmer (Enstone), Rev. E. C. Freeman (Hook Norton), Rev. C. Walford (Ascott-under-Wychwood), Rev. E. Jones (Leafield), Mr. A. E. Reeves (assistant-secretary to the Guild), and Mr. J. F. Barlow (hon. secretary to the Branch). The following towers were represented: Shipton-under-Wychwood, Leafield, Chipping Norton, etc.

The hon. Secretary presented his annual report, as follows:—"Your committee have pleasure in presenting a report of the past year's work. At the spring meeting held at Leafield the members met under extreme feelings of regret and sorrow owing to the death of our beloved Sovereign King Edward VII. The membership remains about the same as last year. The Chadlington ringers have rejoined. There are still a few subscriptions unpaid, so that the balance-sheet cannot be presented to-day. The number of peals rung during the year is as follows:—Grandsire Doubles, 4; Stedman Triples, 4. It is hoped that the money necessary to erect the proposed carved oak chancel screen in Drayton Church to the memory of our late revered Master may soon be in the hands of the committee. The amount already collected is about £80. The Chairman and Secretary attended the annual meeting of the Guild at Wantage in July. It was decided at that meeting that reports would in future be sent to those who are outside members of the Guild only on payment of 3d. for each copy."

The report was adopted.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. W. J. Palmer, William Attwood, probationer, Great Tew, was elected a member of the Branch.

The Rev. W. Collingwood Carter was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected Chairman of the Branch, on the proposition of the Rev. W. J. Palmer.

Mr. Barlow was re-appointed to the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. H. Burbidge to that of auditor.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting of the Branch at Charlbury.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to their Chairman for welcoming the members of the Branch to Shipton and for allowing them the use of the Vicarage Long Room for their meeting, tendering thanks also to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service.

The Rev. E. C. Freeman seconded, and the resolution was heartily carried.

The Chairman, in responding, also proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his attendance, and for the excellent address he had given that afternoon.

The Rev. C. Walford having seconded, the resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Master, in returning thanks, said it was always a pleasure to attend any meeting of the Guild, especially a meeting of the Chipping Norton Branch. He mentioned that his desire was to visit and ring in every tower in the diocese that he had not yet been to, and those in which he had already rung in he wished to ring again. Combined practice for ringers had been suggested, and he thought this would be an excellent thing. Such a course would give him a greater opportunity for meeting them, and he would be able to get to know more of their ringing. Referring to the memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson he expressed the hope that towers which had not yet sent in their contributions would be prompt in doing so. He was glad to say that his first peal as Master of the Guild was rung that day in their branch at Chipping Norton—(hear, hear).

Mr. A. E. Reeves expressed his pleasure at being present at a Chipping Norton Deanery Branch meeting. Referring to the Guild, he said they were in a healthy condition financially, and the membership kept increasing; during the past year their numbers would show an advance of about 50. The number of peals rung were about up to the average. Last year they numbered 108, and already this year 80 had been rung.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, Mr. H. Miles, of Shipton, was appointed as representative of the Branch on the Guild Committee.

The question of periodical peals was again referred to, and Mr. Miles proposed that a peal should be attempted at Ascott on the eve of or on the morning of the spring meeting.

Mr. Bartlett seconded and this was agreed to.

It will be of interest to recall the fact that exactly twelve months ago from the date of this meeting the late Master of the Guild rang his last peal of Stedman at Shipton.

MEOPHAM CHURCH, KENT.

The King Edward Memorial in this village has taken the form of a new treble bell in the church tower. In addition to this, the five old bells of the 17th century (tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp) have recently been quarter-turned, re-hung in new metal fittings and elm headstocks, and re-tuned, the whole work being carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The opening service and dedication of the new bell by the Lord Bishop of Rochester will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6.30 p.m. At the request of the local committee a company of change-ringers has been formed for the occasion with the object of securing good striking.

The next quarterly meeting of the Rochester District will be held at this tower on the afternoon of Saturday, 17th December.

Weekly practices will be commenced on Thursday, December 1st at 7.30 p.m. when all members of the Kent County Association or other Guilds will be welcomed. The duties of Honorary Secretary to the Meopham Company have been undertaken by Mr. O. S. Russell, Meopham Green, near Gravesend.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, November 9th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Bloor, G. Page conductor. C. Page, J. Woodward, E. London, S. Churton, H. Page, J. Plant.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 28th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43 Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Mary's, Islington, N. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. A special general business meeting will take place at 8.15 p.m. to consider, and if necessary revise rule vi. The six-bell tower of St. James, Packington Street, Islington, will also be open for two hours.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Saffron Walden to-day, Sat., November 19th. Bells at 2. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows. The Vicar has kindly consented to take the chair, and it is earnestly desired to take a good muster.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury to-day, Sat., November 19th. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells of St. Peter's and All Saints available.

E. J. TEASDALE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon to-day, Sat., November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing at 4. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Errington) is kindly providing tea, which will be held at The Turkey Cock at 6. The business meeting will follow. All members and friends will be made welcome.

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

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Burton Latimer to-day, Sat., November 19th, and Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready about 3 o'clock.

FRED WILFORD, *Gen. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available from 4. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. Communicate with—

Oakley, Basingstoke, REV. F. G. HUME.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, November 19th. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at Christchurch. Bells available from 4 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m.

G. PRISTON, *Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A special meeting will be held at Rushall near Walsall, on Saturday, November 26th, in connection with the unveiling of a peal-tablet. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Short service in church at 4.30. Unveiling ceremony at 5.0. to be performed by the Rev. A. T. S. Talbot, Vicar. Tea will be provided at 5.30 in St. Mark's schools, free to those only who send word not later than Tuesday, November 22nd.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, November 26th. The tower will be open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Roberts. Business meeting afterwards, which is important.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on November 26th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The Angel at 6 o'clock. Will those who intend to be there kindly notify to Mr. J. F. Foster, 82, Grove Road, Hitchin, not later than Friday before the meeting.

E. WHITBREAD, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, December 3rd. Service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Peter Street Church Room at 4.30. Meeting to follow.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. Members 6d., visitors rs. 6d. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the service, so that it may be a success. Those wishing for tea please let me know not later than November 30th.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Meopham (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 5 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added, in memory of the late King Edward VII.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover instead of Staveley, where the bells are under repair. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will members please note the financial year ends December 31st.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
Burton House, Penzance.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. October 9th, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Woodbine. October 13th, 720 Violet. October 16th, 720 Duke of York, 720 Lichfield Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 720 College Pleasure. October 23rd, 720 Violet. October 30th, 720 College Exercise. C. Pointon, C. Preston, D. Preston, J. Preston, G. Hobbs, G. Clarkson, W. Wheelodon, J. E. Wheelodon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. Finch, H. Finch, A. South, T. Gozzett, H. Mansfield conductor, F. Chalk. First 720 in the method by H. Finch and A. South.

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BRECON.—On Tuesday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Hargest, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence, W. Evans conductor, S. Watkins.

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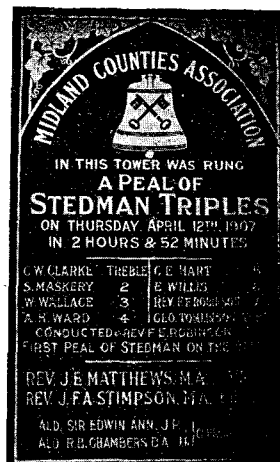
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1910.

WE have pleasure in directing the special attention of our readers to another part of "THE BELL NEWS" wherein will be found a report of the Ancient Society of College Youths' Annual Festival. This festival is the great annual gathering of the ringers of England. The report contains an excellent and verbatim speech on "Bells" by the Venerable the Archdeacon of London, which should be read by every ringer. So important a gathering needs a complete report, and as the demand on our space will not allow us to insert the whole in one issue, we trust our readers will be sufficiently patient to receive it in instalments. These gatherings aid enormously in cementing that bond of friendship and good fellowship which exists amongst ringers all over the world. Our special reporter at the Festival was Mr. Sidney Godfrey, who, besides being a College Youth, has won the championship for short-hand writing twice in America and twice in England.

The Provinces.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

[AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2.	ROBERT WALLWORK 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK 4.	ALBERT RIDINGS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES.

HENRY HOWELL.. .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
RICHARD CLARK.. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	WILLIAM BELLAMY 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	JOHN BURFORD 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTEE, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was arranged by Mr. May for the ringers of the 7th and tenor, who hail from Gloucester, and W. Bellamy, who belongs to Nottingham.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE B BOLLAND .. Treble.	GEORGE NAYLOR 5.
PERCY JOHNSON 2.	JAMES COTTERELL 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7.
JONAS S. AMELER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Maude and his daughter, with the company's best wishes.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART (No. 6). Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
JOHN FRYER 3.	GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 7.
HARRY C. WALTERS.. .. 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS.. .. Treble.	*ALFRED SHEMMING 5.
JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 2.	ALFRED FUNNELL 6.
JOHN WILSON, JUN. 3.	GEORGE POINTS 7.
RICHARD BALDREY 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. in G.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	WILLIAM BURGAB 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7.
JAMES EVINSON 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells, which with the tower and spire were dedicated by the Archbishop of York on October 3rd.

MALDON.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EBENEZER W. FINCH .. Treble.	ALFRED SOUTH 4.
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
JOHN OWERS* 3.	FRED CHALK Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

*First peal.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, London Scholars', Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY.. .. Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT.. .. 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	JOHN W. HARTLEY .. 5.
HARRY LANGLEY 3.	ALLEN S. GORDON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND
THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, London, Wells, York, and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE 4.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
GEORGE A. BLACK 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

First peal on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WILLIAM J. KEMP† Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	STAFF-SGT. A. PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

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

†First peal of Major.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ARTHUR W. MANSFIELD.. Treble.	GEORGE LAYZELL 5.
WILLIAM J. SIMPSON .. 2.	*WILLIAM GOODMAN 6.
WALTER S. INWOOD 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	*THOMAS MEAD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal. This peal was arranged for the conductor, who is a life member of the local band, and was on a visit from Cheshunt.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORK TOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD Treble.	FREDK. G. WOODISS 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	GEORGE B. EDGER 6.
CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
ALFRED WOODROW 4.	ERNEST HAMBLIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD,

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY Treble.	*WILLIAM SAWYER 5.
FREDK. J. SMITH 2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6.
HENRY PUTTOCK* 3.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY 4.	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

*First peal of Major.

HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. E. MERRINGTON .. Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING 5.
ERNEST WEATHERBY 2.	WM. SAUNDERS 6.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3.	WM. SHORT 7.
W. J. TAYLOR 4.	WM. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SHORT.

Rung as a farewell peal to E. Weatherby, who sails for Quebec on November 22nd. Part of his duties out there will be to be instructor to the ringers at the Cathedral. All who know him will wish him every success. Further reference next week.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 2.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4.	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. W. DIXON Treble.	CHARLES E. WAITE 5.
SAMUEL BROWN 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
GEORGE THORNTON 3.	JOHN B. JACKSON 7.
STANLEY WALKER* 4.	WILLIAM B. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 24, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN 5.
JOHN BUTLER 2.	CHARLES GREEDY 6.
TOM J. BUTLER 3.	JAMES PIPPIN 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

The conductor was elected a member before starting.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN PEDDLE Treble.	HENRY GOSDEN 5.
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 2.	HENRY WAITE 6.
PERCY H. WILD 3.	PERCY E. JONES 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	*THOMAS SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

*First peal. The above are all members of the local band, and this is the first peal on the bells by entirely local ringers.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
FREDERICK LAMBERT 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
WALTER BARRETT 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
EDWARD LUBBOCK 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung as a last token of respect to C. G. Miles on his funeral day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble.	GEORGE HOWSE 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	JOHN W. STEDDY 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	WILLIAM C. HART 8.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	KEITH HART 9.
ERNEST GOWER 5.	PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM J. SMITH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR LEEDER Treble.	JAMES BETTS 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	ERNEST POPPY 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
GEORGE ARCHER 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to Prince Francis of Teck.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5029 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

CHARLES DICKENS Treble.	*REV. E. V. COX 7.
FREDK. DICKENS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS† 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
ALF PADDON SMITH 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
ALBERT WALKER 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†Eightieth peal of Stedman Cinques. *First peal of Stedman Cinques. This peal now rung for the first time, has the 6th nineteen courses home in the tittums; also the same number in the hand-stroke home position, and has only one single, and the first composed on this plan.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
GEORGE C. HART 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt

GEORGE TRUSS* Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 6.
REV. C. J. STURTON* 3.	†ARTHUR J. FARR 7.
JOHN B. HALLIFAX* 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Double Norwich. Composition No. 36 C.C. Collection, Section III., adding 2s at 1 before the first bob at 6 in the last part, and omitting the next round block at 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE COOK* Treble.	*ALBERT GOLDSMITH 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	JOHN WYATT 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
JOHN CRAWFORD 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ruth Hunt, whose father is a respected sidesman at the above church, to Mr. Montague Henry Holliday.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS Treble.	RICHARD BALDRY 5.
REV. R. W. PITT 2.	ALFRED FANNELL 6.
JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 3.	GEORGE POINTS 7.
JOHN WILSON, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal of Major.

DONNINGTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. TEASDALE .. Treble.	JOHN T. STAPLES 4.
JESSE PEARSON 2.	HERBERT WOODS 5.
JOHN H. STAFFORD 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S 12-PART.

EDWARD MARKHAM .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
GEORGE TWITCHEN* 2.	BENJAMIN PAGE 6.
FRED WEST 3.	ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 7.
WILLIAM PHIPPS 4.	FRANK BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

*First peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WALTER SADLER 2.	FRANK CLAYDON 6.
JAMES FLEURY 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWEE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HENRY GEORGE Treble.	JOHN M. BROOK 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	*THOMAS STIMPSON 6.
BART MITCHELL 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
JOHN FLOWER 4.	HAROLD G. JENNEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fifteen 6-scores each called differently; twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and fifteen of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM E. WILES* .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 4.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY.. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3.	JOHN CAMPION HUNT .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. First peal on six bells by all

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in F sharp.
SIDNEY MACRY Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WALTER S. WISE 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The Metropolis.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Andrew's church, 672 Superlative Surprise Major in 27 mins. R. Watson, W. Malins, J. A. Fenton, J. B. Fenton conductor, C. Wheeler, H. White, S. Small, J. Chandler. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and tenor. On Monday, June 13th, 1280 Bob Major in 54 mins. A. Coleman composer and conductor, J. A. Fenton, E. Hughes, W. Malins, H. White, C. Wheeler, S. Small, J. B. Fenton. On Monday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins. A. Coleman, C. Wheeler, S. Small, J. Fenton, W. Taylor, E. Hughes, W. Malins composer and conductor, J. George.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary (R.C.) Clapham, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. H. Taffender conductor, W. H. Taffender, F. J. Hardy, H. Gowlett, F. Attwater, F. Hairs, J. Chapman, R. F. Deal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 1232 Double Norwich. J. Hogg, W. Birtwhistle, J. Lofthouse, H. Birtwhistle, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, J. Wane, J. McKell conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Walters, Miss M. Nightingale, G. James conductor, R. James, P. Aldridge, W. Grace, C. Greenough, S. Aldworth.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, T. Best, J. Marks, J. Mead, S. Smith conductor, H. Sear, W. Sear, V. Sear. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry V. Sear, who attained his first birthday on November 16th. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

SWANBOURNE (Bucks).—On Friday, October 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Mead, A. Howell, L. Meager, H. Welham, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor. First 720 on the bells which have been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Howell, of Ipswich.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Thursday, October 27th, at the

parish church, 720 Bob Minor. P. Webb conductor, F. Hurry, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, J. Webb, A. Lilley. On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, 480 Bob Minor. H. Carder, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, F. Bowtell, J. Webb, A. Lilley.

WENDEN (Essex).—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles. H. Carder, P. Webb conductor, F. Hurry, F. Bowtell, A. Lilley, W. Flitton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Taylor, R. Holder, E. Bish, G. Tomsett conductor, H. Gravett, A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, E. Patching.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornford, G. Thurlow, H. Brookes, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, W. Pateman, F. Smith, L. Perry. Conducted by H. Ranzetta. On Sunday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornford, G. Thurlow, R. F. Deal, A. Turner, G. Charge, W. Pateman, H. Ranzetta, F. Horwood. Composed by R. F. Deal and conducted by H. Ranzetta. First quarter-peal by the tenor-man.

Correspondence.

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

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

DISPUTED AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—The last of the four peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal published by J. Carter in your last issue, is the composition of the late H. Hubbard, and was rung at Ipswich as Cambridge Maximus on August 15th, 1908, with the bobs at H omitted where 3-5 and 5-6 are in 5-6. W. PYE.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to point out to Mr. Dains that if the last three courses of his peal of 5088 Superlative Surprise Major are called as given in the footnote, the first bob at the wrong brings up a course-end absolutely identical with the first course-end in the peal. GEORGE ASTBURY.

Mr. Dexter writes: "In the three peals he (Mr. Willson) mentions, I find that there were not more than three residents in any one peal, whereas in this, the South Wigston peal, there was eight."

PRIZE-RINGING ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

From the *Norwich Chronicle and Norwich Gazette*, Saturday, April 9th, 1814.

PRIZE-RINGING FOR SIX NEW HATS.—A few days ago the new peal of six bells at New Buckenham in this county was opened, and five companies of change-ringers from various towns attended. Three societies unfortunately each lost their 720 change peal of Plain Bob. The Hopton Society performed a 720 peal of Plain Bob, and the Norwich St. Peter's Company finely rang a complete peal in the ingenious, intricate and scientific method of Norwich Court Bob. The censors and umpires summed up all faults (as usual in prize-ringing), and publicly declared the Norwich Company to have won the prize; but the Churchwarden in whose possession the hats were (our correspondent adds), put them on the wrong heads. He gave them to the Hopton people.

The method rung by the Norwich Company was no doubt what we should now call Double Court.—ED.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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The following officers were elected at the meeting on November 15th: Master—Mr. Alfred B. Peck; Treasurer—Mr. Arthur Hughes; Hon. Secretary—Mr. William T. Cockerill; Senior Steward—Mr. James C. F. Bayley; Junior Steward—Mr. Thomas Faulkner; Trustee—Mr. Challis F. Winney.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 12th, a band of ringers met to do honour to two respected members of the Ashton-under-Lyne society—Messrs. Chapman and Barratt. A peal of Treble Bob had been arranged; every one came determined that success should crown their efforts, and after ringing 2 hrs. 58 mins., one of the best peals ever rung was an accomplished fact. After the peal, the band were invited to The Lamb hotel, where every one did justice to the good things provided. After the tables had been cleared, music and songs were the order of the evening, Messrs. Spittle, Rowbottom, and Smith rendering their solos in capital style.

Mr. Wolstencroft, in a few well-

chosen remarks, tendered to Messrs. Chapman and Barratt thanks on behalf of all present for the good things provided, and wished them many happy returns of their respective birthdays.

Mr. Barratt suitably responded. The ringers desire to tender to the Vicar and wardens their best thanks for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

The parish church ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, October 15th, and spent a very pleasant day in London. Unfortunately the Vicar and three or four members were

unable to accompany the party, but eleven left Great Chesterford by the 7.52 train. On arrival in London they proceeded to the Japanese Exhibition, and remained there until 5 o'clock. They then went to St. Olave, Hart Street, where they met an old ringing friend in the person of Mr. W. Doran, who took a rope with them. Shortly afterwards the journey home was made by the mail train, which the officials kindly arranged to stop at Great Chesterford. The ringers wish to thank all friends for their kindness.

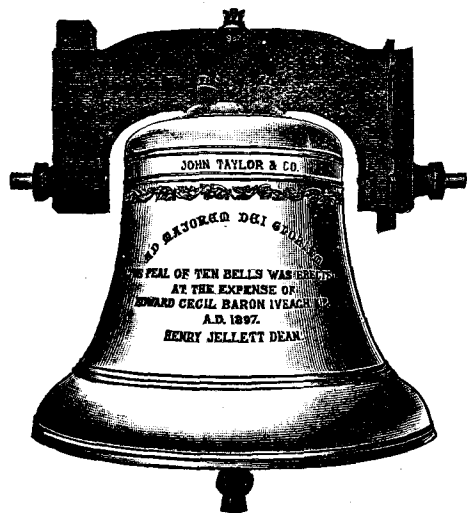
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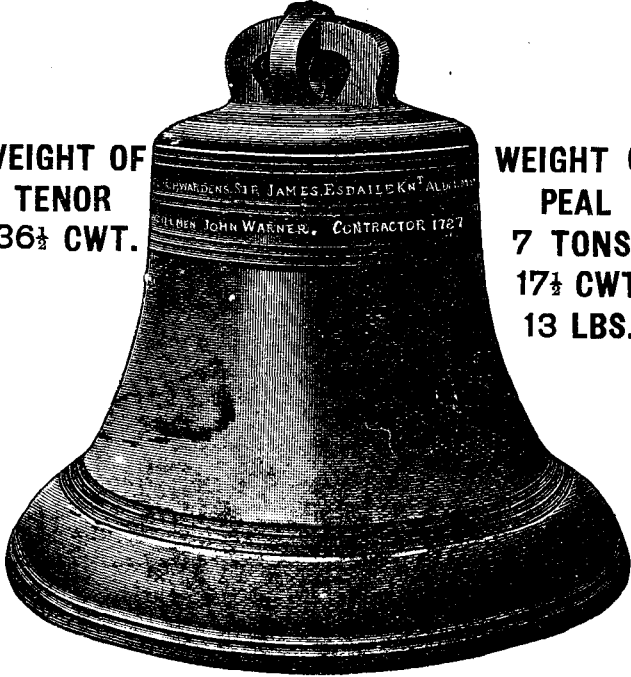
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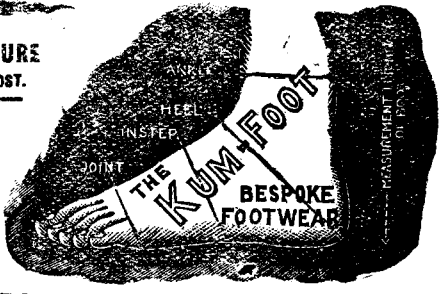
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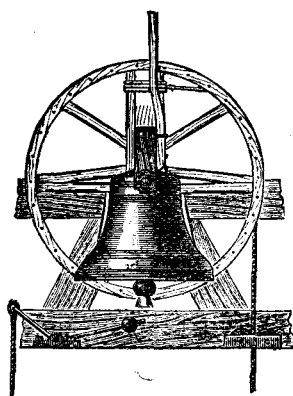
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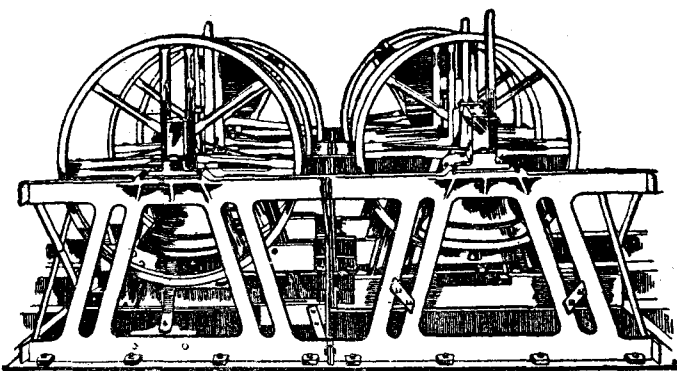
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.—*Continued.*

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in proposing the toast "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said: I do not know what I have done to deserve this great honour of being called upon to propose the toast of the evening—I think we may say so, the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Hitherto, with the delightful musical program, I have always found myself well down the page, and I have had to bolt like the rat is bolting from Suffolk at the present time, before half the programme was over. May I congratulate the Committee on the arrangements they have made in the programme to-night. I have got to go back to my work in Berkshire, and I don't get back much before one o'clock to-morrow morning, and I shall be up again at six, but it will give me the greatest pleasure to-night to hear all the speeches which I have never yet heard in the last five and twenty years. I am always delighted with the music, but I think we come here from the country to hear speeches first and harmony afterwards, and I am pleased to see it takes that order to-night. Now what am I to say about the Ancient Society of College Youths, because we are all getting ancient, that is quiet true, but we are all youths, and I trust we shall long remain so both in body and spirit. I look back over this great Society, and I remember that only a very small portion of it is represented here to-night. We may go to all the continents of the world and find College Youths—we find them anywhere and everywhere. Instead of going out to the Continent, if you had come to about the centre town in England about a month ago you would have found ten College Youths gathered together. They happened to be ten parsons, and they rang an excellent peal of Stedman Caters. We have been wanting to do it for the last five and twenty years. It was six and twenty years ago since the first clerical peal of Stedman Triples was rung, and we were always anxious to ring a peal of Stedman Caters. It never came off until the 25th of last month. It was a very excellent peal. Before we started we had a very little difficulty under what Society we should ring it. We were all University men; five of us happened to be Oxford men, four, I think, Cambridge, and there happened to be a Durham man. We could not ring it as the Oxford and Cambridge University Society, nor could we ring it for any special Guild, like the Devonshire or Oxford Guild, because one or two did not belong to that Guild. The only Society that we all did belong to without electing any member was the Ancient Society of College Youths. That peal I may say was always a great object and ambition of our old friend Mr. Robinson to ring. He had always looked forward to it, and as you know, death took him off in the spring, and his desire was not accomplished. Will you bear with me a few moments while I speak of him, because he was a very old member of this Society, and I have often heard him relate with delight the first peal of Stedman Triples he ever conducted—it was in London, I believe—and he kept on speaking to Mr. William Cooter, who stood at his elbow, "Are they all

right"? "Yes Sir, quite right, quite right, Sir." He was very pleased, and he got it. I have often heard him talk about that one. You know he rang many after that. He set himself out to ring a thousand peals of Stedman Triples, and he rung over 800. I myself have done a good deal of ringing with him, having rung about 153 peals with him of various sorts at different times. I was making out a list the other day for another purpose entirely, and I thought it may interest you, now that I am on my legs, to tell you just a few of the notable peals in which I happened to ring with him. We rang together in the first Oxford University Society peal of Grandsire Triples, also in the first clerical peal of Stedman Triples by that Society also in the first clerical peal of Stedman Triples, also the second peal rang by the University Society, a peal of Stedman, and also the third peal. Then I had the privilege of ringing in his 200th peal, a peal of Superlative Surprise, also in his 300th peal, a peal of Stedman Triples, and a peal of Royal and Maximus in the same day. I rang in his 350th peal and in his 550th peal. I also rung in his 100th peal of Stedman Triples which he had conducted, also the peal which he sat great store by, 5000 of Stedman Triples, non-conducted. Also I rang in the 300th peal of Stedman Triples which he conducted, the first peal at Exeter with the tenor 72½ cwt., also the first peal of Royal in Devon, and I also had the pleasure of being the first to congratulate him when I rang the tenor to his 1000th peal. It was a great day at Drayton. Now, as you know perfectly well, when he got that 1000th peal he set himself to ring a 1000 peals of Stedman Triples. The exact number of his peals was 1253, which is a larger record than any other man has ever rung yet, and a great feat for the clerical element in the Church. I think some of us younger ones, we are getting old now, might try and emulate that feat. As you know he did so much throughout the province of the Oxford Guild, that that Guild determined to do what they could to perpetuate his memory by carrying out the last of a beautiful scheme of improvement in his old parish church of Drayton. The only thing he had left undone of what he had begun years and years ago. With his own hands he carved all the beautiful bench ends of that church; he carved the choir stalls, and the screen, and he intended, if life had been preserved to carve a most beautiful chancel screen for the church. He actually got the faculty for putting it up, and he also got the design, and it was left unfinished owing to his illness. The Diocesan Guild has determined to take up this work, and to place it there as a memorial to him and to his work. Subscriptions are coming in. It was only this morning I received 11s. from a certain belfry and 8s. from another. I hope there are a great many belfries who intend to subscribe. From the Midland Counties alone we expect between £15 and £20. I do not think we could possibly have a fitter memorial. I do hope that all who intend to subscribe will do so without undue delay. I am not here to beg, I simply mention it so that it may not slip your memories. Besides Mr. Robinson, we miss others here, and I think I must mention first of all our good friend Mr. Munday, who did so much for us here in

past years with his glee party, and the brightness and happiness he shed on the whole scene by beautiful music. Although for years past I have been sending to him a collection from my church for the Incorporated Church Building Society every year, I little knew that Mr. Munday was the Secretary of that Society, and when I got a receipt signed by Mr. Munday, I never connected the two together until after his death, and I heard then he was one and the same man. There are others we miss. I think especially of two of my very old friends in London. I mean Mr. Pettit, who I regret to say is very seriously ill. He was a familiar figure here at these dinners, and a thorough gentleman in all his dealings everywhere. Besides him I miss to-night, I think for the first time, our old friend Mr. Matt. Wood. I am pleased to say that I met him in St. Paul's churchyard this morning, and was able to shake him by the hand, and he told me at the age of 84 he was not allowed to come out at night. I think he is very wise. I am told there is another nearly as old—Mr. E. Horrex—he does not look like it. I hope many years will pass before he has to stay at home. Unfortunately for myself I do not get the ringing I should like to get. I have two churches, and I have one bell in each. There are three or four of us bosom friends at Oxford together, all ringers. They are known to you by name. Mr. Willett, he has one bell, Mr. Cockey, he has one bell, and there is Mr. Davies, he has one bell also; four parsons with five bells between them, all ringing parsons, all capable of ringing Stedman Cinques. As my friend Mr. Cockey wrote to me some little time ago, and said what a pity it is we old friends are not within hearing of one another, we might ring a few 6-scores as we used to in the old days. If we do not get ringing we get music in other ways. In my neighbouring parish they have only one bell. Instead of hearing a beautiful peal of bells they had music of another kind last year. A swarm of bees took possession of the belfry, and one of the papers got hold of it, and some poet in London wrote a little poem on the matter, which run like this:—

Have you heard there are bees in our belfry?
A horrible state of affairs;
Their buzzing and droning quite spoils the intoning,
And honey drops all down the stairs.

And then it went on:—

One man has had his coat ruined,
A regrettable thing has occurred;
The curate at prayer got stung in the hair,
And uttered a terrible word."

I have kept you long enough. There is an old saying, you know, I must not mention exactly what it says, but every farmyard has its own cock, and here we have the old cock at the head with his young chicks all around him, and I am very pleased indeed to couple his name—Mr. Cockerill—with the toast. He is the best Secretary I am bold to say that the Society has ever had in the 273 years of its existence. He is able to tell you all about the Society, which I cannot. I know perfectly well, knowing him as I do, that he will not fail in what he says to say it to the glory, the honour and the good of this great and noble and ancient Society (applause).

SWANBOURNE (Bucks.)—On Friday, October 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Mead, A. Bowell, L. Meager, H. Welham, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor. First 720 on the bells which have been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 29th, and was attended by about twenty-five members from Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Seal Chart, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local ringers. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, and at 5 o'clock the members attended a special service. Miss Barnes presided at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. Cope, the local schoolmaster, and the Vicar gave a very impressive address. After the service the Vicar kindly shewed the visitors over the pretty little church, pointing out the various points of interest.

An adjournment was then made to The New inn, where an excellent meat tea was awaiting them, provided by the kindness of Mrs. Cazalet. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Bicknor (churchwarden), and Mr. Cope. The business meeting followed. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the District Secretary explained that he was unable to get a band for the quarterly peal at Hadlow in August, and it was decided to attempt the same on November 12th, the band being selected from the members present. It was also decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Marden on December 17th: method—Grandsire.

There being no other business, the District Secretary proposed that hearty votes of thanks be accorded to the Vicar, Mr. Cope, and Miss Barnes, for the various parts they had taken in the service arranged for the members; to Mrs. Cazalet for her kindness in providing such an excellent tea; to Mr. Bicknor for his attendance; and to Mr. Packham and the rest of the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

All the gentlemen responded, and the Vicar undertook to convey their thanks to the ladies. This was a very pleasant and enjoyable outing.

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Mr. C. Edwards, of Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey, writes:—

"Would you kindly allow me to make it known that it is now proposed to appeal to all soldiers that now are or have been connected with the Aldershot Garrison, for funds to provide two trebles to complete the octave in the parish church. I may perhaps add that the money is already subscribed for the back six, and partly for the extra framework for the two trebles. What we really want to do is to raise about £70 for the extra bells. The idea is to appeal for subscriptions from the soldiers (of all ranks and file), in pennies, and I should be very glad to hear from anyone interested (especially anyone in Aldershot Garrison), who would be willing to help in the matter. I may perhaps further add that the collection cards will be issued in the following form, viz., *Ran* Regiment, *Native* County, and amount subscribed (pennies). These after being handed in will be preserved. There will also be a suitable inscription on the bells. I should be very pleased indeed to give any further particulars."

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"I desire to thank sincerely Mr. W. Willson, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. Prewett and all those who have helped my wife and children while I was in the hospital." Yours gratefully,

W. J. NUDDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5th, the members of the Eynesbury (Hunts) company visited Potton, Beds., where a hearty welcome was given them by the Vicar and the local ringers. On their arrival the belfry of St. Mary's was visited and an attempt was made for a peal, which, however, came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. Tea was provided by the Vicar in the school-room, after which touches of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung with the locals taking part. The Vicar was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness. The thanks of the Eynesbury ringers are due to the Potton ringers for their hearty reception.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Monday evening, November 7th, the ringers of the parish church (by kind permission of the Rector), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late James Plant, of Boldermere, who was laid to rest in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery on the above date. The deceased in his day had been a very able exponent in the Art of change-ringing, having rung a large number of peals in different methods, some of which he himself conducted. He also took part in a record peal of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham some years ago, which took over nine hours to accomplish. Although a member of the Roman Catholic faith his ringing was chiefly done in the Church of England. He enjoyed the acquaintance of a wide circle of ringing friends, and was very much respected by all. T. Matthews, C. Waithman, B. Claydon, G. Roberts, J. Jennings, T. Bloore conductor, B. Leedham, W. Parr.

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HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.

It is over ninety-eight years since the ring of six at the parish church, cast at various dates by the Rudhalls, were augmented to a peal of eight by two trebles being added by Bryant, of Hertford, in the year 1812. It was in that year that Samuel Lawrence and his famous ringing friends rang two peals of Major. The time had now arrived for the members of the Salop Guild to try and ring a third peal. Several visits have been made by other bands, only to be defeated by the long rope draught, warped wheels and rickety frame. Never daunted, friend Weatherby manufactured a rope guide, and he, with Mr. Pitchford, jun., fixed this the previous evening. This was a great improvement, and was the means of a very fine peal being rung, an account of which appeared last week. None of the band knew that this was likely to be our engineer's last peal in England until we arrived at High Erccall. Good luck to him when he is across the pond. Would that all ringers could share his genial disposition. The peal over we replaced the local ropes and adjourned for tea, after which tracks were made for home.

W.S.

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Pye most heartily for drawing my attention to the last of the four peals published in "BELL NEWS" of November 12th. I did not know that Mr. Hubbard ever composed a peal of Cambridge until I saw Mr. Pye's letter, and therefore I am pleased to give up all claim to that peal. I have sent you a large number of others for publication with some very special qualities in them.

JOHN CARTER.

SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Field's letter inserted in your issue of June 25th last, and Mr. F. Blood's reply on July 16th, on behalf of the Durham and Newcastle Association I have to withdraw the claim that method No. 22 in the List of Legitimate Methods, Surprise Minor should be named Hexham Surprise, this method having been named Lancashire Surprise in your issue of June 15th, 1907.

CHAS. TODD.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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CHAILEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins. A. Tinnock, J. Feist, E. Bish, conductor, A. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, J. Parsons.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 28th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., November 26th, at St. Mary's, Islington, N. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. A special general business meeting will take place at 8.15 p.m. to consider, and if necessary revise rule vi. The six-bell tower of St. James, Packington Street, Islington, will also be open for two hours.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer to-day, Sat., November 26th, Bells ready about 3 o'clock.

FRED WILFORD, *Gen. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild - Basingstoke Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke to-day, Sat., November 26th. Bells (8) available from 4. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at the Church Cottage at 6.

Oakley, Basingstoke,

The Winchester Diocesan Guild - Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Sat., November 26th, at Christchurch. Bells available from 4 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m.

G. PRISTON, *Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A special meeting will be held at Rushall near Walsall, to-day, Sat., November 26th, in connection with the unveiling of a peal-tablet. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Short service in church at 4.30. Unveiling ceremony at 5.0. to be performed by the Rev. A. T. S. Talbot, Vicar.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at East Crompton to-day, Sat., November 26th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAMES JACQUES, *Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury to-day, Saturday, November 26th. The tower will be open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Roberts. Business meeting afterwards, which is important.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne, to-day, Sat., November 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.

B. MITCHELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association - Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin to-day, Sat., November 26th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The Angel at 6 o'clock.

E. WHITEHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, December 3rd. Service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Peter Street Church Room at 4.30. Meeting to follow.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. Members 6d., visitors 1s. 6d. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the service, so that it may be a success. Those wishing for tea please let me know not later than November 30th.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association - Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, December 3rd, to dedicate two new trebles.

W. H. SHURUP, *Br. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, December 3rd.

REV. A. T. BERTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4. Annual Committee Meeting at 5. Tea at 6. Service in St. Giles's church at 7. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. James Whitfield 2, Back Brampton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than December 1st.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild - North Bucks. Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stony Stratford, Bucks, on Saturday December 3rd. Service at 3.

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

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The meeting at Sawston is postponed till Saturday, December 3rd.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, December 3rd, instead of Staveley, where the bells are under repair. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will members please note the financial year ends December 31st.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association - Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next

quarterly meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, December 10th. Tea in school at 5.30. Those who attend tea are requested to send their names to the Rev. J. L. Blake, Clay Cross, not later than December 5th.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Meopham (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 5 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added, in memory of the late King Edward VII.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*

Buriton House, Penzance.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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BREDENBURY.—On Monday, November 14th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Watkins, W. Clements, A. Tompkins, L. Longney conductor, S. Clements, C. Jones. Rung on the conductor's birthday. First in the method on the bells, and for all except the conductor.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. A. Fluck, H. Burton, G. Watkins, W. Dean, F. Hairs, H. Mance, R. Charge, C. Charge conductor.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 1260 Grand sire Triples in 43 mins. M. Warnett, C. Wacker, W. Keates, T. Taylor, T. Deal, H. Warnett, jun., conductor, H. Warnett, W. Oxley. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Warnett, and on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

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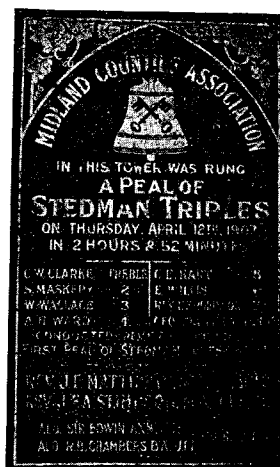
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1910.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held, by kind permission of the Dean, in the Choir School of Rochester Cathedral, on Saturday, November 19th. Among other items of business it was decided to recommend for adoption at the next General Meeting, the following additions to the Rule as to subscriptions:—(1) "Service" members, while serving with the Colours, shall be regarded and pay subscription as non-residential Life Members. (2) No further subscriptions shall be required from Old Age Pensioners, provided they have been members for ten years previous to entering upon a pension. Such members shall be allowed to participate in any benefits accruing to ordinary members.

Mr. J. Willis (Canterbury), was put on the Committee for one year in place of Mr. H. Barton, who has left the county. Messrs. J. Wheadon (Dartford), and W. Haigh (Rochester), were co-opted to serve for three years. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th, 1911. From the Belfry Repairs Fund the sum of £2 2s. was granted towards repairs at Birchington; £2 2s. to Meopham; £3 3s. to Wrotham; and the grant of £2 2s. made to Edenbridge was increased to £5 5s.

ASHINGDON, ESSEX.

A large clock is to be erected on the parish church as a memorial to King Edward the Seventh. The order has been given to Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

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

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLEWORTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt

GEORGE A. RANSOM Treble.	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 5.
FREDERIC G. GODDARD 2.	THOMAS BEADLE 6.
JAMES W. NEW* 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4.	†GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by G. SPENCER.

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

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

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON† Treble.	*WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
JARROLD H. HAYWARD† 2.	ERNEST BRETT 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON 3.	*GEORGE SPENCER 8.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4.	HARRY MANCE 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	†ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	*RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE SEN. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Surprise.

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

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE† Treble.	ERNEST A. REEVE 5.
WILLIAM ESSERY* 2.	SEDLBY J. COLLINS 6.
GEORGE WATKIN 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	GEORGE W. COOMES Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ARTHUR W. HARDY 3.	†WILBY J. HAZELL 8.
FRANK I. HAIRS* 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 5.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Caters.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE RADLEY 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

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

On Sunday, November 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. KNIGHT, 83, PEMBROKE ROAD, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5089 CHANGES.

ERNEST PYE 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8.
HARRY F. DAWKINS 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—C. T. Coles.

The Provinces.**SPELDHURST, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PHILIP CHAPMAN Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
STEPHEN FAITHFUL 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	GEORGE TURLEY 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	CHARLES CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

Rung in honour of the recent silver wedding of the conductor.

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

On Sunday, October 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs. in G.

DAVID COLLINS Treble.	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JAMES CROW 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor.

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

Arranged and rang especially to oblige Mr. G. N. Price, of Watford, Herts., who is having his holiday, and is the guest of Mr. E. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk.

DENTON, MANCHESTER.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Burton, Woodbine, Tanners' Pleasure, Killamsh, Islington, London Scholars', and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
REV. A. T. BRESTON 2.	ALLAN S. GORDON 5.
JOAN W. HARTLEY 3.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOXTOM Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	JAMES THOMPSON 5.
THOMAS HODGSON 2.	THOMAS F. EARNSHAW 6.
EDWARD RICKITT 3.	THOMAS HAIGH 7.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4.	ABRAHAM HAIGH Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6.
ERNEST BISHOP 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4.	WALTER S. WISE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM J. BUTLER* Treble.	*ARTHUR E. MORGAN 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES* 2.	JOHN BUTLER 6.
JOHN W. JONES 3.	*JAMES PIPPIN 7.
CHARLES GREEDY* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the dedication and opening of the church.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. DOWLING Treble.	H. RODMELL 3.
A. NAYLOR 2.	L. RODMELL 4.
J. W. STICKNEY 3.	C. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. West and Harrison, the band wishing them the usual congratulations.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich, Durham, York, London, Bourne, and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	FRED BLOOD 4.
ALBERT E. LARKINSON .. 2.	JAMES OSBORN 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by the above Guild, and by all the band, and in the county.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and and one of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE, JUN.* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
THOMAS J. PHILO† 2.	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. .. 5.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the present clerk and the golden wedding of the late clerk. †First peal with a bob bell. *First peal of Minor, and was elected a member previous to starting.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court and Grandsire; two 720s of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN .. Treble.	DAVID L. COTTON 4.
HENRY S. BREALEY* 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
HERBERT SHARPE 3.	JAMES F. GODFREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

*First peal with a bob bell.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY J. MAYNARD .. Treble.	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5.
THOMAS J. PHILO* 2.	†STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK .. 6.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
FREDERICK A. MACEY† .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Major with a bob bell. H. J. Maynard was elected a member before starting.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

J. SAMPSEL Treble.	A. MACFARLANE 5.
G. ATKINSON 2.	F. JACKSON 6.
J. G. HALL 3.	W. JACKSON 7.
G. WINDSOR 4.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Conducted by J. G. HALL.

Rung as a welcome home to Mr. W. H. Wood and his bride, who afterwards entertained his brother-ringers to refreshments, when he received the hearty congratulations of the band.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHAS. BOWER Treble.	LEONARD TAYLOR 5.
WM. FAWCETT 2.	SAM HILL 6.
BENJAMIN GILL 3.	SAM BOOTH 7.
SAM WOOD 4.	BENJAMIN THORP .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

*First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.
This is the conductor's 100th peal.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

GEORGE TRUSS Treble.	GEORGE LADD 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
REV. E. J. STURTON 3.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 7.
JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ in F.

VICTOR ROWLANDS* .. Treble.	STANLEY J. F. SHELLOCK 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	†E. A. G. ALLEN 6.
THOMAS MANNERING 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
RICKS PAINE 4.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

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

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. Tenor.	WILLIAM PAGE 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD 2.	GORDON W. CHECKETTS .. 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3.	J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

These bells have lately been restored by Mears and Stainbank, three being recast and all of them fitted with new hangings. The tone is now excellent and the "go" good.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
FREDK. S. BAYLEY 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to A. T. King, esq., late Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, who has recently come to reside in the diocese.

CRAYFORD.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HEWETT .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3.	SERGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE SEN. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHELOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO .. Treble.	GEORGE J. MABBS 4.
WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
WM. H. B. WILKINS .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

Rung in honour of the preferment of the Very Rev. F. H. Beaven, a former Vicar of the above church, to the Bishopric of Mashonaland.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
ALBERT J. GREEN 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. A. Valentine. *only given*

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN POTTER Treble.	ALFRED POTTER 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
WILLIAM LEVER 3.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. A. Thompson, of Chesterfield, daughter of the composer, and sister to the conductor.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MORT Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
GEORGE PINCOTT 2.	FRED BANKS 6.
J. E. MARKLAND 3.	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH .. 7.
ROBERT HOLDEN 4.	JAMES ARROWSMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED BANKS.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Handbell Peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOHN THOEPE 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	WILLIAM BURGAR 7-8.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, *Chester.*

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23456	M	B	M	W	H
42356	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at H in the 6th course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

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WENDEN (Essex).—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles. H. Carder, P. Webb conductor, F. Hurry, F. Bowtell, A. Lilley, W. Flitton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Taylor, R. Holder, E. Bish, G. Tomsett conductor, H. Gravett, A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, E. Patching.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Andrew's church, 672 Superlative Surprise Major in 27 mins. R. Watson, W. Malins, J. A. Fenton, J. B. Fenton conductor, C. Wheeler, H. White, S. Small, J. Chandler. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and tenor. On Monday, June 13th, 1280 Bob Major in 54 mins. A. Coleman composer and conductor, J. A. Fenton, E. Hughes, W. Malins, H. White, C. Wheeler, S. Small, J. B. Fenton. On Monday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins. A. Coleman, C. Wheeler, S. Small, J. Fenton, W. Taylor, E. Hughes, W. Malins composer and conductor, J. George.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary (R.C.) Clapham, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. H. Taffender conductor, W. H. Taffender, F. J. Hardy, H. Gowllett, F. Attwater, F. Hairs, J. Chapman, R. F. Deal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 1232 Double Norwich. J. Hogg, W. Birtwhistle, J. Lofthouse, H. Birtwhistle, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, J. Wane, J. McKell conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Walters, Miss M. Nightingale, G. James conductor, R. James, P. Aldridge, W. Grace, C. Greenough, S. Aldworth.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalene; Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornford, G. Thurlow, H. Brookes, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, W. Pateman, F. Smith, L. Perry. Conducted by H. Ranzetta. On Sunday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornford, G. Thurlow, R. F. Deal, A. Turner, G. Charge, W. Pateman, H. Ranzetta, F. Horwood. Composed by R. F. Deal and conducted by H. Ranzetta. First quarter-peal by the tenor-man.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, November 9th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Bloor, G. Page conductor. C. Page, J. Woodward, E. Landon, S. Churton, H. Page, J. Plant.

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recital, given by Mr. Rabley in the afternoon, was much appreciated. Touches were rung during the day by bands of ringers representing thirteen neighbouring parishes. In connection with the above, a meeting was held at the rectory on Monday evening. Those present comprised churchwardens, sidesmen, and ringers, to audit the accounts. It was found that, including a donation from Mr. Cosmo Peake of £37 13s., the price of the new bell, the amount subscribed was £143, which will defray the whole of the expenses and leave a small balance. The Rector congratulated those present upon the success attending their efforts, and commented upon the thoroughness of the work done by Messrs. H. Stokes and Son.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHEFFIELD.

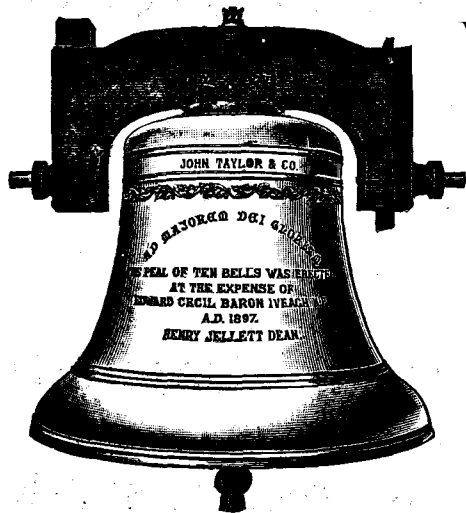
On Saturday, November 19th, the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society met at the above church and rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. It was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Woodhouse, esq., who attained his 94th year on that day, and who was formerly a churchwarden at the above church, and now a very generous supporter of its many needs and requirements, the ringers wishing him God's guidance and keeping for years to come. It was also rung on the 30th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were the gift of the late Sir John Brown, Bart., of Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

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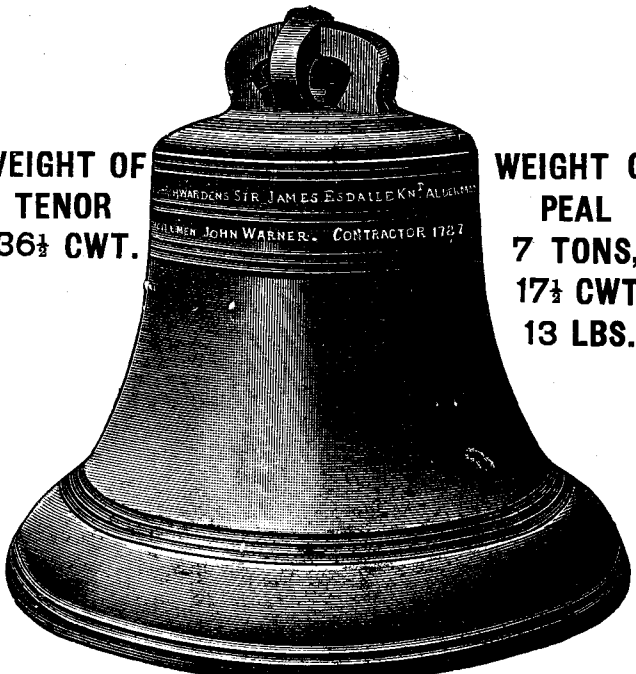
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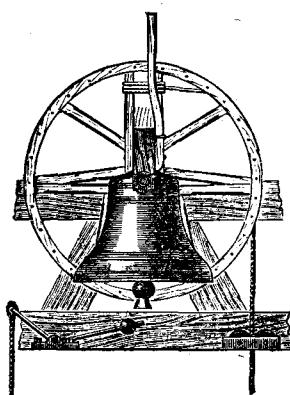
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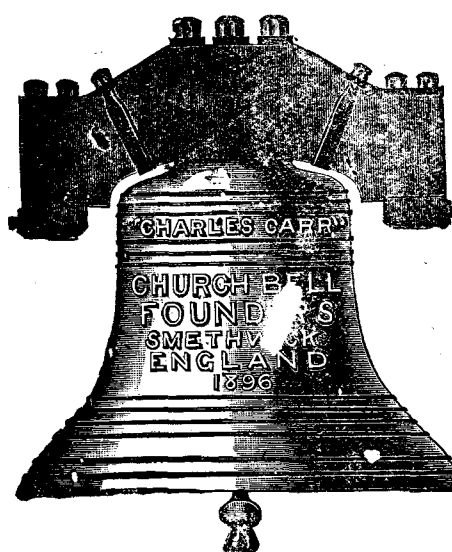
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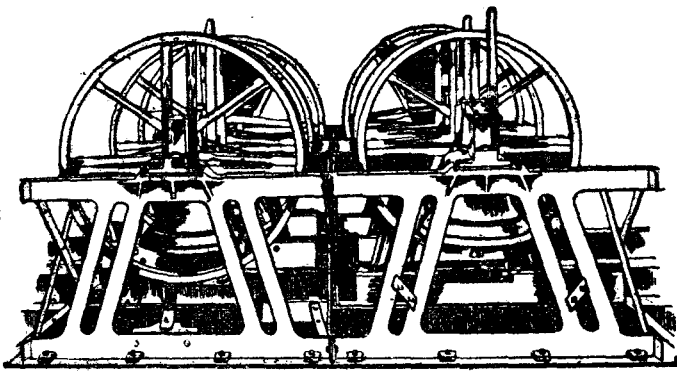
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.—*Continued.*

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, in responding to the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths, said: I thank you very sincerely for the hearty way in which this toast has been welcomed. I do not think we deserve all the happy things that Mr. Coleridge has said about us, but we certainly have tried to do what we can. Within the past few days I have received letters regretting inability to attend to-night's gathering from Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, of Axminster, the Rev. E. Peek, of St. Magnus, Mr. W. J. Daubney, of Kensington, Mr. Albert Walker, the junior steward, who some time ago went to live in Birmingham, and is doing great things with ringers there. I have also just received a telegram, "All good wishes to my brother ringers," Lieutenant Mackinnon, His Majesty's ship "Blake." Mr. W. H. Judd, of Southend, also telegraphs that he cannot get here. As Mr. Coleridge has mentioned we miss several faces to-night. Mr. Pettit, I am sorry to say, has been ill now for several months with a very serious illness. He has filled his post as conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral with dignity and grace. There is an interesting group—Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. M. A. Wood, Mr. W. Cooter, Mr. J. Comb, Mr. W. Banister, Mr. Sam How, and Mr. E. Horrex. These gentlemen are all verging on a very great age indeed, although they still call themselves Youths. Mr. Haworth and Mr. Cooter are certainly too infirm to come to dinner. I tried to prevail on Mr. Wood this morning, but he says he cannot very well turn out. We have with us Mr. Comb, who is a little older than Mr. Wood. He is the senior member present, and then comes Mr. Sam How, he is also present, and Mr. Horrex. Mr. Wood told me this morning that he had a very interesting letter from Mr. William Bannister, a very famous ringer, and a member of this Society before we were born, most of us, and he is now living at Pembroke, and he wrote and said: "Dear Matt, I do not know whether you are living or dead, but I will chance it." He wrote a most interesting letter to Mr. Wood, to which Mr. Wood answered with his beautiful copper-plate style—in fact Mr. Wood is the best writer I have ever seen for 84 years of age. It is very nice to hear of these two old men corresponding. Mr. Bannister is 86, and Mr. Wood is 84. We deeply regret the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and I may say that this Society has taken the opportunity of subscribing to the fund for the erection of the Screen in Drayton church as a memorial of him. If there are any gentlemen who have not already subscribed I might mention that there is a subscription list in the room. Although Mr. Munday's lamented death has been mentioned, and we very much miss his genial face and great help, I may say that some members of the same Society offered their services to come and sing to us to-night. This Society of members of the St. George's Glee Union is still in existence. The consecutive concerts have not been broken, and last night we had the 501st consecutive monthly concert, which

means that there has been a concert every month since the year 1869. He have also lost by death a very promising young ringer in London, Mr. E. J. Webb. Since the last dinner the bells of St. Michael's have been completed, and although a peal has not been scored on them since, yet they are in good going condition. I may say that the greatest difficulty after the ringing, was to contend with the excessive noise. There has been such an accumulation of dust for the last I don't know how many years—60 or 70 years. It proved a most effective deadener to the sound of the bells, and we could hear them beautifully. Now we went the other day to open them, and we did not know they were the same bells, they were so noisy. All the dust had been taken away, a large number of sackfuls, and the floor had been left clear under the bells, with the result that the sound came down terrifically. Mr. Horrex is trying his best to stop it up with all sorts of material. I am pleased to say that Southwark Cathedral has promised to have its bells re-hung, and the order has been given to Mr. Hughes to re-hang the bells as soon as the tower is completed. It is a great pity I think that the authorities do not see their way clear to recast the tenor. The other bells are most excellent. If they had a tenor at Southwark Cathedral of the same quality as the eleventh, it would be a most magnificent peal. I hope that before the next dinner we shall be able to say that we have actually rung at Southwark Cathedral again. In the last twelve months twenty-two members have been made, which includes several in London, and about half in the provinces. The Society has rung fifteen peals. Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 5, Stedman Cinques 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Maximus 1, and London Surprise Major 1. The peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at High Wycombe, which happened to be the first peal on the twelve bells since they were augmented. Being in the diocese of Oxford it was recorded as an Oxford Diocesan Guild peal. The men, however, who were in the band happened to belong to the two Societies, the Oxford Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths. I was going to congratulate Mr. Coleridge on his peal at Warwick, and I am sure we heartily congratulate that band for ringing the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters, which happened to be at the famous church of St. Mary, Warwick, of which one of our own members, Mr. Ted Adams, is the steeplekeeper. We heartily congratulate that band on ringing that peal, and we also wish that before the next dinner they shall be able to say that they have rung a clerical peal of Stedman Cinques. Now this list of fifteen peals may seem very insignificant to some ringers, but I take it that peal-ringing is not the main object of a Society. A great deal more good, I am sure, comes out of district meetings and well-attended practices, and in the last twelve months we have held three district meetings, one at Kensington, one at High Wycombe, and one at Barking. They were all splendidly attended, as the practices have been at the City churches for the last twelve months. Many young men are now becoming proficient in ten and twelve-bell

ringing. I thank you all very sincerely for the hearty manner in which you have honoured the toast."

Mr. E. P. O'Meara, in proposing the toast "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," said: There were many County Associations and Guilds which had done great work for ringing in the past thirty years. The older Societies had helped in the formation of these Guilds, many of which were affiliated with the Ancient Society of College Youths. It gave them very great pleasure, year after year, to find these smaller Societies growing rapidly, both in numbers and in progress of the Art. While some members of the Ancient Society of College Youths were that afternoon ringing in St. Magnus tower, he had stood outside, and had heard an organ player ask a policeman to stop the bells so that the people might hear the beautiful music of his barrel organ. They had ringers among them that evening from all parts of England, and they were delighted to see them. He would especially mention Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, who had kept ringing alive in Sheffield, and that district of Yorkshire, for many years. He would also mention their very old friend Mr. R. A. Daniell, the highly-respected and well-known Cumberland Youth, whom they all delighted to welcome and to honour. He would couple these two gentlemen's names with the toast.

At this juncture a course of London Surprise Major was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, T. Faulkner, and R. Fenn. This performance was much applauded.

(To be continued.)

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western division has this year been doomed to disappointment. After a postponement of several weeks, it came off at last on November 12th, only to meet with additional misfortune. Those tuneless bells of Romford have my anathema. They do not deserve the good ringers who use them.

However, on the above date, about thirty members from Barking, West Ham, Leytonstone, Dagenham, Hornchurch, and Walthamstow, arrived at the church in good mettle, anxious to shake off the gloom and chill of a November day. The bells had hardly been raised when an order came to wait the passing of a funeral. When at last we got to work it was 4 o'clock. Hardly an hour's ringing, another order came to cease the bells. "Somebody's ill," which caused many of us to feel ill as well for the time being. Finishing a course of Superlative, we made our way into the church, where the Vicar delivered an excellent address to the ringers present. At 5.30 tea was served in the Wykeham Hall to thirty members by Mr. King, of Fox and Hounds fame. Several clerical gentlemen were present, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Master and Secretary of the Association, Mr. C. Howard and the Rev. H. Eyre, and the District Master, Mr. S. Hayes.

The business meeting followed tea. After the reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting, the election of officers took place. Upon Messrs. Hayes and Margetson declining re-election, Mr. G. Black (Wanstead), was unanimously appointed Master, and Mr. T. Loosemore (Romford), Secretary. Three new members were also elected. The next place of meeting being discussed, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, was selected. Mr. C. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers; and the Rev. H. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks

to the Vicar for his address and presence in the chair, which was vociferously carried. The Vicar expressed his regret that illness in the neighbourhood had marred our pleasures in the belfry, and kindly offered a room above for a smoking concert. He should always welcome the ringers to Romford, and trusted next time we should not be disappointed. This closed the business.

A vague feeling of disorganisation seemed to weigh heavily upon us at this juncture. Some left the hall to be seen no more that day. Others sauntered carelessly up the stairs to the room the Vicar had appointed us—a cosy old panelled room, formerly belonging to the Cock and Bell. Here the handbells were brought into action, and a touch each of Treble Ten and Bob Royal accomplished. A somewhat antiquated ornament in the shape of a piano graced one corner of the room. "Let's have some music now" said several members, one of them proceeding cautiously to the instrument, to ascertain its condition, only to find it had the spasms and other internal complaints. This discovery had the effect of closing the room, and a general stampede for the Fox and Hounds followed, where we found a brilliant piano at our services. Recitations, songs, and choruses ensued, in which most of the company took part. A course of Stedman Caters was faultlessly accomplished by Messrs. G. Pye, Hardy, Fenn, Faulkner, and Dawkins. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close the few pleasant hours we spent in conviviality, which in some degree compensated and solaced us in the mortifications we had experienced that day at Romford.

G. F. M.

MEOPHAM CHURCH BELLS.

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL.

As announced recently in "THE BELL NEWS," these bells were duly re-opened on Wednesday, November 23rd, and, although a terrific storm of snow and sleet kept many at home that night, there was a good attendance of the parishioners at the church. A special form of service was held, and the Bishop of Rochester was present to dedicate the new memorial bell. The form of dedication used was: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this bell to the glory of God, and in memory of His servant our late Sovereign Lord King Edward VII., in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." Then after further special collects, the opening touch, consisting of three leads of Bob Minor, was rung. The Bishop gave an interesting address in which he described the meaning of church bells. Let the bells, he said, be to them symbols of watchfulness and wakefulness, and then would follow the call to assemble, to take their share in psalm, prayer, and thanksgiving. The bells were also a solemn invitation, and they spoke too of the invisible. High up in the tower and out of sight, they symbolised the heavenly and the unseen. They helped them in quiet times as well as in the crises of life. Did they not ring for the marriage feast as well as toll for the dead? In conclusion the Bishop reminded the ringers that they were as much Church Officers as others who took up work as the members of the choir, and warned them after calling others to assemble, to beware of not heeding the call themselves. Theirs was a solemn and yet a joyous work.

At the close of the service the bells again rang out merrily, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by E. G. Allen, W. Cooke, R. Paice, W. Winsor, W. Hunt, W. Haigh conductor. At the invitation of Mr. R. Arnold,

one of the churchwardens, some twelve or thirteen ringers, including the local band, were afterwards entertained to supper at The George inn.. A very pleasant evening was spent, and after asking Mr. Arnold to accept their thanks for his kind hospitality, and the Vicar (Rev. A. F. C. Owen), for having invited them to undertake the ringing, those who had taken part that evening expressed their pleasure at the satisfactory way in which the work of restoration had been carried out. The tone of the bells had been greatly improved by the quarter-turning and the new clappers. The new treble had added much to their music, and the "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired. In their opinion it was necessary to have a deadening floor erected above the ringing chamber, as at present there was too much noise inside the tower, but this, it was understood, would very soon be provided. They wished the Meopham ringers every success, and it was hoped that, with the aid of the Association, they would develop into skilled change-ringers.

The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the North West District of the Association was held at Saffron Walden on a recent Saturday. Touches were rung upon the bells of the parish church during the afternoon and evening, and at five o'clock a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Steele). This was followed by a meat tea in the parish room, at which the Vicar presided.

The business meeting followed the tea. Mr. G. Bird, of Harlow Common, and Mr. C. Dyke, of Hunsdon, were accepted as full members, and Mr. F. Housden, of Saffron Walden, as a probationary member.

Mr. H. J. Tucker proposed the re-election of Mr. F. Pitstow as Master of the district. He said they all knew the interest which Mr. Pitstow had taken in the Association since he had been the Master, and they could not do better than again elect him to that office.

Mr. E. Pitstow seconded.

Mr. F. Pitstow said he thought it was someone else's turn to have the honour; he considered the appointment should go round.

The meeting however was unanimously in favour of his re-election, and Mr. Pitstow returned thanks.

Mr. E. Pitstow proposed, and Mr. W. Watts seconded, the re-election of Mr. J. F. Penning as district secretary, and this was carried with acclamation.

Mr. F. Pitstow proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the parish room for the meeting, and remarked that whatever the ringers asked for in connection with the bells they were granted as far as possible.

Mr. Howard seconded, and remarked that it was very good of the Vicar to hold a service for them, and to give them such an admirable address.

The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him and the ringers at Saffron Walden great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Saffron Walden for their annual meeting, and they were pleased to see them in such good numbers. There was, however, another event of the year at which they would like to see them, and that was the ringers' anniversary on June 27th.

After some discussion Roydon was selected as the place for the next business meeting in February.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow said their thanks were due to Mr.

Eyre and Mr. Howard for coming amongst them. They were delighted to see them at Saffron Walden.

Both members expressed their pleasure at being present and paid a high compliment to the bells and the ringers.

On the proposal of Mr. E. Pitstow, seconded by Mr. Pitstow, a vote of thanks was passed to the churchwardens at Saffron Walden for the interest they had taken in the bells and the ringers.

Mr. Gilling, in reply, said the repairs which had been effected to the bells this year were very necessary, as the work of ringing them was becoming hard, especially with the tenor bell.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfry, and rang touches in several methods.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the re-hanging, and about £310 7s. 9d. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.

It is over ninety-eight years since the ring of six at the parish church, cast at various dates by the Rudhalls, were augmented to a peal of eight by two trebles being added by Bryant, of Hertford, in the year 1812. It was in that year that Samuel Lawrence and his famous ringing friends rang two peals of Major. The time had now arrived for the members of the Salop Guild to try and ring a third peal. Several visits have been made by other bands, only to be defeated by the long rope draught, warped wheels and ricketty frame. Never daunted, friend Weatherby manufactured a rope guide, and he, with Mr. Pitchford, jun., fixed this the previous evening. This was a great improvement, and was the means of a very fine peal being rung, an account of which appeared last week. None of the band knew that this was likely to be our engineer's last peal in England until we arrived at High Erccall. Good luck to him when he is across the pond. Would that all ringers could share his genial disposition. The peal over we replaced the local ropes and adjourned for tea, after which tracks were made for home.

W.S.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	110	7	2
The Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet)	0	3	6
Mr. H. Hopson (Beccles)	0	10	0
St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild	3	3	0

£114 3 8

Further subscriptions, which are still much needed, may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. C. E. Borrett, 12, Grove Avenue; Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By JOHN CARTER.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
56234	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-		
63425	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
65432	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

This is the first peal ever composed in the method with having a bell at home at the course-end throughout.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
25634	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

This is the first peal ever composed in the method with having a bell at home the extent.

6336.

23456	M	W
54632	-	-
35642	-	-
65243	-	-
42356	-	-

Twice repeated. First three-part peal composed in the method.

5280.

By omitting the last bob in the second part, and then calling m w h and m, completes the peal.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
56234	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has the 6th the extent at home.

5400.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
56234	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

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

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 6th and 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; 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 London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, Master.

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Boy's Drill Hall at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. **H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.**

Church Road, Heston.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet to-day, Sat., December 3rd. Service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Peter Street Church Room at 4.30. Meeting to follow. **E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.**

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow to-day, Sat., December 3rd. Bells at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. Members 6d., visitors rs. 6d. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the service, so that it may be a success. Those wishing for tea please let me know not later than November 30th.

HENRY F. COOPER, Hon. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, to-day, Sat., December 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested. **E. R. MARTIN, Br. Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stony Stratford, Bucks. to day, Sat., December 3rd. Service at 3.

F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cheadle to-day, Sat., December 3rd. **REV. A. T. BRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4. Annual Committee Meeting at 5. Tea at 6. Service in St. Giles's church at 7.

**REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The meeting at Sawston will be held to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. **P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.**

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover to-day, Sat., December 3rd, instead of Staveley, where the bells are under repair. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will members please note the financial year ends December 31st.

T. RILEY, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James's, Poole, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service at 4, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips. Tea at 4.30 in the school, followed by General Meeting. Other tower available—Lythcott Minster, six bells.

C. H. PHILLIPS, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4. **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, December 10th. Tea in school at 5.30. Those who attend tea are requested to send their names to the Rev. J. L. Blake, Clay Cross, not later than December 5th.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, December 10th, to dedicate two new trebles.

W. H. SHUKER, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Trinity Church on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, Br. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Meopham (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 5 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added, in memory of the late King Edward VII.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. **JOHN SYMONS, Master.**

Burton House, Penzance.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3 p.m. (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt.

A. S. MITCHELL, Sec.

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

FOR SALE. Set of 12 handbells. Price £2 5s. D. J. B., 4, Model Cottages, East Sheen.

FOR SALE. Set of 15 handbells. Price £3 10s. C. SAMSON, Central Road, Leiston.

YOUNG MAN (25). desires situation as verger, or steeplekeeper, or both. Earnest churchmen. Change-ringer on 6, 8, and 10 bells. Qualified Instructor.—Address—W. P., care of Editor.

LITERARY PESTS.

People talk about the bells
In a manner that repels,
And look upon a ringer with suspicion;
For we know the daily papers
Treat us like so many Fakirs,
Beating our tatoos with a sort of intuition.

Just for want of something better
They sit down and write a letter
Tell the editor they can't get on with biz;
They are such delightful creatures
You should only see their features
When they're stamping, rearing in a fizz.

Yet the wily little ringer
Is as happy as a singer
In the belfry when he's with his brother-strings;
Cares he nothing for the scribes
With their venom and their gibes,
For there's nothing like the bell on which he dings.

Take no notice of a flea
While it bites below the knee;
Though sometimes he just feels irritated;
'Tis its nature just to latch
Where we sometimes cannot scratch,
Yet some day hopes fleas will be exterminated.

G. F. M.

BOB MAJOR.

By G. F. ALEXANDER, Fylingdales, Yorks.

5024.

23456	W	B	H
52364	-	1	-
35264	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
56324	-	8	-
32564	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-
25436	-	2	-
42536	-	-	-
45236	-	8	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
23546	-	8	-
52346	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
32546	-	8	-

Repeated.

Rang at St. Stepben's, Fylingdales, on Saturday, November 19th, 1910, conducted by the composer.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Friday, November 4th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Crandon, A. Routley, J. Harris, E. Crowder, J. Broad, S. Hawkings, G. Chamberlain conductor, J. Coram. Rung as a compliment to W. Crandon, the captain of the band, on the occasion of his birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 2.	*HARRY MILLER 6.
HARRY E. BALAM 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
FREDK. G. TEGG 4.	JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOEF, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal of Superlative.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER* 2.	YORK GREEN 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	*WILLIAM THOBALD 8.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	HENRY TORBLE Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by H. TORBLE.

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST S. SUFFLING .. Treble.	JACOB MOY 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME 2.	JAMES R. PILCH 6.
WALTER MEDLER* 3.	*WALTER MILLER 7.
JOHN MOY 4.	GEORGE MOY Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by GEORGE MOY.

*First peal.

PRISTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSETHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT† .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 4.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS 2.	THOMAS T. KING 5.
JESSE HALLETT 3.	CHARLES W. BELL Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd First peal on the bells. †Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

AMOS COOPER Treble.	HERBERT HORTON 5.
THOMAS HILL* 2.	ALFRED J. WALLATER 6.
FRANK W. PERRINS* 3.	JOHN MALPASS 7.
EDWARD UNITT 4.	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. WALLATER.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

LANGPORT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR WEBADON .. Treble.	WM. EMBRY 4.
THOMAS J. LLOYD 2.	A. E. COLES 5.
VICTOR G. HEARLE 3.	FREDK. T. HECTOR Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

HOLBETON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. LAPHORN† .. Treble.	*REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 4.
REGINALD DOBSON 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 5.
WALTER H. MARSH 3.	†LIONEL WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal of Minor in Devon, and first by all the band. †First peal. Rung to bid farewell to L. Williams who is shortly leaving for London for the Metropolitan Police Force.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-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, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD SCATTERGOOD .. Treble.	JOSEPH HALL 4.
ALBERT CHURCHILL 2.	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3.	FREDERIC A. TANSLEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs.

W. BISHOP Treble.	J. NEALLEY 4.
T. H. BRAMS 2.	W. S. B. NORTHOVER 5.
F. BUGLER 3.	G. MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. BRAMS.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal by a resident band in West Dorset.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. Treble.	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON 5.
BART MITCHELL 2.	*RICHARD DRAGE 6.
ALBERT COPPOCK 3.	JOSEPH DAVIS 7.
FREDERICK S. PRICE 4.	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of Mr. Davis, who was the recipient of the heartiest good wishes of the band,

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 19 cwt.

ALBERT HILL† Treble.	ARTHUR WIGGINS 5.
JOSEPH WHITE* 2.	FRANK LUSH 6.
WILLIAM J. PAICE 3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 7.
JAMES NORTH 4.	H. WILLIAM BOYLES .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung during the octave of the Dedication Festival of the church.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTR DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. in F.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	BENJAMIN GODDARD 5.
WILLIAM H. BRADLEY 2.	JOSEPH GODDARD 6.
JOHN HARROP 3.	THOMAS BRADDOCK 7.
FRANK HALL 4.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLLS and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

First peal on the new bells. T. Braddock was elected a member before starting.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT G. WILKERSON Treble.	ROBERT WILKERSON 4.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2.	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS 3.	ROBERT G. KING Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. W. Ingram and Miss K. Wilkerson, sister of the ringers of the treble and 4th.

WHITWORTH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD 5.
SAMUEL LORD 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
JAMES AEHWORTH 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
J. R. TAYLOR 4.	JOHN WM. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells, which have only been opened a fortnight.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT F. SCRIVENS .. Treble.	*JAMES HOPKINS 6.
JAMES JONES 2.	JOHN B. COLLETT 7.
WILLIAM H. JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
JOHN CORRIGAN 4.	†FRANK BENNETT 9.
JOHN T. PERRY 5.	ARTHUR GARDNER Tenor.

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

*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble.	THOMAS MACK 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH 6.
RICHARD HAYES 3.	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7.
HENRY MULLARD 4.	MICHAEL BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rang as a birthday compliment to H. Mullard.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR NEWSOME* Treble.	JOHN OVERTON 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
JOHN ELCOCK 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON 7.
ERNEST FOXALL 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

*First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Leonard's Day.

RUMNEY, NEAR CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY DAY* Treble.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4.
WILLIAM B. BISS 2.	DAVID THOMAS 5.
ALLAN ROWLEY* 3.	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

*First peal of Minor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS W. YORK Treble.	HARRY PEET 5.
ALBERT YORK* 2.	WILLIAM PARKER 6.
BENJAMIN YORK* 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7.
ARTHUR J. YORK† 4.	†WILLIAM MUNTON Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

CHIPPING NORTON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY MILES Treble.	*WILLIAM GIBBS 5.
HUBERT E. COOK* 2.	JOHN F. BARLOW 6.
WALTER LARGE 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES 4.	DANIEL G. COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal the Master of the Guild has conducted since his appointment to that position.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	OLAVE BROYD 4.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2.	WALTER NICE 5.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 3.	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First 5040 on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	*JOHN W. RUSSELL 5.
ALBERT E. MITCHELL 2.	GEORGE W. STOKES 6.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major, and was elected a member previous to starting.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES .. Treble.	WILLIAM TASSELL 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6.
FREDERICK J. STAINES .. 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 7.
HENRY J. MAYNARD 4.	WALTER DOBBIE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDK. WHITE 4.
CHARLES J. MANN 2.	GEORGE H. NEVILLE .. 5.
JOHN OWERS 3.	ARTHUR APPLETON .. Tenor.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN TURNER Treble.	JOHN GARDNER 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES MARTIN 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, C. Sharples kindly taking the vacant rope.

LLANDAFF.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETE AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

SIDNEY DAWE Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS 5.
JOHN HARRIS 2.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
DAVID THOMAS 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 4.	*JAMES HOLE Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Tuesday, November 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Plain Bob, College Single, Merchant's Return, Oxford, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RUPERT CALCROFT .. Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	HAROLD S. L. SLATHE .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	CHARLIE WHITTAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WHITTAKER.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE MATTHEWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
HAROLD HUNT 2.	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5.
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. 3.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in five methods.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

B. CUFF Treble.	F. HOLDER 5.
S. RAYNER 2.	J. WARWICK 6.
P. A. COARD 3.	A. CLAYTON 7.
J. WEBB 4.	W. GRAY Tenor.

Conducted by A. CLAYTON.

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

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR T. WINTER .. Treble.	*COUNCILLOR T. H. DENMAN 6.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
CHARLES E. JOYNES .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 8.
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JOHN G. C. HAGGAR .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PRARSON 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	*FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in this method and fiftieth peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS Treble.	RICHARD BALDREY 5.
JOHN WILSON, JUN. 2.	ALFRED FUNNELL 6.
JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 3.	GEORGE POINTS 7.
FREDERICK WHITHAM* .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s of Bob Minor, two of Kent, and three of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt.

JOSEPH TARRANT Treble.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	WILLUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5.
PETER LAFLIN 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY.—On Friday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss M. W. Nightingale, J. S. Napper, G. F. James, T. East, C. Gregory, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Dearlove, R. G. James. Composed by the Rev. G. H. Ridout. And 630 in the same method. Miss M. W. Nightingale, J. S. Napper G. F. James, R. G. James, C. Gregory, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Dearlove, G. Welch.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORPE MALSOR.—On Saturday, July 2nd, a peal of Minor was lost after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford, in 1 hr. 45 mins. E. M. Atkins, R. Turner, W. Lewis, G. Lines, M. Hobbs, F. Sawfoot.

ISHAM.—On Monday, July 4th, a peal of Minor was lost after ringing 360 each of College Single and Double Court, 480 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Double Oxford, and 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 2 hrs. 15 mins. A. Inns, E. Chapman, B. J. Saddington, D. G. Nichols, F. W. Sawfoot, E. M. Atkins conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 3rd, and to celebrate the festival of the dedication of the church.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 504

Stedman Triples. W. Shepherd, Alice White, A. F. Shepherd, G. F. Hansford, J. Ward, J. Burgess, H. White conductor, H. Knight. On handbells 710 Bob Minor. A. F. Shepherd, 1-2; H. White, 3-4: W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6. Also touches of Stedman with Miss Alice White and J. Ward ringing 7-8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS (Cambs).—On Monday, June 27th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Crashlay, J. Granger, R. Knight, P. A. Smith, A. Whitlock A. J. Abrams conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Wednesday, September 14th, at St. John's Horninglow, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 44 mins., being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire. C. Sanders, A. P. Wakley, W. E. Wiles, A. E. Smith, J. T. Dyke conductor, S. Carvell.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, September 26th, at Great St. Mary's, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Dickerson, T. R. Dennis, A. Willey, G. Taylor, P. Taylor, B. D. Buttress, F. E. Kempton, conductor, W. B. Kempton. And 640 Kent Treble Bob. G. Taylor, T. W. Dickerson, B. D. Buttress, W. B. Kempton, P. Taylor, T. R. Dennis, W. C. Hunt, F. E. Kempton conductor. These touches were rung in honour of the visit of the Jubilee Church Congress, and took place just before the Mayor and Vice-chancellor's reception of the visitors.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicester).—On Monday evening, November 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Saunders, H. Percival, G. Walker, P. Hadfield, J. Cadle conductor, Rev. R. P. Farrow, G. Griffin, H. Cornford. Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Powdrill, the vice-captain's mother, on the day of her funeral, his brother ringers wishing to express their sympathy with the vice captain.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Carter, B. Carter, A. Carter, F. Williams, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence. On September 19th, 720 Double Oxford, 720 Woodbine, 360 College Single, and 360 Oxford Bob. B. Carter, A. Woolston, Rev. T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rev. A. G. Langdon, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Coulson, B. Carter, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence. On Tuesday, September 27th, 360 New London Pleasure. J. Coulson, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, A. Woolston. On October 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. N. Patmore, B. Carter, E. Saggars, F. F. Williams, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Woodbine. H. Carter, B. Carter, A. Woolston. A. Phillips F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, October 18th, 360 New London Pleasure. A. Woolston conductor, B. Patmore, F. Williams, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence. Also 720 Double Oxford, non-conducted. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, F. Elliott, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Erith on Saturday, October 29th. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members at 3.30 p.m., and were set in motion soon after this time. Service was held in the church at 5.30 p.m., and an address given by the Rev. —. Armstrong (curate), the Vicar being away from home. The service was very much brightened by the attendance of the organist and choir. A move was then made to the West Street Schools for tea, to which thirty-eight sat down, this being the smallest annual meeting for years, owing no doubt to the unsettled state of the elements. The business meeting followed, the Rev. —. Armstrong pre-

siding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The elections of Mr. J. D. Matthews and Mr. J. Rice were confirmed. Beckenham was selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the last Saturday in January 1911. The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was considered satisfactory, and adopted. Messrs. T. Groombridge and W. J. Jeffries were re-elected District Secretary and Representative respectively, and thanked for their services. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and room, the curate for his address and presiding, and to the organist and choir for their services. This concluded the business.

THE PEAL AT EAST RETFORD.

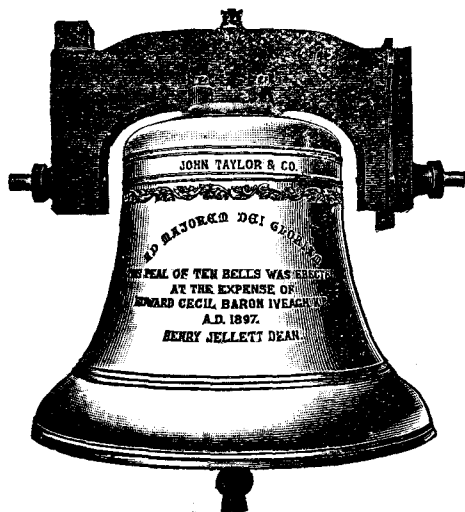
This peal was rung in honour of the election of Councillor T. Hercy Denman as Mayor of the borough of East Retford, and is believed to be the first peal in which a Mayor has taken part on the day of his election. Mr. Denman has been a member of the East Retford Company for the past sixteen years, and takes a keen interest in change-ringing. He is a member of the well-known legal firm of Messrs. Mee and Co., and holds several important public offices, including that of clerk to the County Magistrates. He was for many years the popular Commanding Officer of the Retford Company of Volunteers, retiring a year or two ago with the rank of Major; consequently he has not much time to devote to peal-ringing. He has however rung in eight peals: Grandsire Caters 6; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 1. It would be very interesting to know if any other ringer has had the honour of being made Mayor of his native borough, and taken part in a peal on the day of his election. The East Retford company believe it to be unique in the annals of change-ringing. East Retford tower has a library of 17 bound volumes of "THE BELL NEWS," the gift of Mr. Denman. G. R. W.

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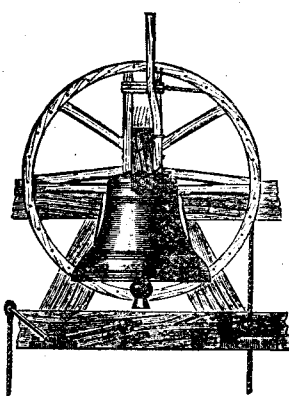
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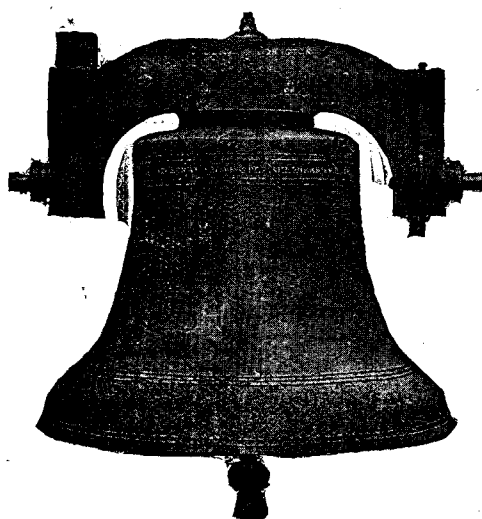
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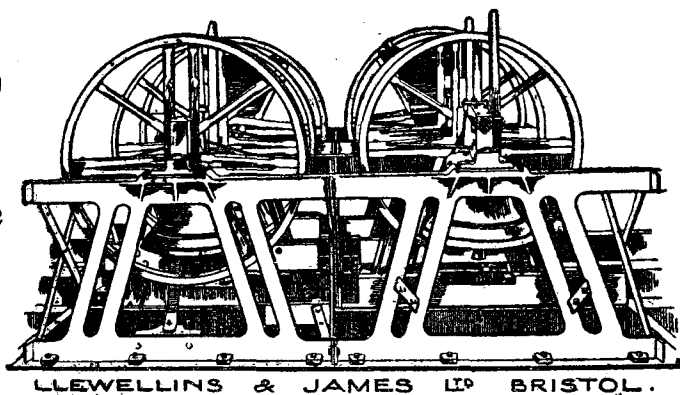
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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above Association held their 33rd annual festival in Newcastle on Saturday, October 29th. Throughout the day the ringers visited the principal churches in the city, and rang merry peals from the belfries. After a committee meeting, at which the routine business was transacted, a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, when an address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the Rev. H. H. Barff, of Wylam, who reminded the ringers not only of the duties, but of the responsibilities of their vocation. There was no music more beautiful, he said, than that given out by the bells. In the large cities the calm sound of the bells pealed over the hurry and bustle, and reminded them there were better things than business and pleasure, whilst to hear the sound of the bells stealing over the fields in the country was even more beautiful. He did not think we were sufficiently grateful for the art and the music in the ringing of the church bells. There were no articulate words in the sound of the bells, but yet that sound had its meaning, which was obviously a call to worship God. As bell-ringers they were stewards of God, and it behoved them to be faithful, not only to call other people to church, but to go to church themselves. He also dwelt upon the message of the bells, the message sometimes of joy, and sometimes of sorrow.

About eighty members afterwards dined together at The County hotel, under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, supported by the Rev. H. H. Barff, Rev. A. B. de Moleynes, and the Rev. D. J. B. Lewis. After the loyal and several complimentary toasts had been honoured, the annual meeting took place.

Mr. Charles Todd (Darlington), Hon. Secretary, presented the 32nd annual report of the Association, in which it was stated that in spite of heavy increases in expenditure, there was a balance of £1 15s. 2d. in hand. The income had been increased by £6 18s. 8d. One of the chief objects of the Association was to bring about an improvement in Sunday bell-ringing, and with this object in view, competitive bell-ringing was held by the two dioceses throughout the year on Ferry's lines, the belfries doing the most satisfactory work, being awarded certificates, to be hung in the belfry. The result of Ferry's lists for last year showed a slight improvement in the Sunday ringing over the previous year. Twenty-one belfries made returns, as against 22 in the previous year. Stranton and St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, dropped out, and Jarrow Christ Church, re-entered the competition after a lapse of two years. The average number of points per belfry had increased from 578 to 606: but this average would be better, and a number of belfries much higher in the list, if there was not such a distinct falling off in their ringing records during the second half of the year. North Shields, with 2,055 points, gained first place in the competition; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was second with 2,029 points; and Benfieldside was third with 1,300 points. There was no tower in the two dioceses that deserved more than North Shields the honour of heading

the list. The scheme had now been in operation for eight years, and during that time North Shields had been second on six occasions, third on one, and they were now at the top. St. Ignatius, Sunderland, had jumped from fourth to second position; and whilst Benfieldside had 1,000 points fewer than in the previous year, they were nevertheless third. St. John's, Darlington, with 600 points fewer, had gone from second to fourth place; Hurworth had risen from eighth to fifth place, with 260 more points; Holy Trinity (Darlington), was again sixth, with a slightly increased score: and Gosforth was down from fifth to sixth place. Many of the other belfries continued to show improvement, but there was not a great variety of methods. On April 17th, Benwell rang a date touch of 1910 changes for service, an accomplishment upon which they deserved congratulation.

The number of peals rung during the year was 41 in nine methods, as against 39 in the previous year. Under the old scale the Association scored 748 points, or an average of 18.21 per peal, as against 18.42, but under the new scale they had scored 761 points, an average of 18.56. The Association stood 14th in the Central Council's list of peals during the year 1909. The forty-one peals were made up of Kent Major 13, Stedman Triples and Surprise Minor 7 each, Stedman Caters 4, 3 each of Oxford Treble and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major 2, and one each of London and Superlative Major. Two of the peals were rung on handbells. Nineteen towers were visited for these peals, which showed that the number of bands taking up peal-ringing was on the increase, and 104 members took part. The Association proved its loyalty to the Throne by ringing seven muffled peals upon the death of the late King. Chester-le-Street, Consett, and Stranton, were to be congratulated upon securing their first peals by local bands.

Regret was expressed in the report at the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a life-member of the Association from 1894, who had rung 17 peals under the Association's name; and at the death of Canon Cope, of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, who was an honorary member from 1900, and although not himself a ringer, was ever ready to assist in the work.

The greater number of individual belfry reports, the report of concluded, showed continued improvement, and the prospect for Sunday and peal-ringing during the current year was very bright. The present, therefore, seemed an opportune time to put forth the efforts necessary to enlarge the scope of the Association's work by bringing into union towers not yet affiliated, and by visiting those bands, who with a little help, would be able to make a good return for Sunday ringing, and help to swell the peal-list.

The President moved the adoption of the report. He referred to the deadlock which had arisen at the Sunderland parish church, and said he had looked upon the ringers in that belfry as amongst the best and most consistent for years, and the ringers' pew at the church had always been well attended. The attempts which had been made to patch up the dispute had failed. It was a

great pity that the dispute had arisen, but these things were bound to happen at times, and they could only wait and hope for a settlement.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Auckland Castle), seconded, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Routledge was re-elected President; and Mr. C. Todd Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. Stuart, Pigg, Baxter, and Keen were elected vice-presidents to represent the East, West, Southern, and North divisions respectively; and Mr. R. W. Falconer (Gosforth), was re-elected hon. auditor.

The President announced that Messrs. Potter, Parker, Field, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson had been elected by the Committee to act with the Assistant Officers as the Sub-committee for the ensuing twelve months; also that the following meetings will be held: Pre-Lent at Jarrow; Whit-Monday at Whitby Bay; and the Summer Meeting on Saturday, July 22nd, at Bamburgh.

It was also announced that a new ring of six bells was in course of being hung at Ebchester, and that the Association has been approached to open them.

Mr. W. Story (Newcastle), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of the Cathedral for the service and the use of the bells; and to the Vicars and wardens of the respective churches for the use of the bells during the day.

Mr. Field briefly outlined the scheme drawn up by the Peal Referees for the re-constitution of Ferry's list, and intimated that the alteration would be embodied in the printed report, and would take effect as from October 1st, 1910.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.—Continued.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in responding, said that he felt it a great honour to respond to the toast of the London and Provincial Societies. He had done it so often that he was somewhat surprised that he should be asked to do it again this year, but every man must do his duty. Of late years he had not been able to attend the meetings of the London Societies as regularly as formerly. However, his health was a great deal better than it had been, and although he did not suppose he would venture for a peal, yet he did not despair altogether of taking his place in touches for Sunday ringing in the future. They were meeting on Guy Fawkes day. The life of Guy Fawkes is one of the most interesting personalities known in English history, and although it was not quite true to say that he was the Patron Saint of the College Youths, yet they might have had a very much worse one. They would certainly not agree with the proceedings of Guy Fawkes and his companions, but when they considered the wars of the 16th century, they could easily understand that he had the very highest possible motives, and considered it his duty to blow everybody to pieces. In those days politics and religion were mixed up to such an extent that they had to be regarded practically as synonymous, but in the present day they were totally different. It was not necessary to blow anybody to pieces in order to shew their love for their principles of religion. To-day they found the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Roman Catholic Archbishop, and the chairman of the Free Churches, meeting together and discussing the ethics, morality, and things of that kind. They ought not to overlook such things when they met together on November 5th, and they should be very thankful for what had taken place through

the centuries that had passed since Guy Fawkes gave his name to this particular day. This particular festival had been regarded as a national thanksgiving. If the plot had been completed they might not have been a nation to-day. College Youths starting fresh about this time, and not having a patron saint, had stuck upon the 5th of November as being a national thanksgiving day as their feasting-day. They had reached a state when it was not necessary for them to be always fighting with one another, about particular religious views, but they all could work together to the best of their ability as citizens of one great country, realising that they must have principles, but need not hold them in such a way as to send everybody else to everlasting damnation. Every one who has had anything to do with the Roman Catholic clergy and their bells, must have been struck by the wide-minded way in which the ringers were always met. He had had the honour of being at Cambridge on the Coronation Day of King Edward VII., and of ringing the bells in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and he had the privilege of making arrangements for some London ringers to ring at Cambridge, and Monseigneur Scott said how glad he was to have the pleasure of putting his bells at the use of the people who were out for holiday. These grand bells were placed there by their friend Mr. Taylor. If any of them happened to walk across St. James's Park in the evening about 6 o'clock, they would hear the beautiful bell in Westminster Cathedral toll. They would realise how things had progressed for the better since the days of Guy Fawkes, and that they and their Roman Catholic brethren were friends and not enemies. He would instance the case of the Duke of Norfolk, who was Earl Marshal of England, and who fought for his country in the South African war. On behalf of the London Ringing Societies he thanked the company for its enthusiastic reception of the toast. He would like to mention that since the last dinner of the Ancient Society, the Rector of St. Clement Danes, the Rev. J. J. Pennington, had died. The old St. James' Society and the present London County Association had never had to deal with a more kind man. Mr. Pennington was a man who conscientiously devoted all that had been given to him to the work of his fellow-men. At his own expense the bells of St. Clement Danes had been rehung, and he was ever full of sympathy with the ringers who rang the bells of his well-known church. Mr. Pennington's successor was his son-in-law, Mr. Bickford. He thought it would not be right to reply for the London Societies without mentioning the great work that Mr. Pennington did in Clare Market, and in the St. Clement's parish, and on behalf of bellringers.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, also replied, and said that the Provincial Societies of change-ringers working in harmony and unity with the various Associations, were a great power for good, and a big strength in upholding the noble science of change-ringing in the country, and they had been the means of lifting the art of change-ringing to a higher level, and also of bringing the science more permanently before the Church authorities so much so that many of the clergy had not become first-class scientific change-ringers. They had a specimen in Mr. Coleridge who was a fine manipulator of the bell-rope. It was his pleasure to ring a long peal of 13,000 Stedman some years ago, and the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge took part in it, and the two clergymen made no mistakes whatever throughout the peal. Mr. Davies understood the fundamental principles of the science. He had had the opportunity of ringing with several clergymen, but

they were not all like Mr. Coleridge and Mr. Davies. He had received a letter from a gentleman very much interested in change-ringing, and the writer said that he was charmed with bell-ringers, and that there was a sort of Freemasonry amongst them; it did not matter whether a man was a Duke or a labourer, they were all the same in the ringing-room. It was a happy day when the late Jasper Snowden first organised the Yorks. Association, and published his various works on bell-ringing, and there is no doubt but that the Exercise had improved ten-fold since then. He appreciated the way in which the toast of the Provincial Societies had been received.

At this juncture Prince Rangweia, of New Zealand, sang a Maori song, composed by his mother, and this was vociferously received by the company present, and as an encore the Prince sang "Annie Laurie."

Mr. A. Hughes proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said that they all appreciated the excellent performances of the Barking men with the handbells. They were pleased with the presence of Prince Rangweia, the St. George's Glee Singers, and Lieut. George Mackinnon, and all the other visitors, of which there were a goodly number.

Lieutenant George Mackinnon, R.N., in responding, said that they had had the pleasure of listening just now to what was called "The London Surprise Major." He was certainly the London Surprised Lieutenant at being called upon to respond to the toast in the presence of other distinguished visitors. He had only rung one bell in his life, and that was a handbell with his father's handbell ringers once when they could not get anybody else. That was 15 years ago, and his father had never asked him to ring again. At Malta there were about 250 churches, and each church had one cracked bell, and not one in tune. They start at 5 o'clock in the morning, and continue until five o'clock at night, ringing all the bells in the hope of driving the devil out of Malta. If they did not succeed in their endeavour they certainly succeeded in driving all the visitors out. He thanked them heartily for their appreciation of the toast.

An excellent programme of music was rendered, in which Prince Rangweia, Messrs. Coxall and Blackmore, and the St. George's Glee Union took part. The accompanists were Messrs. Wright and Pennington.

Auld Lang Syne brought a pleasant and memorable evening to a close.

The Dinner Committee consisted of Messrs. Bayley, Davies, Golding, Hughes (2), O'Meara, Price, Smith, Burden, Fardon, Horrex, Jones, Newton, Prime, Taffender, Cockerill, Garrard, Langdon, Peck, Rowbotham, Winney, and M. A. Wood.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Bolsover on Saturday, December 3rd. The following towers were represented: Sheffield parish church, Ranmoor, North Wingfield, Killamarsh, Worksop, Staveley, and the local company. Touches in the following methods were brought round: London, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, etc. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which the local Secretary replied.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—The Annual District Meeting of this branch was held at Basingstoke on November 19th, when forty-six members attended, representing the towers of Andover, Basingstoke, Bramley, Deane, Heckfield, Oakley, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherfield and Whitchurch, and Messrs. W. and A. F. Shepherd and G. B. Edser, of the Hersham band, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, a visitor from St. Martin's, Birmingham. A service was held in the church, and the tea and business meeting in the church cottage, where the Rev. Dr. Boustead, Vicar of the parish, was re-elected President, Rev. F. G. Hume, secretary and treasurer, and Miss A. White, representative on the central committee. A good report of the financial position of the District was given, and of general progress, and of some recently formed bands that have been under instruction. Ringing was carried on 3 o'clock till nearly 9, and the following touches were brought round: on handbells 287, 305, and 395 Grandsire Caters. H. White, G. B. Edser, W. Shepherd, A. F. Shepherd, Alice White. On tower bells: 195 Grandsire Triples. Rev. F. G. Hume, W. Hunt, Miss A. White, C. F. Hansford, O. Smart, G. Gasson, H. White, W. Shepherd conductor. 50 Grandsire Triples. A. Gasson, F. G. Paice, F. Hansford, O. Smart conductor, W. Hunt, G. Gasson, A. Burgess, W. Pithers. 252 Stedman Triples. Miss E. N. Belcher, Miss A. White, A. F. Shepherd, G. B. Edser, J. H. Shepherd, A. Burgess, W. Shepherd conductor, H. White. 312 Stedman Triples. Miss White, A. F. Shepherd, O. Smart, F. C. Hansford, G. B. Edser, A. Burgess, W. Shepherd conductor, H. White. 504 Stedman Triples. A. Shepherd, Miss White, W. Shepherd, G. B. Edser, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White conductor, W. Hunt.

The Secretary reported that he had received £2 7s. 6d. in contributions from towers in union in the district to the Robinson Memorial Fund. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Overton early in January to audit the accounts for the year, and for combined practice.

THE SONG OF THE BELLS.

Composed in memory of the Snowden Family, of Ilkley, by a fellow townsman.

Hark! I hear the sweet church bells ringing,
Round my heart their rich tones are entwined;
For the beautiful tales they are telling,
Are the same that I heard when a child,
My young heart was then full of gladness,
I was free from all sorrow and pain;
Now their silvery notes leave a sadness,
Yet I long for their music again.

As I stray'd on a far away mountain,
They rang out on the clear Sabbath morn,
Pure and sweet as a heavenly fountain,
As it plays through the sunshine at dawn,
Those beautiful bells are still ringing,
Far and near as I roam through the land,
And the sounds that the echoes are bringing,
Seem to me like an Angelic band.

Hark! I hear those sweet bells still ringing,
There's a joy in their musical chime;
Their memories are still to me clinging,
As they float on the pinions of time,
When Death his grim harvest shall gather,
And we mortals are summoned to reap,
I would ask of our Heavenly Father,
Let those bells lull me gently to sleep.

Shipton, late of Ilkley.

J. T.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicester).—On Monday evening, November 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Saunders, H. Percival, G. Walker, P. Hadfield, J. Cadle conductor, Rev. R. P. Farrow, G. Griffin, H. Cornford. Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Powdrill, the vice-captain's mother, on the day of her funeral, his brother ringers wishing to express their sympathy with the vice captain.

A RINGING TOUR IN NORTH ESSEX.

Friday, October 14th, found Mr. Nevard, of Great Bentley, paying a visit to Stansted, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which was lost after forty-five minutes good ringing. Saturday, at one o'clock, found W. Watts, T. J. Watts, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, H. Little and W. Nevard seated in a pair horse brake speeding their way through country lanes to Rickling church, which stands about one and a half miles out of the village. Here was found a ring of five, tenor about 6 cwt. The bells and tower are in a very dirty condition, but fixing a rope to the treble 120 Grandsire Doubles was unsuccessful through the second stay being knocked off. A move was then made for Clavering. There was found a good ring of five, tenor 9 cwt., in good going order. A 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles was soon tapped off. Then on to Arkesdon, the journey being enlivened with some tunes and changes on the handbells. Arriving at Arkesdon some refreshments were partaken of and a move was made to the tower, which was found in a very dirty state. The chimes being removed the bells were soon going to Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, 240 of each being brought round. These are a light ring of six, and go well, tenor 7 cwt. Once again seated in the brake they were soon journeying on to Elmdon, which was reached by 5 o'clock. Here was found a good ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., which go like tops, and a touch of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob was brought round. Time not allowing for any more ringing Elmdon was soon left behind, and a drive of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles brought them to The Queen's Head hotel, Littlebury, where a splendid meat tea awaited the party, full justice being done, one and all thanking Mr. Nevard for his kindness in providing the tea. A move was next made to the tower, where they were met by several of the local ringers, who had the bells in readiness. A start was made for 720 Cambridge Surprise, but when about half way the 4th rope broke, bringing it to an end. Time not allowing for another attempt, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob and 120 Stedman Doubles concluded a very successful ringing tour. A move was next made to The Queen's Head, where a course of Grandsire Triples and a few tunes on the handbells and a parting glass with the local ringers they were soon on their way home, Mr. Nevard leaving the party at Newport station to catch the last train up to London. The company wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the various clergy for granting them permission to ring; and Mr. Nevard for his kindness. All arrived home at 10.30 very well pleased with the afternoon's outing.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic ringers in the Midlands, sailed from Liverpool on Thursday, November 10th, for Quebec, where he has secured a business appointment, and will also act as instructor in change-ringing in the Cathedral of Quebec. He will be the first instructor from the old country to teach the Art in the Dominion. A farewell meeting of members from the Cheshire and Shropshire Guilds was held at the parish church, Market Drayton, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob was rung. The meeting terminated with many good wishes for the welfare of Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby in their new sphere. On the 7th a meeting was held in the above belfry, when the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Greenwood, on behalf of the local ringers, handed to Mr. Weatherby an illuminated address with gold bell setting forth their appreciation of the efficient and courteous manner in which he had conducted and instructed them for over twenty years, and congratulated him upon his appointment as instructor to the ringers of Quebec Cathedral. The recipient feelingly expressed his thanks. Early the same evening the cycle parade committee at the Town Hall presented him with a dressing case and silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed. The Vicar and past and present churchwardens and sidesmen presented him with a handsome photograph album of local views; the Coalbrookdale ringers with a loving cup of Coalport china; the Norton-in-Hales ringers with a cigarette case, and Mrs. Weatherby was the recipient of a case of scissors from the members of the "King's Messengers," the juvenile working party of the above parish. On Wednesday, a

final quarter-peal of Grandsire was rung by the parish church ringers, conducted by Mr. Weatherby. At the close Mr. Weatherby received the personal hearty God-speed from each one present, expressed in the good old English fashion of a grip of the hand.

Obituary.

THOMAS PRICE.

In his cottage home beneath the shadow of St. Mary's church, Shrewsbury, came to a peaceful end on Sunday morning, November 20th, the long and useful life of Mr. Thomas Price, the veteran clerk and sexton of St. Mary's. Mr. Price was born when George IV. was on the throne, and had, therefore, lived under five monarchs. He had attained the age of 88 years, and for no less than 63 years had held the office of sexton of St. Mary's, in addition to which he had been parish clerk for about a quarter of a century. By the death of Mr. Price England loses one of her oldest change-ringers, having took part in several peals of Grandsire Triples in his younger days. His last peal was at St. Mary's in 1864; it was also the last peal rung on St. Mary's bells, no other peal having been rung there since. The ringing of what has been known as "the curfew" at nine o'clock every night was one of the old-time customs which Mr. Price preserved. Until he was compelled to take to his bed some twelve months ago every night he ascended the long winding staircase to the belfry and tolled the tenor bell as it was tolled centuries ago, to help in guiding people in the darkness through the marshes round the town to a place of safety. Mr. Price also made a practice of personally ringing the pancake bell every Shrove Tuesday. Mr. Price had long been known by the pet name of "the Dean," and he was in the habit of telling a good story of how this ecclesiastical title was conferred upon him. Many years ago Mr. Price accompanied St. Mary's choir to Chester. They attended the Cathedral for service, and the members of the choir filed into various seats. Mistaking Mr. Price for a clergyman, the ringer beckoned to him from the chancel steps, and Mr. Price was shown into one of the stalls! From that moment he was known to his friends at St. Mary's as the Dean. Mr. Price had served under five Vicars at St. Mary's, and among the curates with whom he was associated was the present Bishop of London, Dr. Winnington Ingram, who, speaking at Shrewsbury a few years ago, alluded to the venerable sexton as his old friend "Tommy Price." It is interesting to recall that when St. Mary's spire (which stands 222 feet high) fell during a heavy gale, shortly after 9 o'clock on the night of Sunday, February 11th, 1894, Mr. Price had barely left the church twenty minutes before the roof was demolished, and he subsequently gave a thankoffering for his providential escape.

G. J. T.

THE WILLESDEN TRAIN DISASTER.

Mr. Bertram Prewett writes:—"In the accounts of the Willesden train disaster the name of Stavert appears amongst the injured. This is not the well-known ringer Robert E. Stavert, but his brother. Unfortunately Mr. Stavert succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday afternoon, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to his brother and mother in their sad bereavement."

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; 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 the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, Master.
43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Boy's Drill Hall at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. **H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.**
Church Road, Heston.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Sat., December 10th. Bells ready at 4. **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clay Cross to-day, Sat., December 10th. Tea in school at 5.30. **T. ALLIBONE, Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich to-day, Sat., December 10th, to dedicate two new trebles.

W. H. SHUKER, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Trinity Church to-day, Sat., December 10th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. **G. PINCOTT, Br. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Meopham (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 5 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added, in memory of the late King Edward VII.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Trinitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells at liberty from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. The new reports may be had at this meeting. **JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3 p.m. (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt. **A. S. MITCHELL, Sec.**
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. **JOHN SYMONS, Master.**
Buriton House, Penzance.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PRISTON (reported last week).—W. J. Prescott's 50 Peals.—Grand-sire Doubles 3, conducted 3; Triples 23 conducted 9; one silent; Stedman Triples 7 conducted 2; Caters 3; Bob Minor 5 conducted 2; Major 9 conducted 6; including a 6184. Total 50; conducted 22.

THE PEAL AT EASTON NESTON.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been recast and rebung in a new steel frame by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the "go" and tone of the bells being excellent. It was also Mr. J. Clarke's first peal, who is the founder of the Association. It was also rang in commemoration of his 70th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. The ringers also offer to him their best thanks for entertaining them after the peal.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. C. Carew Cox has removed to The Parsonage, Shottery, Stratford-on-Avon.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By WM. HYDE INGLESANT.

5088.

23456	M	5ths	&	4ths	W
52456					-
*45362	-	x		x	-
63254	-				-
56234	-				-
*25346	-	x		x	-
42356	-				-
*34562	-	x		x	-
65243	-				-
46253	-				-
*24536	-	x		x	-
32546	-				-
*53462	-	x		x	-
64235	-				-
36245	-				-
*23456	-	x		x	-

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5000.

234567890	W	B	M	H
642357089	-	I	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
32645	-	-	8	-
63245	-	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	8	-

Twice repeated, omitting bob B, and calling tenor out six times in last course of peal. This peal is in the tittums, and the call H is made at the course-end, and not when the dodge is home.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By FREDERICK DENCH, College Youth.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

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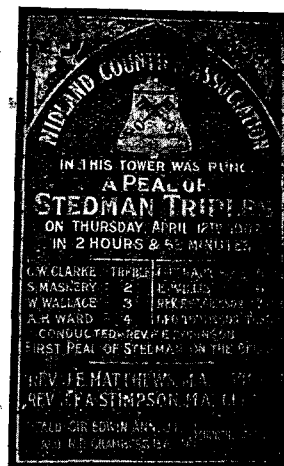
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A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—Just a line to let you know how we are getting on in this part of the world, and the progress we are making in ringing. Unfortunately we have only one ring of bells, and I am sorry to say we do not always get enough ringers to man the ropes. We have had the makings of a good band of change-ringers several times, but as is common in a young country they drift away just as we are in hopes of being able to ring a peal. However, notwithstanding the drawbacks we have had, we are making steady progress. We have rung several touches of Grandsire Minor, but have not yet managed the 720. We hope to ring 5040 Grandsire Triples early in the coming year. We have a good deal to put up with; the people of Auckland do not like the bells, and until lately the newspapers were full of complaints about them, and one pictorial even went so far as to honour us with a half page caricature, while one man was going to apply for an injunction to have them stopped altogether; another was going to buy a bell and erect it on his hall near the church and have it rung every Sunday during Divine Service, but that did not come off. We are greatly indebted to Mr. White, of Wimbledon, for his assistance to the ringers. He is a tower of strength, in fact I do not know what we should do without him. We have also had a good deal of tuition from a ringer from Australia, and I must say have greatly benefitted thereby. We have a very able leader in Mr. F. Colegrove; and the ringers themselves are as jovial a set of fellows as you would meet anywhere, and, if any of your readers are coming out this way we should be most happy to see them and welcome them to the tower. On September 29th the ringers held their annual smoke night. It was a huge success, some capital songs, recitations, handbell selections and instrumental items being rendered in a very creditable manner, notably a flute

solo by our leader, Mr. F. Colegrove. We get "THE BELL NEWS" regularly, and are rather envious of the many peals that are rung in the Old Country, while we have not got one yet. However, nil desperandum.

JNO. HEATHER.

The Provinces.

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On Friday, November 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
WILLIAM WELLING 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER* 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCKS Treble.	E. B. CROWDER 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 7.
EDGAR E. BURGESS 4.	WILLIAM CRANDON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN* Treble.	*ARTHUR PEBBUTT 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 6.
FRED H. DEXTER 3.	*FRED STANFORTH 7.
GEORGE CLEAL 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight by the addition of two new trebles.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	THOMAS W. GORE 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	FRED R. KETTLEBORO 8.
FRANK JACOBS 4.	*EDWARD C. GOBEY 9.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

*First peal of Royal.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT JENNISON Treble.	*ARTHUR E. WEST 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	JOHN MCKELL 6.
HERBERT GREEN 3.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
GEORGE HALSWORTH 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal in the method.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Sandal Delight, Royston Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, College Exercise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

ERNEST MCWILLIAM Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

CHARLES THOMAS Treble.	JAMES R. NEWMAN 5.
THOMAS WILLIAMS 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY 3.	†CHARLES WROBLEY 7.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

†First peal on eight bells.

WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FREDE. J. HANCOCK Treble.	JOHN A. CALLAND 5.
RICHARD DAGNALL 2.	REGINALD A. CARTWRIGHT 6.
HERBERT ASHTON 3.	*GEORGE SANT 7.
ROBERT LEATHER 4.	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

Rung on the occasion of the consecration of St. Mary's new church, Widnes. For composition see C.C. Collection. Section II. No. 27.
*First peal of Major.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JUDD Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 5.
WILLIAM DUDLEY† 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
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GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BUCKLEY.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN 5
THOMAS JACKSON 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
HERBERT BRADLEY 3.	JOSEPH BENTLEY 7.
ELI GARSIDE 4.	ARTHUR LAWTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Warnham Court, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob.

T. ADAMS Treble.	G. LUCAS 4.
J. BOWELLS 2.	H. TURRELL 5.
R. BOWELL 3.	WM. DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WM. DENMAN.

BIDDENHAM.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER W. WEST Treble.	PEARL INSKIP 4.
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HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 7.
BENJAMIN GILL 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Chapman and Barratt.
*First peal as conductor under the auspices of the Ashton-under-Lyne society.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720s of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FRED CHALK 4.
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On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. S. PRICE Treble.	JOHN CHARLES DIOREN .. 5.
ALBERT COPPOCK 2.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 6.
ARTHUR LOWE 3.	EDWARD J. BOOT 7.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD 3.	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor.

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First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor, and also on the bells. It is 95 years since a local band rang a peal of Oxford in the Nottingham district.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW 5.
GEORGE LEWIS* 2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 3.	DAVID BREARLEY 7.
JAMES EVINSON* 4.	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged to oblige Messrs. Lewis and Evinson.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	ERNEST GOWER 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR GOWER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	GEORGE H. HOWSE Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HIGHER WALTON, NEAR PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MATTHEW LIVESY* Treble.	JAMES ECCLES 4.
JAMES CLARKE* 2.	*WILLIAM KING 5.
CHARLES CLARKE* 3.	FRED HARWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by M. LIVESY.

*First peal.

WIDFORD, ESSE.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED TARBUN Treble.	*PERCY LETCH 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	GEORGE WATERMAN 6.
HENRY F. COOPER 3.	HARRY RICHELL 7.
FREDK. G. RADLEY 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. Arranged for P.C. G. Waterman, of Southend.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS J. PHILO Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.
GEORGE J. MABBS 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob.

JAMES SLARKE Treble.	JOSEPH E. H. READ .. 4.
FRED WILFORD 2.	JOSEPH READ 5.
ALBERT J. GREEN 3.	FRED HOPPER Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOPPER.

Reference elsewhere.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WALTER YEEND 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM 6.
JESSE PEACHE 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	REUBEN HEMMING .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY M. LOXTON.

This peal cannot be booked to an Association, owing to a misunderstanding.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEWIS WIGHTMAN Treble.	THOMAS FITZJOHN 5.
FREDERICK W. WILKINS* 2.	FRANK CLAYDON 6.
HORACE H. COOPER 3.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

*First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2.	PETER LAFLIN 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM GROOM 4.	JAMES C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

DAVID BARNES* Treble.	† REGINALD BROUGH .. 5.
RICHARD MORGAN 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM FLETCHER† .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
JOHN WHEADON 4.	† WILLIAM SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasures, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.

CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. 4.
GEORGE ABLITT† .. 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK .. 5.
DAVID LEGGETT .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

†First peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods.

LLANELLY BRECONSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN JAMES† Treble.	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM .. 4.
GEORGE JONES 2.	ALAC RACKHAM .. 5.
JOHN H. RACKHAM* .. 3.	EDWARD PRITCHARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALAC RACKHAM.

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

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	GORDON CHECRETS .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 3.	* HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 7.
CHARLES F. WHITE .. 4.	ALBERT THOMASON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman. This was the quarterly peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	RICHARD MACKMAN .. 5.
JOHN T. BROWN 2.	* WILLIAM BENNETT, SEN. 6.
FREDK. BENNETT* .. 3.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.	† JAMES LOCKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

OLD WINDSOR.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

SYDNEY BOORE Treble.	ARTHUR BLAKE 5.
DR. EUSTACE HARWOOD .. 2.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. 6.
THOMAS W. GOSLING .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by DR. EUSTACE, HARWOOD.

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REDDISH, STOCKPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 2.	ALBERT HOUGH .. 6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON .. 7.
JOHN W. HARTLEY* .. 4.	HERBERT DEANSFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal of Major.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN HOLDER* Treble.	DAVID HORNE 4.
FRED SMITH 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
CHARLES HORNE 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

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THORPE MALSOR.—On Saturday, July 2nd, a peal of Minor was lost after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford, in 1 hr. 45 mins. E. M. Atkins, R. Turner, W. Lewis, G. Lines, M. Hobbs, F. Sawfoot.

ISHAM.—On Monday, July 4th, a peal of Minor was lost after ringing 360 each of College Single and Double Court, 480 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Double Oxford, and 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 2 hrs. 15 mins. A. Inns, E. Chapman, B. J. Saddington, D. G. Nichols, F. W. Sawfoot, E. M. Atkins conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 3rd, and to celebrate the festival of the dedication of the church.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Ring out, ye bells,
At evensong;
Ring out, quaint bells,
Sound soft and long.

Ring out, dear bells,
Old folks do say—
The bells do charm
All harm away.
Ring out, clear bells,

So sweet and long;
Ring out your call
To evensong.

At Christmastide
The bells do tell
How Christ came down
On earth to dwell;
Ring out, glad bells,
And tell the earth
The wonders of
The Saviour's birth.

Chime in New Year
With notes of peace
And sounds of joy
Which ne'er will cease.
Ring, silver bells,
So soft and clear,
Till golden bells
We all shall hear.
Ring out, dear bells,
From year to year.

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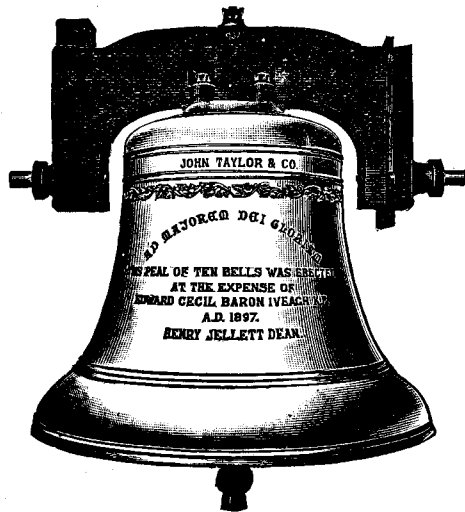
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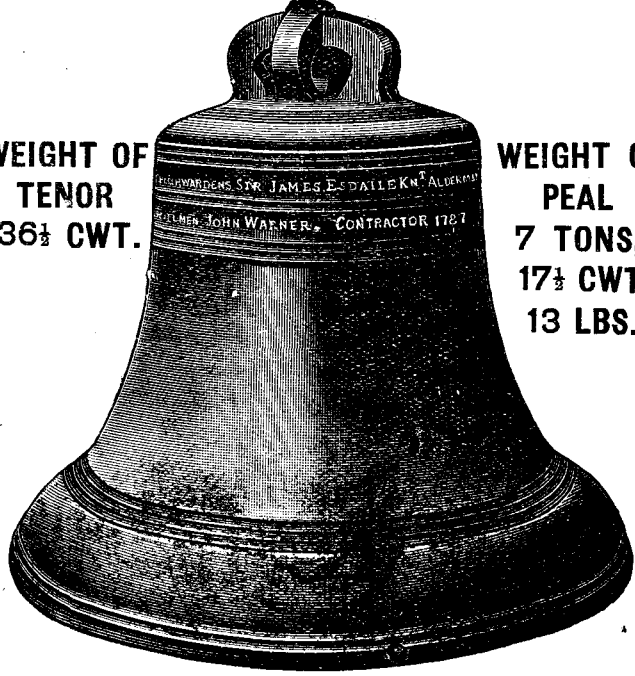
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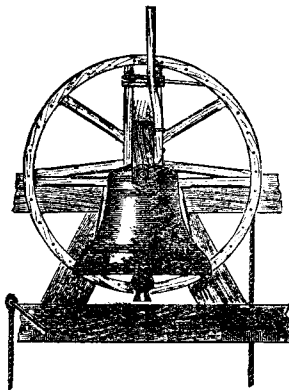
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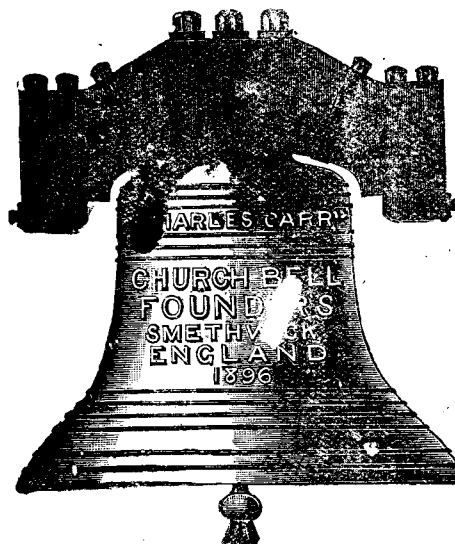
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24th, the Annual Meeting was held at Burnley, and was fairly represented by members from nearly all parts of the county. The weather conditions could not have been much better, as it was beautifully fine. The first item of the day's proceedings was the service in Holy Trinity church, which was well attended by the members present. The clergy included the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley, Rev. B. Winfield, Rev. H. J. Elsee, etc. The preacher was the Vicar of Holy Trinity, who took his text from the first book of Corinthians, 14th chapter, 8th verse. He said:—

What the trumpet was in St. Paul's day the church bells are in our own time. He, the preacher, wished first of all to give a hearty welcome to the Lancashire Association, and hoped their meeting would be both instructive and entertaining. There were two things in our christian life which appealed to him more than anything else. The first was a great procession of scholars with their sacred pictured banners moving slowly but triumphantly round our streets: and the second was the sudden ringing out from some steeple of the church bells. The procession appeals to our eyes, and the bells to our ears. What perhaps interests one most in listening to the bells is that you cannot see either the bells or the ringers, and this leaves your thoughts rivetted with the sound. The bells occupy a foremost place in the expression of our national joys and sorrows, and from the big bell at St. Paul's to the smaller bells of our village churches, they each speak out our national and parochial notes of gladness, and especially do they tell the people of Christ's message of peace and goodwill. My claim for you as ringers is that you are the markers of our history. It is your privilege to sound the notes of gladness and sympathy to the people. Not only is history of a parish intertwined with the history of its church, but neighbouring parishes seem connected, and able to speak and listen to each other with the weighty notes of their church bells. He need not ask them to value and respect their peals of bells, but he wanted their sympathy and respect for the churches with but a single bell, as these did their work as well as was possible and spoke out God's Message though in but a single note. He was sufficiently conversant with ringing to know that it required great powers of concentration to ring bells properly. They must not be afraid of drudgery either, and yet they also required a touch so delicate as would bring the bell exactly in its proper place. In a sentence they had to know that two and two made four every time, no more, no less: and he believed there was more philosophy in this than was generally thought. He would urge them to always see that they had learners coming on to take their place. This would require self-sacrifice, but it was their duty, and it would give them the satisfaction of knowing they left qualified successors when they had to rest from their labours and they knew the bells no more.

Immediately following the service, tea was ready in the school close by, when about 100 sat down to satisfy the

inner man. The tea was most substantial and well served by Mr. Holt, everyone being well satisfied. Before the members rose the President announced that the Rev. B. Winfield desired to say a few words, as he could not stay to the meeting afterwards. In his remarks the rev. gentleman said it was a great pleasure to him to be at this meeting, as it contrasted very much with the first meeting he attended of the Association. It would not be known possibly to anyone in that room that he was the first clergyman to join that Association, which he did at its first meeting in 1876. At that time ringers were not looked upon with much respect, but he had found they were in a totally different position to-day. From the annual report, for instance, he saw the names of Bishops, Archdeacons, Canons, a host of ministers and laymen, which shewed at once they were more thought of and looked after than what they used to be. In point of numbers also, when he first joined the Association there were only about 30 members, and now there were over 1100. Although not a ringer himself, and having only one bell at his church in Burnley, he was rather at a disadvantage, but at the same time he was quite willing to do anything which would help the Association in any way.

The remarks of the rev. gentleman were well received, and he was thanked most heartily, as it came as a great surprise to those present to know he was one of the remaining few who first started the Association.

The business meeting was next held, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, being in the chair, supported by the two Secretaries, the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley, and several members of the Committee. Letters of apology were read from the Bishop of Burnley and the Rev. F. G. Harris; also telegrams were received from the treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson, and Mr. S. Brierley. The ringing secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks, read the committee's report, which stated that during the past year six honorary life members, four honorary members, seventy-two performing members and two non-resident members had been elected, and that ninety names have been crossed out, leaving the total membership at 1261, as against 1265 in the previous year. In regard to funds the receipts were £47 1s. 4d., and expenditure £50 11s. 9d., thus making a loss for the year of £3 10s. 5d. This is however explained through the hospitality accorded the Central Council at its meeting in Manchester on Whit-Tuesday. During the past year the ring of six bells at Tyldesley has had two trebles added, and the whole placed in a new frame, and two new rings of eight bells, one at Whittle-le-Wood, near Chorley, and the other at Whitworth, near Rochdale, and the six bells at Prestwich are increased to eight. The most interesting event during the year has been the meeting of the Central Council in Manchester. Unhappily the proceedings were overshadowed by the universal mourning for the death of our late honoured King, Edward VII., and the social side of the gathering had to be greatly curtailed. But it was a pleasure to us to be able to entertain many distinguished ringers as members of the Council to tea after the meeting, and we have to express our gratitude to the Feoffees of Chetham's Hospital for allowing the use

of their ancient hall for this purpose. In the number of peals rung, the past year equals 1905-6, namely, 85, which includes Grandsire Triples 26, Caters 2, Cinques 2, Stedman Triples 9, Caters 1, Bob Major 3, Superlative Surprise 3, Kent Major 22, Maximus 2, Oxford Major 1. Peals in Minor methods 5, in 7 methods 4, and Treble Bob Minor 2. We are pleased to see that our members shewed their respects to our late King in such a fitting manner, and while we deeply regret the nation's loss we feel sure no expression of sympathy exceeded the solemnity of our muffled peals, as no less than fourteen of the above number were rung as a last tribute to our dead Sovereign. Three muffled peals were also rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was one of our most distinguished non-resident members. The balance-sheet and committee's report having been duly proposed and seconded, they were unanimously carried without comment. The retiring officers were the President, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer, and as there was no other nominations, the members evidently being satisfied with their past services, the same three gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

The following addition to rule vi. viz., "all nominations for General Officers to be in the hands of the General Secretary at least four weeks before the Annual Meeting," was duly proposed, and seconded, and carried.

The chairman in his remarks, referred to the death of the late King, and also to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, especially to the memorial to the latter, and it was proposed and seconded that all subscriptions be forwarded to the General Secretary on or before the first Saturday in December.

The next annual meeting will be held at Blackpool.

Votes of thanks to the authorities of the parish church, Holy Trinity church, and St. Leonard, Padiham, for the use of the bells were passed; also the Vicar of Holy Trinity and wardens and ringers for the arrangements for tea, and the ladies who kindly helped at the tea, and also the chairman for conducting the meeting.

The ringers then dispersed in bands to the various towers and indulged in various methods until it was time to return to their various places of destination, and thus ended one of the many successful meetings which the members of the Lancashire Association usually have.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Guildford was visited on a recent Wednesday by a large number of change-ringers, who came from the various towers in the neighbourhood, in connection with the annual meeting of the Guildford district. A service was first held in St. Mary's church. A special form of service was used, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, who took for his text, "This poor woman cast in more than them all."

An adjournment was then made to The Star inn, where a substantial cold repast was served. The Mayor presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. J. J. Jones (Hon. Secretary), Mr. C. Willshire, and Mr. F. Dawe. After the tables had been cleared, the business meeting was proceeded with. The towers represented were Cobham, Chiddingfold, Ewhurst, Haslemere, Woking, Clandon, Shalford, Godalming, Holy Trinity, and St. Nicholas, Guildford, and Farnham.

Mr. Jones read letters of apology for non-attendance, amongst them being communications from the Bishop of

Guildford, and Sir Chadwyck Healey, each of whom enclosed subscriptions.

Mr. A. H. Pulling (Ringing-Master), reported that 26 peals had been rung during the year, five of which were by a mixed band.

Mr. Edwards (Aldershot), stated that the money required for the back six bells in the parish church had been subscribed, and the work would be well in hand before Christmas.

After a resolution had been carried, deciding to continue the combined practices, the first to take place on December 10th, Mr. Jones raised the question of the memorial to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, late Rector of Drayton.

Mr. Coleridge gave a personal appreciation of Mr. Robinson's work, and explained that it was suggested that bellringers all over the country should subscribe, however little, in order to complete the work of carving a screen in Drayton church, which had been commenced by Mr. Robinson himself.

Several amounts were handed in to Mr. Jones, Cobham band leading with 2s. 6d., and then followed in quick succession Woking 5s., Ewhurst 2s., Shalford 2s. 6d., Chiddingfold 10s., St. Nicolas 7s. 6d., Haslemere 3s., Mr. F. E. Dawe 5s., and the Secretary 5s., and it is hoped that more is yet to come.

The Secretary, in his annual report, stated that the past year had been one of steady progress. There had been practices at Woking, Farnham, Haslemere, and Guildford, but the attendances had been very small. They had 230 ordinary members, and there were 26 towers in union. The district now embraced all the towers which had six bells and more, with the exception of Crondall, Ash, and Womersley. At present they had a balance in hand of £15.

Mr. C. Willshire proposed the adoption of the report, Mr. Whittington seconding, and it was unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Mr. C. Willshire; Secretary—Mr. J. J. Jones; Representative to the Central Committee—Messrs. Whittington and Hunt; Auditor—Mr. W. H. Tunnell; Chaplain—Rev. W. W. S. Fleet. Next year's meetings were arranged to take place as follows: February—Shere; April (special) Blackmoor; May—Ewhurst; and August—Witley.

It was decided that a combined practice should be held in January at Woking, and that the annual meeting should again take place at Guildford in November.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Jones, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a musical programme arranged by Mr. C. Willshire, was sustained by Messrs. Mack, Fellowes, Marshall, Willshire, and F. Bennett. Some well-rendered handbell ringing was also contributed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Mr. F. E. Dawe narrated several highly diverting incidents.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, December 10th, saw the completion of the octave of Prestwich bells by the addition of two new trebles, the back six being by Rudhall, five in 1721, and the treble some 30 years later. One was recast about 20 years ago by J. Taylor, which same firm has just added the new bells in their well-known masterly style. The dedication service was fixed for 2.30, previous to which the local company rang the old six. The service was conducted by the Rector, and the lessons were read by the Rev. A. Mackintosh, one of the local ringers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the President of the Association. After prayers in the belfry the locals rang the full eight in rounds, while the clergy walked back to the chancel. After the service 704 Kent Treble Bob was rung by Messrs. Gratrix, Smith, Brown, Rev. H. J. Elsee, Shuker, J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Davies, and Chapman. Then a short touch of Stedman, after which a move was made to the Church Institute, where a meat tea was provided by the authorities, to which 40 sat down, including ringers from Bolton, Didsbury, Manchester Town Hall, Hyde, Pendleton, Rusholme, Reddish, Whitefield, and far away Birmingham, Huddersfield, and Loughborough.

Tea over, Mr. Elsee rose to return thanks for the tea, and congratulated the Prestwich people on the completion of the octave, and also the promising young band of ringers with the curate at their head, they all being members of the C.E.M.S. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Ryder, and carried unanimously.

After being responded to by Mr. R. Bent on behalf of the ringers, the ordinary routine business was gone through, when ten of the local band were admitted to membership, and a lady ringer from Reddish. An adjournment was then made to the tower, when the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, when all went home satisfied that the splice could not be beaten, and looking forward to some more happy meetings in the near future.

PUCKINGTON, NEAR ILMINSTER.

On Thursday, December 8th, the dedication of a new treble took place. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Stirling, and there were a number of neighbouring clergy present. The congregation was very small owing to the inclement weather prevailing. The Ilminster company was invited to the opening, and after the service rang two 720s of Bob Minor, besides a number of 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. In the first 720 the ringers stood as follows: V. Crabb, F. Baker, G. Sibley, C. Gabe, D. G. Taylor, W. Coombes. This was the first 720 Bob Minor by V. Crabb and C. Gabe. In the second one the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 changed places. Both were conducted by D. J. Taylor, and called differently. After the first 720 the ringers adjourned to the rectory and sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the Rector.

The bells are hung in an oak frame, the work being done by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, Devon. The treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank, the go of the bells is all that can be desired, and Messrs. Stokes are to be congratulated. It is hoped that the new band of ringers will join the Association with a firm determination to master the Art. The evening service was better attended, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Preb. Street, R.D., of Ilminster.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the church of St. Lawrence, Frodsham, on Saturday October 1st, 720 each of Stepney Bob, Frodsham Bob, Stedman's Slow Course Bob, St. Lawrence Bob, and Reverse Hereward Bob. W. Bibby, Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis conductor, H. W. Wilde. Rung after paper practice only

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NORTON (Staffs).—On Saturday, September 10th, at the parish church, a date touch in 1 hr. 11 mins. in the following Treble Bob Minor methods: 240 each of Killamarsh Surprise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine and Violet, 360 of Oxford and 110 of Kent. J. E. Wheeldon, I. Moreton, J. Cottrell, E. Tugwell, H. Carnwell conductor, W. Carter.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-SEA.—On November 9th, at Emmanuel church, 1008 Bob Major. Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, J. Appleton, R. Mossam, R. Laughton, Barker, J. H. Blakiston, C. Watsou, E. Milburn.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On November 13th, at the parish church, 384 Superlative Surprise. W. J. Titchener, C. Laverick, F. Laverick, J. H. Jones, J. W. Passman, J. Wedgewood, J. H. Blakiston, T. Lancaster. Also 899 Bob Major. C. Pollard, C. Laverick, W. Rudd, J. W. Passman, T. Lancaster, S. Smith, J. H. Blakiston, J. H. Jones.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Thursday, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. G. Ransom conductor, W. Lidbetter first quarter-peal in the method, W. N. New, T. Cutforth, J. H. B. Hesse, W. Lawrence, A. Harding, G. Spencer.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. H. Chandler, P. Jones, H. Waite, J. J. Pratt, H. Gosden, E. Hancox, A. R. Macdonald conductor, T. Bristow.

HADLEY.—On October 4th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Godfrey, H. Burlingham, W. Childs, C. Tricker conductor, W. Soer, J. Sumpter.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD.—On Wednesday, September 28th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 240 Woodbine, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 Oxford, 120 Oxford Bob, 108 Plain Bob. B. Saddington, F. Lewin, J. Lewin, M. Norton, B. J. Saddington, J. Saddington conductor.

CRANFORD.—On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice 720 Violet Treble Bob. B. Saddington, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, H. Meadows, G. Lines conductor. This is the first 720 of Violet by all the band and on the bells, and is the first in the district for a number of years.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—Recently, at St. Andrew's church, 672 Superlative Surprise Major, in 27 mins. R. Watson, W. Malins, J. A. Fenton, J. B. Fenton conductor, C. W. Wheeler, H. O. White, S. C. Small, J. W. Chandler. A quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 54 mins. A. L. Coleman conductor, J. A. Fenton, E. Hughes, W. Malins, H. O. White, C. W. Wheeler, S. C. Small, J. B. Fenton.

FILLONGLEY.—On Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary and All Saints church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Argyle, jun., T. Dickens, J. Stone, T. Chapman, J. Smallwood conductor, A. Roberts.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, September 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 416 London Surprise. W. Prior, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, G. H. Barker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 448 Cambridge

Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, W. Watts, Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Saturday, October, 29th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Jackson, of Stansted House, to Major Albert Maitland Tabor of Boringdon Hall, Braintree, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. E. Finch, F. Webb, sen., G. Hayden, W. Jeffrey, W. Judge, J. Franklin, J. H. R. Freehorn, T. Payne. Conducted by H. G. Judge from a seat in the belfry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERSCOMBE.—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 44 mins. J. G. Hamilton, W. Hoyle, J. Sully, G. Stacey, H. Stevens, H. Moore conductor.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, September 28th, at Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. H. Perry, G. Tudball, E. Stevens, T. Lapham, J. Duckett, C. Isaacs, F. Allen, D. A. Allen. Rung as a farewell to C. Isaacs who is leaving for Canada.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. H. Wood, S. Binfield, F. Jordan, H. Petts, A. Kedwell, R. Maynard, jun., conductor, W. Seeley, R. Knight.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, December 4th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Webb, E. R. McDonald, C. Dell, G. Spence conductor, A. Harding, H. Stevens, F. Skevington, W. Brooks.

MICHELSDEVER.—On Saturday, September 10th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Russell, W. Edwards, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. H. George, W. Tucker conductor, H. White. Another 720 with J. Elkins on the 2nd, the rest rs before. Also 288 and 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Elkins, W. Edwards, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. H. George, W. T. Tinker conductor, H. White. And four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles.

Correspondence.

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

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

TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—There are two eight-bell companies in or close to Truro, who are naturally anxious to make acquaintance with the fine Cathedral bells—the only ring of ten in the county. But I see in successive numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" that the Chapter are to allow them the use of the bells on one Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m., a quarter of an hour! A farce surely. The bells were all special gifts, costing the Chapter not a penny, and they practically refused any facilities for hanging a great hour bell of some 5½ tons. It would seem as if the Truro Chapter were afraid of wearing out their bells! for at present they are only used once a week for ten minutes' ringing before Sunday evening service.

"OLD RINGER."

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Worcestershire Association will attempt 9728 Superlative Surprise Major at St. Leonard's, Clent, on Boxing Day, starting about 12 noon.

R. MATTHEWS.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; 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 the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43 Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Boy's Drill Hall at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Meopham (6 bells) to-day, Sat., December 17th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 5 p.m. These bells have recently been rehanging, and a new treble added, in memory of the late King Edward VII.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Trinitarian Church, Todmorden, to-day, Sat., December 17th. Bells at liberty from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. The new reports may be had at this meeting.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Monday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Cathedral bells (8) available; also the bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10), and Whitchurch (6), will be available all day.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1911. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that all subscriptions, annual or otherwise, are payable at this meeting.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on January 7th, 1911.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3 p.m. (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
Buriton House, Penzance.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CORNHILL.—E. Barnett, *senr's* 400 Peals.—Minor in four methods 1; Grandsire Triples 72, conducted 30; Stedman Triples 59, conducted 14; Union Triples 14, conducted 7; Darlaston Triples 3, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 2; Plain Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Court Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 17, conducted 8; Canterbury Major (including a 10,080) 17, conducted 12; Kent Major 55, conducted 27; Oxford Major 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major (including a 13,440) 68, conducted 25 "Real" Double Norwich Major 3, conducted 1; Double Oxford Major 4, conducted 4; Superlative Major 17; Cambridge Major 9; New Cumberland Major 1; London Major 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman Caters 14, conducted 1; Kent Royal 11, conducted 1; Oxford Royal 1; Forward Royal 1; Double Norwich Royal 1; Stedman Cinques 15; Kent Maximus 2. Total—400; conducted 137.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Richard F. Deal is now 44, Wiesbaden Road, Stoke Newington, London.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	-	2	2
35426			2	2
53624	2			2
26354			2	2
42503	2		1	2
23564	1			2
25634	1	-	2	2
32546	2		2	2
26543	1			2
62345	-	1		2
43265			2	2
34562	-		2	2
35642	1	-	2	2
23456	2		1	2

This peal (in fourteen courses), has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6, with eleven of the possible twelve 8-6s. Rung at Pendleton on Monday, December 5th, 1910, conducted by Harry Chapman.

FOR SALE. Set of 12 handbells. Price £2 5s. D. J. B., 4, Model Cottage, East Sheen.

FOR SALE. Set of 15 handbells. Price—£3 10s. C. SAMSON, Central Road, Leiston.

WANTED. Set of eight handbells. Write particulars to W. TATE, 59 St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

By JOHN CARTER.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
65432	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has the 5th the extent at home.

5400.

23456	M	W
54632	-	-

This course, fourteen times repeated with adding a bob at home in 5th, 10th, and 15th courses.

5040

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has the 6th the extent at home.

5400.

23456	M	W	H
65432	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

5400.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

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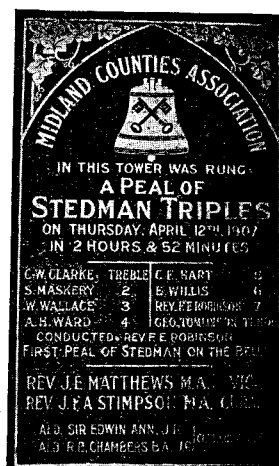
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1910.

ST. MARY'S, ROTHERHITHE.

The ring of eight at the above church has lately been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame with new fittings throughout by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. On October 20th they were dedicated at a special service by the Rev. Dr. Leeke, Bishop of Woolwich. During and after the service, at which a large number of people were present, members of the London County Association rang short touches of Stedman Triples. Satisfaction was expressed by all at the go and tone of the bells, the work having been carried out in a most excellent manner, but the weak structure of the tower causes an extraordinary oscillation. On November 17th eight members of the Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples, being the first peal on the bells for twelve years, and was rung at the first attempt, a report of which appears elsewhere. At the completion of the peal the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. V. Durell, went up into the tower and congratulated the ringers, expressing his pleasure at the peal being accomplished.

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The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Thursday, November 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

HENRY J. GOWLETT Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 5.
FREDK. J. HARDY 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
WILLIAM BERRY 4.	EDWARD J. SAMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.*On Thursday, November 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	FREDK. J. HARDY 5.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM TRUSS 7.
HENRY T. GOWLETT 4.	*GEORGE J. HARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Emily Wilson, a member of the church.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD Treble.	JAMES R. MACKMAN 6.
FRANK M. BUTLER 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 7.
HENRY G. MILES 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
ALBERT V. SELBY 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9.
RICHARD F. DEAL 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.*On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLEWORTH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAUBNEY .. Treble.	ALBERT V. SELBY 5.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD* .. 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 6.
JARROLD HAYWARD 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
JAMES R. MACKMAN 4.	GEORGE B. EDGER Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES.**
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES C. ADAMS 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 2.	WILLIAM J. KEMP 7.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3.	HENRY RUMENS 8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4.	FRED C. MAYNARD 9.
CHARLES T. COLES 5.	ALFRED CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.

W. E. Pitman, for whom the above peal was arranged, hails from Lyminge, Kent.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.**

EDWIN HOBREX Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
FREDK. J. HARDY 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Emanuel Hall.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.****Tenor 41 cwt.**

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	†ALBERT W. COLES 9.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 10.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
CHARLES T. COLES 6.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

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

†First peal on twelve bells. This is E. Barnett, senr's, 400th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

The Provinces.**TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Primrose, College Treble, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet. **Tenor 12 cwt.**

C. SALLOWAY Treble.	REV. R. P. FARROW 4.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
GEORGE LAMBERT 3.	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

PUDSEY, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, November 2, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND .. Treble.	TOM LATIMER 5.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 2.	REV. R. P. FARROW .. 6.
SAM WARD 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
ERNEST MANN 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,***A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER 5.
WALTER WALLACE* .. 2.	*HENRY LETTS 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	*HENRY GEORGE 7.
HARRY WAKLEY 4.	*JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells, and in the town, and is now rung for the first time.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST POPPY Treble.	FREDK. BRUNNING.. .. 5.
GEORGE MURTAN 2.	HARRY MOSS 5.
WILLIAM ROSE 3.	FREDK. DAY 7.
ALPHAUS BERRY 4.	THOMAS TURNER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHAW Treble.	*TOM WILDE 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	ALBERT HOUGH 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3.	BENJAMIN THORPE 7.
ALFRED BARNES.. .. 4.	†JOSHUA HOWCROFT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, and Conducted by B. THORPE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Treble.	HOBART E. SMITH 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	WILLIAM FLORY 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	FREDK. WATLING 7.
HERBERT P. BONNEY .. 4.	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The conductor has now called this composition from every bell including the tenor.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER* .. Treble.	GORDON CHECKRITS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	*ROBERT W. MCCANN 6.
ARTHUR BADLEY† 3.	*HERBERT T. KNOWLES 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	*ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HARRY BURDOCK Treble.	MAURICE SMITHE 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.	CHARLES HAZLEDEN 6.
HENRY HUTTON 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH.. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first peal of Bristol Surprise ever rung by the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and in Surrey, and is also the first peal in the method by all. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. L. Garfath, on the birth of a son and heir.

FYLLINGDALES, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WELBURN Treble.	RICHARD DUCK 5.
FRANK NEWTON* 2.	JOHN W. WILKINSON 6.
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 3.	†WILLIAM HARLAND 7.
JOHN G. HALL 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THORPE Treble.	ALBERT E. GLEDSTONE .. 5.
JOHN W. SMITHSON 2.	THOMAS CHOWN 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	FRANK WILLEY 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	GEORGE LEWIS Tenor.

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

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN S. DANIELS 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

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On Saturday, November 19 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble.	JAMES ARMSTRONG 5.
DANIEL SANDESSON 2.	ROBERT SANDERSON 6.
JOHN BAILEY 3.	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE.. 7.
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG* .. 4.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE, and Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

*First peal in any method away from the treble.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD HOLDER Treble.	ALFRED TOMSETT 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	GEORGE TOMSETT 6.
HERBERT TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 7.
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Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH READ, SEN.* Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
ALBERT J. GREEN 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPRINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of St. Giles,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, College Pleasure, Killamarsh, and Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BEMROSE Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
HARRY GRAVES.. .. 2.	WILLIAM HV. TURTON .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	JOHN FLINT.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE* Treble.	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 3.
DAVID B. OVBETON 2.	ALBERT C. DARNELL .. 4.
JOSEPH LORD Tenor.	

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

BLETSOE, BEDS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

A. CHAPMAN Treble.	C. W. CLARKE 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON 2.	J. B. MARTIN 5.
WM. V. NEWMAN 3.	A. H. MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Martin. The ringers were entertained to tea at the conclusion of the peal by the Rector, the Rev. R. H. Moss.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE 5.
WILLIAM WHITE 2.	CHARLES E. READ 6.
TOPHAM COTFORTH* .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
JOHN HOWES 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman. W. White was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being one 720 of Woodbine and two 720s each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING* .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Treble.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY, DEVONSHIRE.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Mary and George,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD PEEL Treble.	WALTER J. STONE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	THOMAS STEVENS 5.
ALFRED W. BOWERS .. 3.	WILLIAM R. PARNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Nicholas,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
WILLIAM EDWARDS .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. Geo. Williams, wife of the conductor, and J. George, youngest son of the ringer of the 6th.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION*On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
REV. C. C. MARSHALL .. 2.	JOHN MCKELL 6.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY 3.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
JOHN LAWSON 4.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Tenor.

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

Rung by Yorkshire Association officers, with thanks to Mr. Pearson for his hospitality, and arranging the peal.

BURSTOW, SURREY.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,**At the Church of St. Bartholomew,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK M. BUTLER .. Treble.	*FRANK SADLER 4.
THOMAS W. BOND* .. 2.	*ALBERT HARMAN 5.
JOHN SHERLOCK* .. 3.	*FREDERICK CARMEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK M. BUTLER.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and first peal of Stedman on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By F. DENCH.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By the same Author.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-

M W H

35264	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5040.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5040.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-
54262	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5040.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

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For some time past the bell fittings and frame in this church tower have been in a rather critical condition, and on October 20th they were carefully examined by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild. His opinion was that though the frame might be temporarily strengthened, it would not be possible to render it safe for any length of time, and that it would be rather throwing money away to attempt this, and he suggested that it would be for better to endeavour to secure an entirely new frame. At the same time it would be a great improvement if two new bells could be added to the present ring of six. It is estimated that a new steel frame with the extra bells, including all incidental

expenses, would not exceed £250. No more suitable memorial for the Coronation of His Majesty King George, could we think be suggested, and we can only hope that it may be possible to raise sufficient funds thus to inaugurate that occasion in the parish of Hurst. Subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received by the Hon. Secretary, J. White, Hurst, near Twyford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1st, a very interesting occurrence took place in the belfry of Selby Abbey church, in the form of a presentation to Mr. A. Cryer, who has been a ringer at the Abbey for 25 years, on his leaving to

go to Detroit, U.S.A. He was presented with a shaving cabinet, and a copy of "Rope Sight" by the ringers, and a silver-mounted pipe by the Rev. T. H. Jackson.

After a few touching remarks by the rev. gentleman, Mr. J. Kendall, one of the churchwardens, and Mr. Duck, 882 Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Morley, Morgan, Cryer (3), Jackson, Fairlam, and Strudwick. A full course of firing as a token of respect, best wishes, and prosperity to Mr. Arthur Cryer, terminated the proceedings.

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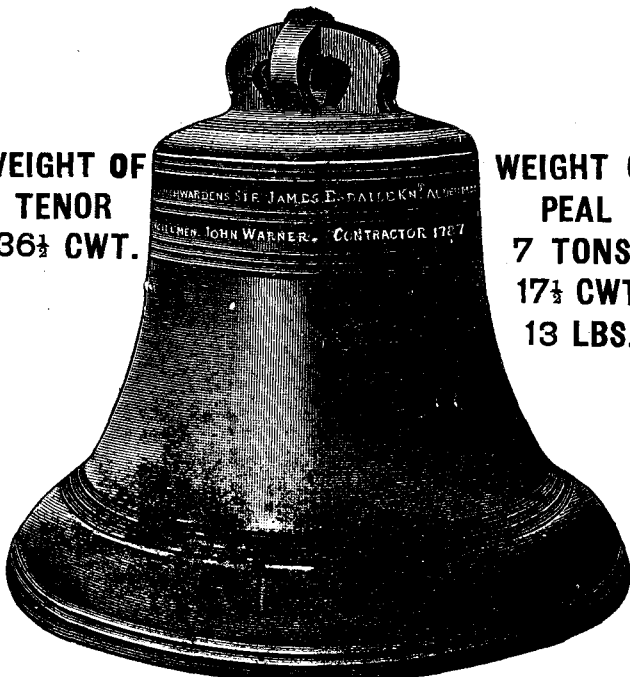
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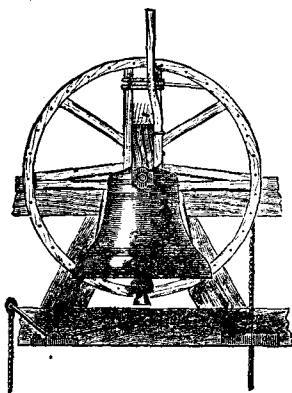
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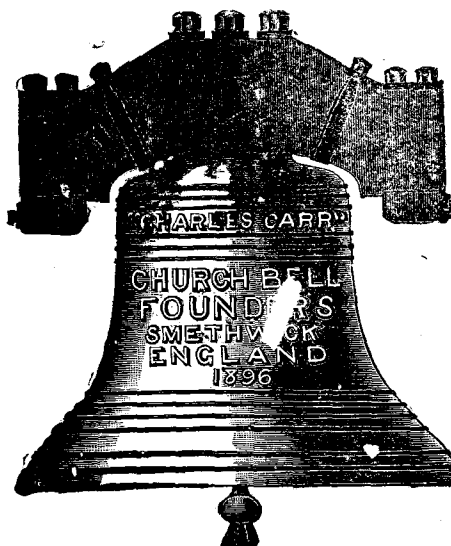
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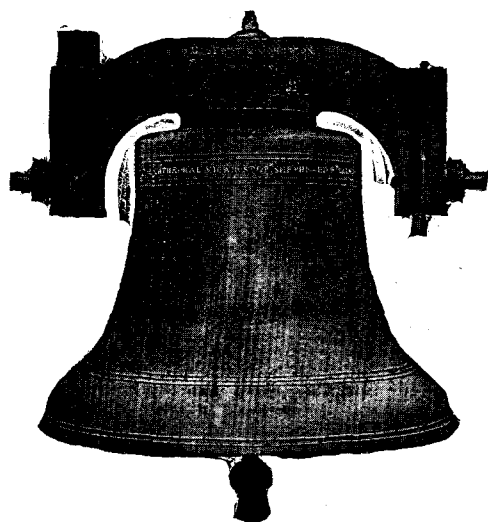
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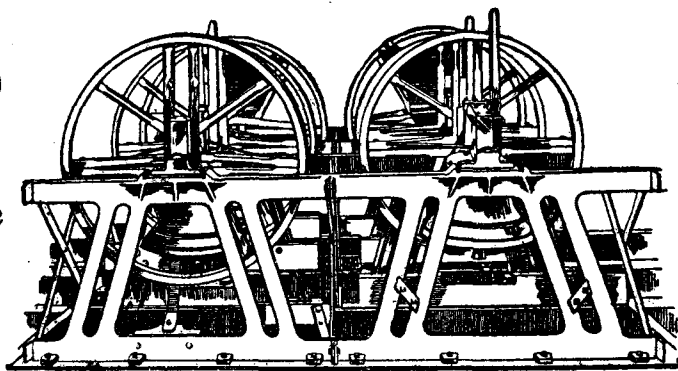
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DEDICATION OF NEW TOWER AND RING OF EIGHT BELLS.

On Sunday, December 11th, this tower and bells were dedicated by the Rev. T. E. Fitzpatrick, M.A., President of Queen's College, Cambridge, at the beginning of the morning service. It was decided eighteen months ago by the Rev. C. M. Williams and the churchwardens to make an effort to enlarge the church, and by doing so the tower was taken down and the nave lengthened about 40-ft. westward. The church was dedicated in September by the Bishop of Southwell. While the tower was being built the ringers took the opportunity of getting the bells put in good going order. One donor gave £100 towards the bells being recast, several more giving £25, and it was decided to have all the bells recast and a new iron and steel frame put in. The order was given to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Sunday, December 11th, was the date fixed for the dedication. The church was well filled at both the morning and evening services, and after the dedication a few rounds were rung by the local band. After the service the ringers again ascended the tower and rang 504 Grandsire. J. H. Ilffe, E. C. Gobey, A. Nicholson, H. Harrison, E. Poxon, C. J. Baker, J. W. Taylor conductor, A. T. Baker. The go and tone of the bells are excellent, and reflect the greatest credit on the founders. Several more touches were rung during the day, many people standing to listen in the market place. All the old inscriptions have been replaced on the new bells.

On Monday, December 12th, John Ball, esq., J.P., entertained the local company at dinner at the Sir John Warren hotel, about fifteen sitting down, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

Mr. Fletcher proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ball for entertaining them that night, and he was pleased to say that they had one of the finest rings of bells in the country, and in a new tower, which he had hoped for ever since he started ringing. This being seconded by Mr. Barber the company departed for home at 10.45.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Shepton Mallett on a recent Saturday afternoon. Some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Jones, rector, who, in the course of a very able sermon reminded them that a few weeks ago a number of them were gathered together on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the district association. To-day in that service they were glad to acknowledge themselves as one with the whole Diocese in the same service of bellringing to the honour and glory of God. They remembered that they were following in the footsteps and imitating the example of those who first set up bells in the churches, following their examples in forming themselves into Guilds for the ringing of bells, always keeping before their minds

the religious side of their life and work. They knew there were guilds of ringers from the earliest times. There was a guild of ringers at Westminster more than a thousand years ago, though later in the control of ringers, and in the care of the belfry, neglect led to laxity of conduct, in accordance with what was at one time the general neglect of the Church. He touched on the happy revival of proper care and discipline, and proceeded to give an able practical sermon on the last verse of the last chapter of St. Matthew's gospel.

Later, the party to the number of over fifty, sat down to a substantial meat tea at the Peter Street rooms, and this was followed by the quarterly meeting, presided over by the Rev. R. L. Jones, in the absence of the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, through ill health. The towers represented included Bath, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Doulling, Midsomer Norton, South Cadbury, Bridgwater, Castle Cary, Clevedon, Glastonbury, Burnham, etc. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr. E. E. Burgess, of Taunton, and duly confirmed. A number of new members were proposed, on the motion of Mr. E. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Holmyard. On consideration of where the next place of meeting should be, Mr. Trim, of Glastonbury, proposed Burnham, and this was seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, of Burnham. Various other places were suggested, and ultimately by a large preponderance of votes Milborne Port was selected, and the good offices of the Ditchet and South Cadbury ringers volunteered in assisting with the arrangements. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Rector for his services. Before the party separated sanction was given and arrangements made for a company to visit Shepton Mallet during Christmas week, to attempt a peal.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

An interesting ceremony was performed in St. Michael's belfry, Rushall, on Saturday, November 26th, in the form of unveiling a peal board recording a peal in seven Minor methods, being the first 5000 rung upon the bells. Members began to appear soon after 2.30, and the bells were set in motion to the tune of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. T. S. Talbot, Vicar, after which an adjournment was made to the belfry, where Mr. J. N. Cotterell (churchwarden) asked the Vicar's acceptance of the board, explaining that it was a gift from past and present wardens, and that they were indebted to Mr. A. Madeley (ex-warden), who had journeyed there that day, specially from Nottingham, he being the prime mover in the day's proceedings.

The Vicar, in withdrawing the veil, thanked the wardens for the gift, and intimated to the ringers that when another peal was rung there it would in all probability be recorded in a similar way.

The board was a neat one (quite in keeping with the

belfry), made of pitch pine, with black lettering initialled with red and gold.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, who has recently been appointed curate-in-charge of St. Mark's Mission, a branch of St. Michael's expressed the hope that ere long the local band would be making headway in the Art—indeed there is little doubt that such will be the case under his able tuition. A touch of Kent Treble Bob was then rung by the band who rang the peal, with the exception of J. E. Groves, who was unavoidably detained from being present till a later hour. During the ringing of this touch the following dialogue took place in an audible whisper, between a visitor, who evidently was not a ringer, and a rope-snatcher: Visitor: Who's the leader? Rope-snatcher: That one over there. V.: What does he say? R.: Bob. V.: What does that mean, a change? R.: Ah. V.: How many are they going to ring? R.: Dunno. V.: Does he count them as he goes along? R.: No, but he can tell how many when he's finished. V.: Has he got a machine? R.: Who? V.: Has he got a machine to count them? .: Ah, in his head. No more questions.

At St. Mark's schools a very nice tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, prepared by ladies of St. Mark's congregation, together with the aid of Mr. T. Neville, about sixty sitting down.

A vote of thanks to the donors and helpers was carried with acclamation. It was announced that the sum of £1 4s. 6d. had already been received for the Robinson Memorial Fund.

A little harmony followed. Those who contributed songs were Messrs. Elton and Purser, while the St. Peter's (Wolverhampton) handbell quartette gave several tunes on the handbells.

THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The general meeting and eight-bell contest of this Association was held at Queensbury on Saturday, where the bells of Holy Trinity Church had been placed at the disposal of the society by the kindness of the vicar, the Rev. F. W. Bardsley, M.A.

A large number of ringers and friends attended, and eight sets of ringers took part in the contest, each company ringing a test piece of 640 changes, proceeded by 95 changes for practice. The judges were Messrs. Bolland, Broadley, and Whiteley. The draw for the order of ringing, took place at 2.45 p.m., and the bells were soon merrily ringing, the competition being completed at 1.53 p.m. During the afternoon tea was served to 140 visitors in the Co-operative Stores, and this was thoroughly enjoyed.

The general meeting took place at the conclusion of the ringing in the tea-room, the president in the chair. He was supported by the Vicar and Mr. Midgley, and the society officers. Eight new members were elected from Holbeck, Earlsheaton, Low Moor, and Queensbury.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for their assistance at the tables. This was seconded by Mr. Drake, and carried accordingly.

The result of the contest was given by Mr. Bolland as follows: Earlsheaton, rang out; Lightcliffe, 305 faults; Sowerby, 670; Calverley 214; Brighouse 212; Pudsey 241; Birstal 423; Halifax 410. Calverley were declared the victors.

The Vicar, responding to the vote of thanks, said it was a great pleasure to him to be with the ringers of the Asso-

ciation. The church where he had come from had only one bell, which he had heard rung for many years, and thus he was gratified to find a peal at Queensbury. Some people said bells were a nuisance, but he thought how beautiful they had sounded that day. He did not know about ringing, but a few figures he had taken out of a book might be interesting. He found that on three bells six changes can be produced, on four bells twenty-four changes, and on eight bells 40,320, and on twelve bells 479,001,600 could be procured. He knew bellringing was a grand muscular exercise, besides being a benefit to church work, and he had pleasure in handing the silver cup to Mr. Pratt, who had conducted the winning band, hoping it would be brought back to Queensbury next time without the least grudge towards the Calverley company. He was also pleased to respond for the local company and the ladies, who he was sure had endeavoured to do what they possibly could to make the visit a success. They a Queensbury lived at a great altitude, the church being stated as the highest in England; therefore Queensbury people required something substantial to eat, and this was probably the reason why they had catered so well at the tea-tables.

Mr. Midgley, Vicar's warden, also responded. He sincerely sympathised with No. 1 company, who but for something out of their control would certainly have won the cup easily. The unexpected did sometimes happen in almost everything we undertook. He had a similar experience himself with a cockerel, which was a particularly fine bird, and he had great hopes of it eclipsing any that could be shown beside it. The customary washing took place the night previous to the show, and then the bird was wrapped in flannel and placed before the fire to dry, along with a few more which had undergone the same operation. A fight amongst them however ensued, and completely spoiled the beautiful cockerel's plumage, and with it his cherished hopes of successfully competing at the show. He however hoped the unsuccessful competitors that day would be spurred on to further energy, and that their own ringers would on a future occasion bring the cup to Queensbury.

Mr. Pratt returned thanks for the cup, and spoke of the sympathy which was shown to the ringers at Calverley, and that a welcome would be waiting them from their Vicar. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, who he was sure had given a good decision as far as he was able to judge.

This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Bolland and Mr. Broadley responded, and this, with a vote of thanks to the chairman, brought a record and successful meeting to a close.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasing ceremony was carried out in the tower of Christ Church, Oxford, on Thursday, December 15th, when in the presence of those mentioned below, the Master of the Guild unveiled a peal-board which had been placed in that tower by the members of the Oxford Society to commemorate a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the Christ Church bells on Thursday, September 24th, 1903, being the first (and at present the only) peal of Stedman Cinques conducted by a clergyman. It is perhaps hardly necessary to state that the conductor was none other than the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. After speaking of the uniqueness of the record, and the patient perseverance which the achievement had necessitated, "the

Rev. C. Jenkyn drew aside the curtain and disclosed to view a handsome board with gold lettering, being the work conjointly of Messrs. W. Smith and C. Hounslow. The peal comprised 5004 changes, and was composed by Mr. Washbrook, toe following being the ringers: W. Smith, Treble; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 2; A. Hawes, 3; F. Castle, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; W. Bennett, 6; A. Fox, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8; C. Hester, 9; T. Payne, 10; E. Hims, 11; W. Stone, Tenor.

The Master then expressed the great pleasure they all felt at the presence of Mr. C. Hounslow that evening in spite of his advancing years. It was just twenty-nine years ago that Mr. Hounslow had conducted the first peal ever rung by the Guild, namely, Grandsire Triples at Kirtlington, on November 26th, 1881. He went on to urge upon the members of the Oxford Society the privilege and responsibility which they shared with the High Wycombe company, of being ringers in a twelve-bell tower, and said that good and frequent ringing of Stedman Cinques should be their special contribution towards the work of the Diocesan Guild.

Subsequently five courses of Stedman Cinques were rung by Messrs. Smith (conductor), Rev. C. Jenkyn, Hedges, Miles, Hounslow, Bennett, Fox, Jeffrey, Castle, Payne, Hims, and King. Messrs. Strange, Hester, Hawes, and Taylor were also present, and took part in some ringing.

A WEEK-END'S RINGING IN THE DISTRICT OF LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

The Mayor of Ludlow (Councillor G. Woodhouse), who was in his younger days an enthusiastic ringer and a member of the local guild, having been recently elected Mayor of the ancient borough for the fourth year in succession, it was suggested that a peal should be rung in honour of the event. Mr. Woodhouse entered wholeheartedly into the proposal, and very kindly offered to entertain the ringers to dinner after the ringing. Mr. F. S. Wilson, secretary of the local company, undertook to get together the ringers, from various ringing centres. All the visitors had arrived in Ludlow by 12.30 p.m. on Saturday morning, and it had been arranged previous to starting for the peal, that a group photograph should be taken in which the Mayor of Ludlow very kindly consented to be included. After this the inner man received attention, and instructions were issued to be in the tower of St. Lawrence's church at 1.45 p.m. to start for a peal of Stedman Triples. The peal was successfully rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins, the striking being excellent throughout. Congratulations were tendered by the Mayor and local ringers on the success of the attempt. This is the first peal in the method on the bells of the parish church in which two of the local ringers have taken part.

The repast so kindly provided by the Mayor at The Exchange hotel was now partaken of, and full justice was done to the excellent fare served by Mr. Withnall. Dinner over, the toast of the Mayor was very heartily drunk, and one and all wished him good health and success in this his fourth year of office. It was much regretted that owing to indisposition he was unable to be present. A very pleasant evening was spent in handbell ringing and talking over ringing matters generally, and everyone expressed their great appreciation of the Mayor of Ludlow's kind hospitality.

The visitors, with the exception of Messrs. T. Robinson and A. Lawrence remained in Ludlow for the week-

end. After ringing 580 changes for morning service at St. Lawrence's church, the visitors were taken to Wistanstow, where the Rector, owing to its being Advent Sunday, kindly placed the beautiful ring of eight at their disposal. A peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round, conducted by W. Short.

This peal was rung to perpetuate the induction of the Rev. W. M. De La Touche as Rector of Wistanstow, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Hill and Miss Quick, who were married at St. Andrew's church, Wells Street, London, on November 22nd. The bridegroom's family were the donors of one of the bells when the peal was augmented to eight. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Mrs. and Miss La Touche for the kindness and hospitality extended to them.

It is interesting to note that in two days 10,660 changes were successfully brought round, which makes a very good record for a week-end's ringing.

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TENOR.

Here in the old pathway we meet, dear maid;
The night descends and thou no friendly aid;
Let me protect thee through the dark and lonesome shade.

TREBLE.

I need no friend, for see, the piercing light
From yonder belfry guide my steps aright—
I am a ringer in the peal we choose to-night.

TENOR.

Dost climb thy tender limbs the rugged tower.
Where nests the owl in his nocturnal bower,
And Vulcan clangs his heavy irons hour by hour?

TREBLE.

Let not thy favours dim that heavenly ray
Which Genius sheds to point the better way—
Hark now! The rising bells are calling me away.

TENOR.

How sweet the bells to those devoid of love,
That cordial drop bestowed from heaven above—
Ambition is a dropsy of the Soul, my love!

TREBLE.

Love tunes Apollo's lute the short-lived spring;
At his retreat the faithless bird takes wing;
Unto the shrine of Art my anxious heart doth cling.

TENOR.

Oh let thine heart upon affection rest,
Nor waste thy beauty in such vain behest;
Venus should surely claim a worthier conquest.

TREBLE.

Perchance if thou abids't the peal to-night,
Music, the food of love, may thus incite
Such latent dreams as shall attune our hearts aright.

TENOR.

There would I stay eternity for you!
As night doth follow day will I be true;
Farewell! until fair Cynthia lights the hill, adieu!

Wafted the peal o'er meadow, hill, and dale,
'Twixt love and art, the former did prevail;
When next I heard the bells, they rang the old old tale.

G. F. M.

Obituary.

JAMES STRUTT.

It is with very deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. James Strutt, of Kingston on Thames, aged 61, who died on the 30th November at his residence, Darlston Road, Kingston, after a short illness. The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association, the Middlesex County Association. He had been connected with the Kingston band for thirty-eight years, and had been steeple keeper for twenty years. He was an excellent ringer, bad striking was agony to him, and very keen on Sunday ringing. It was very rare indeed that he was not in the tower on Sunday mornings on the stroke of ten. He had taken part in about fifty peals, some of which he had conducted. He was laid to rest in Kingston Cemetery on December 5th amid many tokens of respect and deep sympathy and many floral tributes, and among them was a wreath from the ringers in the shape of a bell. As the coffin was borne into the church the bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor open one side, and again as the funeral party left the church for the cemetery. Touches were rung with the bells half muffled in the evening. A half muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted on December 10th, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing just over half way. May he rest in peace.

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 London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Monday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Cathedral bells (8) available; also the bells of St. John's Cardiff (10), and Whitchurch (6), will be available all day.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1911. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that all subscriptions, annual or otherwise, are payable at this meeting.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on January 7th, 1911.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3 p.m. (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar at 5. Tea (1s.) at 6, for those who send word not later than January 3rd.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

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The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham (the new ring of eight), on Saturday, January 7th, 1911. Bells available from 5 to 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting will take place in an adjoining room, kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Dyer. All members please attend, business important. Ringers welcomed.

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The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Luton Saturday, January 14th.

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

By JOHN CARTER.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
45356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

The following six courses may be called instead of the last six courses of the above four peals.

62534 M W H

43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
36426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

The whole of the above peals has the extent of the 6th at home.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By C. SEDGLEY.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

5280.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
25645	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has the 6th the extent at home.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

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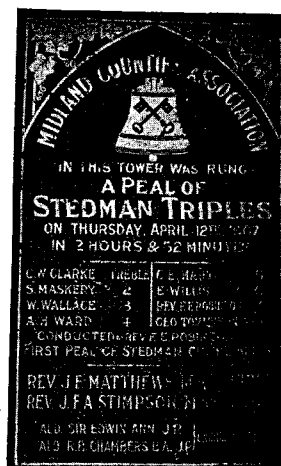
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The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid, the night is still;
And Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

CHRISTMAS again: and once more into the noisy world, across the toil of business, the conflict of party politics, and all the stress and strain of modern life, comes the old message of peace and goodwill. And not altogether unheeded, as most messages are. For just a moment the world stops to listen, and that man is a poor thing indeed, earthly of the earth, who has not at Christmas some kindly feeling toward his fellows, and who does not in some way by word or deed shew it.

We ringers are greatly privileged, in that, like the angels of old we are the first to proclaim the glad tidings, when at early morn over the still sleeping earth the Christmas bells fling out their grand Gloria in Excelsis Deo. And while we preach to others peace and goodwill, let us look to it that we practice what we preach. We are proud, and justly, of the freemasonry that exists between ringers. It is a wonderful thing and a noble thing that the fact that a man is a ringer is enough to ensure him friendship and hospitality among ringers; that were there are ringers there is always welcome for ringers. Let us prize this freemasonry as a great possession, and let us never by petty jealousy or trumpety quarrels do anything to weaken it. This is our best wish, and so we wish all our readers "A Happy Christmas." Here's to all ringers, high and low, far and near. May you be happy and prosperous. May you get all your peals. May you ring more methods and better ones. And above all, may you continue to be one happy family devoted to the Art we practice and the Church we serve.

The Provinces.**TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Church of St. George,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.*

JAMES ALLRED* Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5.
JOHN POTTER 2.	*HARRY ALLRED 6.
HERBERT ALLRED* 3.	ROBERT ALLRED 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.
 First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

WHITBY, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, November 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 18½ cwt.*

THOMAS STEELE* Treble.	*WILLIAM KNAGGS 5.
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 2.	*JOHN T. WATERS 6.
FRANK S. HODGSON* 3.	†WILLIAM HARLAND 7.
JOHN G. HALL 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WM. HARLAND.
 *First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)*On Monday, November 21, 1910, in Three Hours**At Cross Stone Church,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***PARKER'S SIX-PART.**Tenor 9½ cwt.*

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	ERNEST STANSFIELD 5.
LUKE SUTHERS 2.	JAMES W. WHITEHEAD 6.
WILLIAM CRABTREE 3.	HUGH REYNOLDS 7.
JAMES RICHARDS 4.	JOHN CROWTHER Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

Further reference elsewhere.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, November 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Edward,***A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.***Tenor 17 cwt.*

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 3.
GEORGE BUGGS 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE P. BURTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

Mr. Burton, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Norwich, and this is his first peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**At the Church of St. John the Baptist,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 12½ cwt.*

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble.	JOSEPH E. KEEN 5.
JOSEPH ROWELL 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
GEORGE A. WARD 3.	GEORGE SIDDLE 7.
JOHN CRAWFORD 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

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BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, November 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Martin,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.***Tenor 36 cwt.*

CHARLES DICKENS Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 7.
FREDE DICKENS 2.	JOHN CARTER 8.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3.	ERNEST MANSELL 9.
A. PADDON SMITH 4.	SAMUEL GROVE 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JOHN NEAL 11.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal was voluntarily arranged by the St. Martin's company as a compliment to an old visitor, with a request to call the peal, which is in the tittums throughout.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)**On Wednesday, November 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being seven 720s.**Tenor 10 cwt.*

FREDK. PECK* Treble.	CHARLES MOSS 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	†HERBERT G. PRATT 5.
JOHN YOUNGS* 3.	ALBERT LEE Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, November 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of St. Giles,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.***Tenor 14 cwt.*

GEORGE H. F. MARRINER Treble.	JOHN WYATT 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBEIT 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
ALFRED L. BROWN† 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Wyatt, *First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 24, 1910, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.*

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	TRAYTON JEFFREY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, November 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Abbey Church.***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**Tenor 19 cwt.*

HARRY HOLIFIELD Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.
JOHN BOWER 2.	RICHARD DAVIS 6.
RICHARD G. RICE 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 4.	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

ERNEST HAMMOND* Treble.	*ALFRED LING 4.
WILLIAM SAWYER 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK 5.
ALDERMAN LING 3.	JAMES WARDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

*First peal.

MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2).

WM. ANDREWS, JUN. Treble.	WM. CHAPMAN 5.
HENRY NORMAN 2.	A. J. ANDREWS 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	FRED. NORMAN 7.
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4.	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

R. Chapman is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he rung the tenor throughout the peal, he having attained his 71st year on Tuesday, November 22nd.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Rusper, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS ADAMS Treble.	GEORGE LUCAS 4.
JAMES F. BOWELL 2.	ALFRED CRIPPS 5.
RICHARD H. BOWELL 3.	WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DENMAN.

First peal in seven different methods by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. First as conductor in seven different methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Lucas, the band wishing him many happy returns.

SOWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

W. H. WEBBER Treble.	E. SARGENT 5.
F. J. DAVEY 2.	A. H. SNOW 6.
F. DIMOND 3.	J. R. HAYMAN 7.
W. A. HAYMAN 4.	*J. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

*First peal of Triples.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	FRED R. KETTLEBORO 6.
THOMAS W. GORE 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
JOHN C. DICKEN 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. R. KETTLEBORO.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR F. JAMES Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 6.
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 3.	JOHN F. PENNING 8.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 4.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 9.
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 5.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mrs. H. J. Tucker, the band wishing them the usual congratulations.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ALBERT LONGLEY Treble.	ARCAIBALD DENTON 5.
SIDNEY HUNTLEY 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
ELGAR KING 3.	HARRY SEAL 7.
THOMAS SKINNER 4.	*HARRY BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

*First peal. H. Baker was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ERNEST GOWER 3.	WILLIAM C. HART 8.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 4.	KEITH HART 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN THORPE Treble.	GEORGE HALKSWORD 5.
GEORGE LEWIS 2.	THOMAS LEE 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 7.
FRED COATES 4.	GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY Treble.	FRED. J. SMITH 5.
CHARLES E. FISHER 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6 scores called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

H. BUTCHER* Treble.	F. GREEN 4.
S. G. HECTOR 2.	S. HILLIER 5.
A. HARRISON* 3.	*W. BAXTER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY HILLIER.

*First peal.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

WILLIAM GILBERT Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 5.
HARRY MEERTENS 2.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 4.	FREDK. LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for R. Standing, a member of the local band for fourteen years.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

FREDERICK W. BENNETT Treble.	JAMES OSBORN 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt in D.

ERNEST W. MARSH* .. Treble.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6.
JOHN HOBBS* 2.	*HAROLD BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM D. JAMES* 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 8.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	*WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 9.
REGINALD DOBSON* 5.	*FRANCIS PURSE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALLEY, and Conducted by E. W. MARSH.

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

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

BARZILLAI HAWKINS† .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.	†CHARLES GILES 6.
HENRY L. GARFATH 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

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

†First peal of London. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 47.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	FREDERICK DICKENS 5.
JOHN NEAL 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
ALF PADDON SMITH 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ROBERT NOAKES Treble.	THOMAS BURTENSHAW .. 5.
LIONEL SEERS 2.	BERT CHALLEN 6.
ELLMAN BROWN 3.	HENRY STALHAM 7.
JOHN BOYD* 4.	ERNEST MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

Handbell Peal.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. MAUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 5-6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3-4.	GEORGE NAYLOR 7-8.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire—G. Bolland. First peal on handbells by the ringers of 3-4 and 7-8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, November 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 21, STONE ROAD,

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

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Willshire, only daughter of Mr. C. Willshire. Umpire—A. H. Pulling.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 21, STONE ROAD,

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	ALICE WHITE 7-8.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire—James Hunt. Arranged for Miss White, of Basingstoke, who was spending a few days at the above address, and this is her first peal of Stedman on handbells.

PUCKINGTON, NEAR ILMINSTER.

On Thursday, December 8th, the dedication of a new treble took place. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Stirling, and there were a number of neighbouring clergy present. The congregation was very small owing to the inclement weather prevailing. The Ilminster company was invited to the opening, and after the service rang two 720s of Bob Minor, besides a number of 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. In the first 720 the ringers stood as follows: V. Crabb, F. Baker, G. Sibley, C. Gabe, D. G. Taylor, W. Coombes. This was the first 720 Bob Minor by V. Crabb and C. Gabe. In the second one the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 changed places. Both were conducted by D. J. Taylor, and called differently. After the first 720 the ringers adjourned to the rectory and sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the Rector.

The bells are hung in an oak frame, the work being done by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, Devon. The treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank, the go of the bells is all that can be desired, and Messrs. Stokes are to be congratulated. It is hoped that the new band of ringers will join the Association with a firm determination to master the Art. The evening service was better attended, and the sermon was preaced by the Rev. Preb. Street, R.D., of Ilminster.

Correspondence.

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

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

TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Old Ringer" must be fully cognisant that from the only two eight-bell companies in or within ten miles of Truro several members have been elected to compromise a temporary band for a monthly practice on the Cathedral bells, until the Dean and Chapter are able to appoint and have instructed a regular Cathedral band. The hour of assembly for practice is from 7.45 to 8, and it is superfluous my asserting that the authorities have greater confidence in Messrs. Taylor's casting than to permit only a quarter of an hour's ringing, scarcely sufficient for raising and falling the bells. I regret that any "Old Ringer" should be ashamed of his parent's name, and hope he will soon accept the general invitation and make himself acquainted with the fine Cathedral bells, if he has not already done so.

JOHN SYMONDS.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.

SIR,—When at home one evening with nothing particular to occupy my mind, I sat down to arrange a peal or two of the above. All my papers on the subject were at the works, and without them I was somewhat lost, but I put down the 3 F C E's as in Royal, and crossed out the 46253 as not wanted. Taking notes of what I got I afterwards entered them in my books at the works; but it never struck me to check them again, having gone through them twice, until Mr. Sedgley drew my attention to the first five-part on page 507. Then I very soon found I had made a mistake, because I ought to have crossed out the 24365 instead of the 46253. I have now gone again through all of those I arranged that night, and am sorry to have to ask you to cross out the first one on page 507 and the second and third on page 520. They are only ordinary peals, with no special qualities. Also I wish to tell Mr. F. Dench that I cannot see my way clear to give up the four peals (which are really only two) published by him on pages 532 and 538, because they were sent to "THE BELL NEWS" office with several others which have not yet appeared under my name before the last peal on page 507 of yours of November 26th. Also, will Mr. Dench kindly compare the third peal on page 559 with those on page 507?

JOHN CARTER.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. E. Finch, F. Webb, sen., G. Hayden, W. Jeffrey, W. Judge, J. Franklin, J. H. R. Freehorn, T. Payne. Conducted by H. G. Judge from a seat in the belfry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TIMBENSCOMB.—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 44 mins. J. G. Hamilton, W. Hoyle, J. Sully, G. Stacey, H. Stevens, H. Moore conductor.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, September 28th, at Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. H. Perry, G. Tudball, E. Stevens, T. Lapham, J. Duckett, C. Isaacs, F. Allen, D. A. Allen. Rung as a farewell to C. Isaacs who is leaving for Canada.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. H. Wood, S. Binfield, F. Jordan, H. Petts, A. Kedwell, R. Maynard, jun., conductor, W. Seeley, R. Knight.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, December 4th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Webb, E. R. McDonald, C. Dell, G. Spence conductor, A. Harding, H. Stevens, F. Skevington, W. Brooks.

MICHELDEVER.—On Saturday, September 10th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Russell, W. Edwards, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. H. George, W. Tucker conductor, H. White. Another 720 with J. Elkins on the 2nd, the rest as before. Also 288 and 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Elkins, W. Edwards, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. H. George, W. T. Tinker conductor, H. White. And four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles.

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A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Oldbury on Saturday, November 26th. The Guild service was conducted in church at 5 o'clock, and an address delivered by the Rev. W. Lawrence, curate. The business was held afterwards in the vestry, the Rev. W. Lawrence presiding. After the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, a verbal report was given by the chairman of the committee appointed to revise the rules of the Guild. The rules drawn up by the Committee were read and discussed separately, and passed for presentation to the annual meeting. The rules, as passed, provide for forming the Guild into a distinct Association, under the

name of the Dudley and District Guild, having at present all the officers required to carry on the business. Propositions for ringing several peals during the ensuing quarter were carried, and Dudley was the place appointed for holding the annual meeting. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, and to the Rev. W. Lawrence for conducting the service, delivering an address, and for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business. The bells (8), were raised at 4 o'clock, and touches were brought round in different methods before and after the service. Apologies were read from the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Roberts), and Mr. Knight, expressing regret for not being present, and wishing the meeting success.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks.)—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hogg, W. Birtwhistle, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, J. Langstroth, C. Langstroth, J. Wane, H. Birtwhistle.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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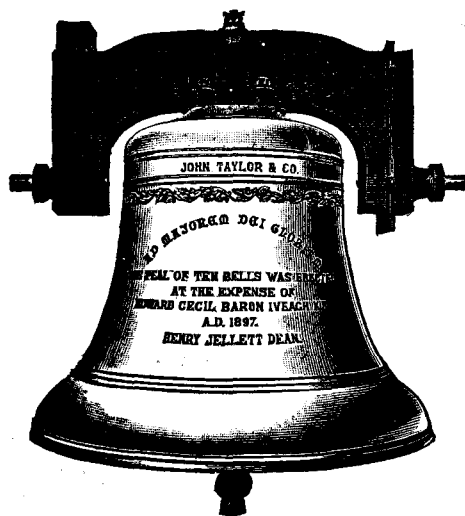
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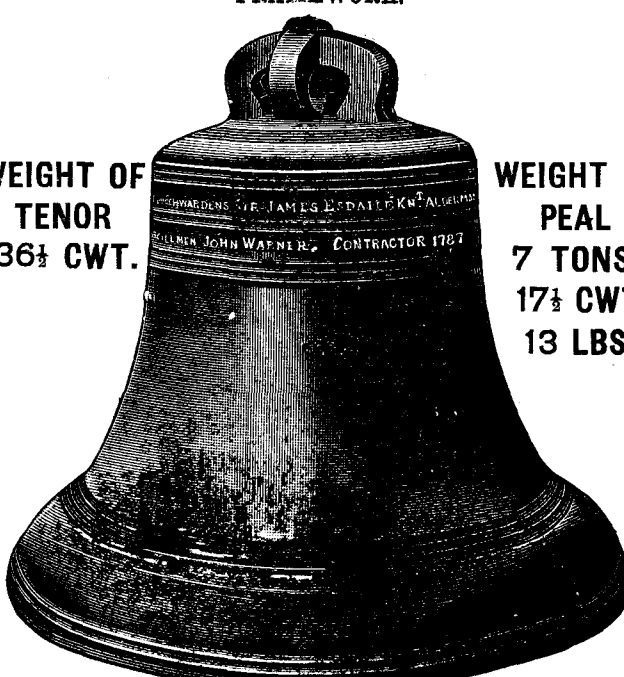
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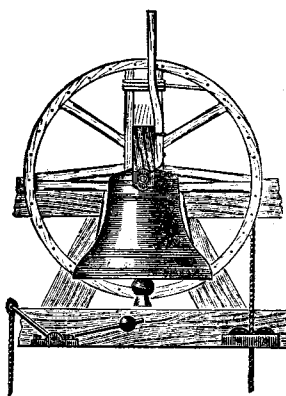
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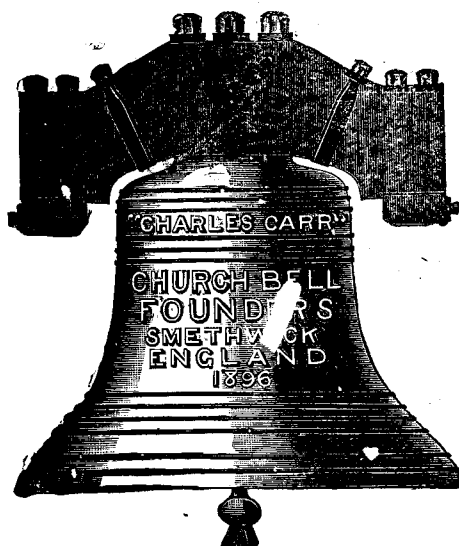
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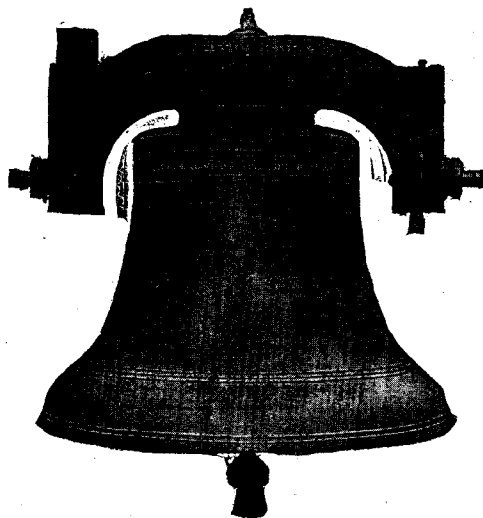
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THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, WOBURN, BEDS.

The dedication of a new ring of bells is an event which does not happen often in parish life, and naturally a large congregation assembled on Tuesday night, 20th December, when the magnificent ring of bells, presented to the church by His Grace the Duke of Bedford, was formally dedicated. It was an event long looked for both by parishioners and ringers. Mr. Charles Herbert, the doyen of Bedfordshire ringers, described the event as the crowning act in his experience as a ringer. The bells, recast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, are a splendid ring in the key of D, tenor 25 cwt., and from the preliminary trials the public expected something good, and were not disappointed. The dedicatory service was unique, and enjoyed by the large congregation, which included His Grace and the Marquis of Tavistock. The service comprised processional hymns, appropriate prayers and Psalms, and at a convenient interval in the proceedings the bells were rung, the effect being charming. Ordinary rounds were rung, the members officiating being Cyril Herbert 1, F. Gilby 2, M. Lane 3, M. Matthews 4, S. Avis 5, W. Chibnall 6, Rev. W. W. C. Baker 7, and E. Herbert 8. When the clergy, churchwardens and sidesmen proceeded to the belfry, courses of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung, additional members taking part being Messrs. D. Janes, W. Janes, W. E. Turney and H. Smith. The company of ringers also included Mr. Hughes, a principal of the bell-foundry. The clergy concerned included Bishop Hodges, the Revs. C. R. Dickinson, W. W. C. Baker, J. C. Maltby, A. Rust, and A. H. Watts. The Bishop delivered the dedicatory address basing his remarks on the 103rd Psalm, dwelling both on the note of praise which commences it, the note of sorrow which occurs in the middle of it, and the concluding note reverting to the original peal of praise. So it was with the bells: they rang the knell as well as the peal, and in the same way our life was made up of sorrow and joy. As the large congregation filed out, the bells were again rung, the ringers evidently being loth to leave their new acquisition. The belfry is furnished with every convenience dear to ringers. Mr. C. P. Hall and Mr. Hulatt (the churchwardens), together with Messrs. F. T. Tangueray, Marshall, Stanbridge, and other sidesmen, took part in this pleasant celebration. The following morning special touches were rung in the honour of the Marquis of Tavistock's 22nd birthday, and his lordship visited the belfry and made himself happy with the ringers. Other touches were rung in the evening. To add to the charm of the new bells, a charming apparatus has been attached, and this will give great pleasure to the Woburn folk. The whole affair is thoroughly in keeping with the generosity of His Grace, who considers nothing too good that he can do for the welfare of his tenantry. May the bells bring him a message of peace and goodwill this coming year.

The bells will be rung for the Sunday services and also on Monday evenings for practice when any ringing visitors will be welcomed.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WHITBY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1910.

This was arranged by the Committee acting in concert with the northerly members of the Association. As soon as it was found that the vicar (Canon Austen) was willing to grant permission, there remained no question as to the desirability of a visit to this charming locality. Favoured by an ideal summer's day—even in the autumn—the town, river and harbour were seen at their best. High on the further side of the river the famous ruin of the Abbey of St. Hilda reared its head with the old Parish Church nestling beside it, on the brink of its wave-washed cliff. The heights herabout run to some 250 feet above sea level, and if anything is wanted to bring it home, appeal may be made to the weary knees of the climber who has just arrived at the last flight of 199 steps that lead to the corner of the church yard where Cædmon's Cross holds a coign of vantage. Here, a view far away up the coast of Durham, beyond the Hartlepoons, is easily obtained in a clear atmosphere. The residential West Cliff, so much patronised by visitors, is divided from the church and its bells by what may be well termed a magnificent gorge, scooped out presumably by icebergs in bygone ages as the little river, the Yorkshire Esk, beloved of fisherman of its trout, could scarcely have done it unaided. By the way it rises near the far off Cleveland hill, rich in the ironstone that has created Middlesbro' and on the summit of one of these heights stands a fine obelisk to the memory of one of Yorkshire's worthies, the ever famous Captain Cook, who sailed round the world in ships built at Whitby. Now how odd that the Metropolitans who are now about to erect a statue to the intrepid navigator, should have erroneously stated that no monument has ever been put up to him. Surely the editors of the papers might write to the members of the Exercise (there is genuine exercise to be found hereabouts), for local information before committing themselves to print.

Yes! the locality is rich round Whitby, for, taking church history for example, as we came north through York, we need only throw our minds back to its first Bishop, by name Eborius, who in A.D. 314 crossed to France to attend a Church Council, and this whilst the Roman army still held sway over our islands. Again as our train wound its tortuous way through the vale of Pickering we passed within some five miles of Lastingham, from whose monastery the two brothers Cedd and Saint Chad directed their energies about A.D. 659, the former to become Bishop of the East Saxons—which some read Bishop of London—whilst the other became Bishop of Lichfield. This northern Christianity was radiating from Lindisfarne and Holy Isle on the Northumbrian coast under St. Aidan, and under his auspices we find the Northumbrian Princess Hilda first at the head of Whitby church life. Here under this famous abbess was held a great ecclesiastical meeting in the year A.D. 664 to settle a uniform date for Easter which was in some little entanglement. St. Hilda in turn discovered Cædmon, had him educated, and passed him down into history. "But the

chief glory of Whitby (writes Dr. Gibson the present Bishop of Gloucester), is not the memory of its Council, nor of its fine bishops (sent out from that early seat of learning), nor for its first abbess, but for the father of English song—the first of a glorious line of English poets who could utter nothing mean or base, but who dedicated their genius to God, and sang of Him and Him only." No wonder then that Cædmon's Cross—raised not many years ago—is a shrine for those who love our early literature and its poetry.

But we are here as change-ringers, and we turn to observe that the Whitby bells occupy a position almost unique, for they peal across the valley, whilst throwing melody into the old town below only to be deflected in a manner that makes the stranger down by the river ask whence the soft sounds come. No near neighbours to complain of "long lengths." Happy Whitby, how we envy you!

Tea was served in the Church House, kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Canon Austen, who not only welcomed the visitors—bringing with him Mr. Churchwarden White—but walking up and down between the tea tables, told us Whitby lore and old world anecdotes whilst we refreshed ourselves. From this glimpse of the Vicar we can quite understand how much he is in request amongst archaeologists and others who love to meet there. Nor must we forget that he expressed a hope that Whitby would soon have a peal of ten to mingle permutations with the sounds of the sea.

Tea over the business meeting was soon taken in hand. A kind invitation from Horbury, in the names of the Vicar, Wardens and Ringers, to hold the annual meeting there in January was unanimously accepted. Thanks to Canon Austen for the use of his bells and the Church House were passed, after which it was agreed that life members should be charged 3d. for their Annual Report. The proposed limitation of the savings of the Association was ruled by the President to be ultra vires; and the motion to take away from the clergy members their free copy of the Report was defeated.

Visitors from nearly every large town—from Sheffield in the south to Middlesbro' and Thornaby in the north—were present, whilst York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Hull, Barnsley, Pontefract, Goole, and Rotherham sent representatives, to say nothing of others from London, Pudsey, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Scarbro', Fylingdale, Carlton in Cleveland, Whitby, Lightcliffe, etc.

Mr. W. H. Giggie and Mr. James Smith, of Horbury, were unanimously elected auditors for the annual meeting.

Hearty thanks were passed to Mr. Blakiston, of Middlesbro', and to Mr. Alexander, the obliging instructor of the Whitby band, for their valued assistance in making arrangements for the comfort of the members.

Many visitors stayed over the week-end, and taking advantage of the help of two of the local ringers, a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's original one-part, called by Mr. Clement Glenn, hon. sec., was rung on Sunday afternoon. We are informed that the striking of this peal was such as to warrant its being classed as the best ever rung on the bells; certainly if it was anything like the touch of Stedman to which we listened at the close of Saturday's meeting it may well have been, as that was nearly faultless. The ringing during Saturday embraced Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major, together with Stedman, Grandsire Triples, etc., etc.

The meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present.

THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

The missionary spirit which led to the formation of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club is being well maintained. For something like half-a-dozen years the Club has sought by excursions in the evenings, spare half-days or week-ends to promote scientific ringing in various parts of Devon. The task is necessarily uphill, but there are signs that the efforts of the members will ultimately bear good fruit. This year's annual trip—a Saturday and a Sunday—was spent in company with St. David's Society in the Ashburton district. The members and friends participating—15 in all—took train to Buckfastleigh, and proceeded from thence by brakes—cycles were discarded on this occasion, to Dean Prior, famous as the abode of Herrick the poet, who has recorded that he hated the place. Yet the spot is extremely beautiful. The Rev. C. J. Perry-Keene extended a hearty welcome to the party, showed the parsonage and the interesting features of the church, and offered hospitality, which lack of time prevented accepting. The bells, five in number, were found to be in need of overhauling at the cost of probably a few pounds, so as to save the expenditure of a heavy sum if delay prevails. The visitors managed to ring a few Grandsire Doubles, but the striking was not so good as wished, owing to the aforesaid need. A sixth bell would also be an acquisition. The churchyard has some quaint epitaphs. One is as follows:—

Dear parents, now, do not lament,
My irksome days on earth are spent.
Medical aid was all in vain,
I hope for my eternal gain,
My tombstone now you chance to spy,
The question is, now where am I?"

Holne, once the home of that great Devonshire writer, Charles Kingsley, was the next place of call. But the amenities which one can well imagine prevailed in the time of "Westward Ho!" seem to be a doubtful quantity there now. The usual application for leave to ring had not been answered, but it was anticipated that the omission arose from absence. The visitors, however, learnt otherwise.

"Can you kindly allow the bells to be rung?" "No, the ropes are too rotten." The ropes were inspected and found quite fit. "The ringers are satisfied with the ropes if you can grant leave to ring?" "No, the framework is unstable." The wooden cage containing the bells was examined and discovered to be thoroughly reliable. The good news was conveyed to the proper quarter. Still objections and final refusal. Inquiries elicited the information that the bells had not been rung for eight or ten years owing to a miserable squabble. But why should all the parish suffer and visitors be denied the customary privileges?

The party lingered not at Holne, but found solace in the moorland scenery on the way to Widecome, which is associated the world over, wherever Devonshire men sojourn, with the tragic end of Tom Pearce's grey mare; and is also renowned for the magnificent tower—120ft. high—which the old tin platers are said to have erected for this parish church. The tower is worthy of the praise bestowed upon it, but the church itself seems to be still suffering from the effects of the thunderstorm which a couple of centuries or so ago killed four people and injured 60 others when assembled for Sunday service. Here, again, as far as the use of the bells was concerned, the visitors suffered disappointment. But the withdrawal of

permission to ring was due to a reasonable cause—a case of serious illness in close proximity to the church.

Dinner was served at the Old Inn, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who had paid the club the compliment of riding across the Moor for the purpose of meeting the members, and, if possible, having a ring on the bells. The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, Hon. Secretary of the Guild, was also included in the party. The next point was Buckland-in-the-Moor, that exquisitely pretty village, so suberbly embowered and charmingly sequestered, where nothing, one may be forgiven for presuming, can conceivably happen to mar the even tenour of daily life. And, in accordance with the fitness of the 'surroundings, there was nothing to prevent ringing. The bells—a light peal of five—were soon merrily awaking the echoes around.

Then came what was quite the tit-bit of the tour—the passage of the Buckland Drive. These leafy paradises are the property of the Bastard family, and kindly thrown open to the public on certain days. Saturday was one of them, and the weather conditions were perfect. The Drives extend for something like three miles, and rival the more familiar Hobby Drive at Clovelly. They are still unexploited, and therefore free from so many evil smelling pipes with which smokers arrogantly poison the otherwise magnificent atmosphere of the beautiful riverside walk to Watersmeet, which is the glory of Lynmouth. And they are available for horses and carriages, whereas the Watersmeet walk and the Lydford Gorge can only be used by pedestrians, who, in the latter case, need to be endowed with plenty of nerve. The Buckland Drives are on the banks of the Dart, sometimes almost level with the water, at other points, like the romantic Lovers' Leap, of giddy height, and cross the chest of some beetling outcrop. But everywhere the road runs under a canopy of foliage, now looking the greenest of green, and providing a delightful protection from the glare of the sun. Here and there, in a thousand curious ways, Old Sol threw his shafts of light between the dense masses, and caused the waters of the Dart, coming down in full volume from the saturated moor, to shimmer and sparkle with entrancing effect. And the mighty boulders in Dart's bed churned the waters into milky little maelstroms, and made them bubble, splash and glide, and fill the air with a bewitching murmur. There was all too brief a time to meditate and fill the memory with the exquisite charms of the scene.

Ashburton was the point for the night, and there, after "tooling" the excellent peal of eight bells through several courses of Grandsire Triples, the party had tea at The Exeter inn, and found capital accommodation for the night.

An early start was made on Sunday morning, with the result that Denbury (5 bells), was reached before 8 o'clock Communion Service, which several attended, and then threw the bells into Grandsire Doubles, but could not strike the changes perfectly owing to the queer go of some of the instruments. A good breakfast was served at The Church House inn. The next place of call was Ipplepen. The local ringers welcomed the visitors with some well-struck call changes and rounds, and kindly left the bells up so as to save the labour of rising. Ipplepen has six very good toned bells, which go very well, although the tenor is an item of 21 cwt. Same capital 6-scores were rung. Morning service, at which the Rev. G. Molineux preached, was attended, and a move made for Broadhempston, where another cordial greeting was experienced, and where Stedman as well as Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handy peal of six, which suffers from long

draught and a few technical faults. The church possesses some quaint memorials. One of them is of a peculiarly egotistical character. It records the death of Mr. Eles (Ellis), and suggests it was such a universal calamity that the heavens lamented. He is said to have composed it himself. If so, he forgot, in estimating his own value, to arrange for the insertion of what would have been most interesting to posterity—the date of his demise. The ringing-chamber possesses a poem composed by a poet of the local or spring type, which is worthy of being restored and preserved. It was deciphered as follows:—

Silence is fresh, while here you stop this exercise to see,
If not, in a short time confusion here will be.

Then cheerfully we'll guide our bell, by ear as well as sight,

Your senses to regale, dear friends, with music sweet delight.

Hark, merry bells resounding, echo to the valleys cheering,

Hark, how all the valleys surrounding to each ringer's ear reply,

With cheerfulness attend these bells your skill all for to try,

But, all the same, be careful that your skill you don't decry.

Another curious feature about the church is that the entrance is under an archway formed by a projecting portion of the old church house, but which has now been bricked off from the licensed premises of the Church House inn, where the visitors had an enjoyable dinner, and acknowledged the kindness of Mr. Molineux in accompanying the party. Staverton was next visited, and an inspection made of the magnificent screen with perfect rood loft, which formed a fitting terminal of the splendid, though less complete specimens of Ipplepen and Broadhempston. The bells of Staverton are a lumpy set of six, and suffer from the disadvantage of a long draught. The bells ought to be overhauled. No tenor under 30 cwt. should require two men to ring it. But Staverton's tenor needs two, while the other bells go much harder than they would if perfectly hung. However, some very fair work was accomplished, including a capital rise and fall, and the local ringers, who mustered in good force, were much interested.

Dartington was the final halt for the day. The Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Cox, who did so much to secure the restoration and augmentation of the peal of bells at Lynton, whence they recently removed to Dartington, entertained the party to tea in the fine old dining hall of the Parsonage. This parsonage hall shares with Lustleigh the unique distinction, so far as Devon and the writer's knowledge goes, of having a minstrels' gallery. The living has associations with the Camperdownes, a famous musical family. It is somewhat of a coincidence that the parson of Lustleigh should have been appointed to Lynton, and that Mr. Cox should have come from there to Dartington. The church has a good peal of six, but the presence of clockworks in the ringing-chamber is exceedingly detrimental to good ringing, and an improvement should be devised. However, the visitors enjoyed a pull, and then took train at Totnes for home. Thus ended a tour which was favoured throughout with splendid weather and which, bar the disappointments above mentioned, was one of unalloyed pleasure. The arrangements were made with much skill by Messrs. J. Richards and F. Davey (hon. secs. of St. David's and the Cycling Club).

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 3rd and 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due. **WILLIAM T. COCKBRIILL, Hon. Sec.**

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, Master.

43, Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Dudley Lampen. The bells (10) will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon. Secretary will arrange for a tea on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due.

CHARLES T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

228, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1911. Chair is taken at 8.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that all subscriptions, annual or otherwise, are payable at this meeting.

A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on January 7th, 1911.

T. RILEY, Hon. Sec.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2.30 to 3 p.m. (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt.

A. S. MITCHELL, Sec.

2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar at 5. Tea (1s.) at 6, for those who send word not later than January 3rd.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham (the new ring of eight), on Saturday, January 7th, 1911. Bells available from 5 to 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting will take place in an adjoining room, kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Dyer. All members please attend. business important. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Luton on Saturday, January 14th.

The Lancashire Association — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 14th. Bells at liberty 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested as business is important. **Jas. JACQUES, Sec.**

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield in St. James's room, Vicar Lane, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, January 14th, for the purpose of electing officers for the new district which will then be formed. All those who are interested should make a point of being present. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.

GEORGE YEO, Hon. Local Sec

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. **JOHN SYMONS, Master.**

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NOTES TO PEALS.

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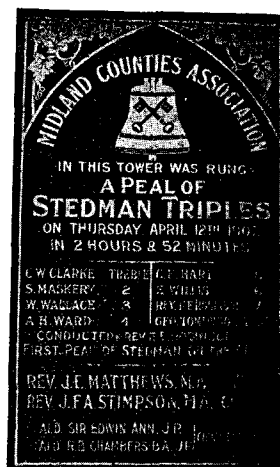
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EDWARD F. COLE 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. †200th peal.

The Provinces.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the second heaviest tenor bell rang to a peal of London Surprise Major.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble.	JESSE MOSS 5.
GEORGE W. MOSS 2.	THOMAS RILEY 6.
CHARLES MASON 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. FLINT.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
JOHN CLARE 4.	*WILLIAM R. NASH Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Lawrence, Robinson, Shepherd and May were elected members of the above previous to starting. This peal was specially rung as a compliment to the Mayor of Ludlow, who was recently elected for the fourth year in succession.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. Treble.	JOHN WELSEY 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD 6.
FREDERIC DEREYSHIRE .. 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 7.
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by S. WOODS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

SIDNEY LUSH* Treble.	SAMUEL C. ADAMS 5.
THOMAS HUCKINGS* 2.	†HARRY BUNGAY 6.
JAMES NORTH 3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7.
FRANK LUSH 4.	JOSEPH WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. B. Wright, curate of the parish, who sailed on December 17th for British Honduras.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF HANDSWORTH ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
JOHN T. PERRY 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 9.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 5.	HARRY WITHERS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Handsworth Royal ever rung, and contains the full extent (sixty courses) with the 6th at home, and is the 100th peal that Mr. James Jones has rung with the conductor.

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

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK* Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
ALBERT J. GREEN 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES 3.	†CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as birthday compliment to E. Yates. †Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	ERNEST NEWMAN 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

REDGRAVE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDK. CHAPLING Treble.	SOLOMON MOULE 4.
GEORGE BAILEY 2.	FREDK. DRIVER 5.
FREDK. BURROWS* 3.	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

*First peal.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	JOHN CLARK 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. 6.
FRANCIS S. WILSON .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 7.
ALFRED CHESTER 4.	WILLIAM R. NASH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. W. M. De La Touche, and as a wedding peal to Mr. F. R. Hill and Miss T. Quick.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER* .. Treble.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	HERBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Double Norwich; also on the bells, and was rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

KATE C. STANFORD* .. Treble.	WALTER KERRISON .. 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. 2.	JOHN O'NEILL .. 5.
CHARLES MOSS 3.	*JOHN MOUSER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 5.
WALTER S. INWOOD† .. 2.	FREDK. EDWARDS .. 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT† .. 3.	*JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	†MAURICE F. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT

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

STANSTED.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal on eight bells. †151st peal.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CENNINA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

ERNEST C. FREUND .. Treble.	HEBER C. HARRIS .. 5.
FRED R. MITCHELL* .. 2.	WILLIAM P. TREMAIN .. 6.
HARRY M. SMITH .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
ALBERT F. KNIGHT* .. 4.	*CHARLES H. SLEEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHAS. BOWER Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL .. 5.
SAM WOOD 2.	ALBERT ADAMS .. 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	SAM BOOTH .. 7.
JOSEPH MELLOR .. 4.	BENJAMIN THORP .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. Treble.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
ISAAC EMEY 2.	*REUBEN BALDWIN .. 6.
GEORGE DUELING .. 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
JOHN WHEADON .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birthday of Queen Alexandra. Quickest peal on the bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	*HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 6.
HAROLD JACKSON* .. 2.	*TOM WILDE .. 7.
ALFRED BARNES .. 3.	*ALBERT HOUGH .. 8.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. 4.	ALLAN S. GORDON .. 9.
FRED HOLT 5.	BENJAMIN THORP .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

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

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ARTHUR H. WHITE .. Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. 3.	ALBERT E. LOCK .. 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 4.	FRED WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD Treble.	REGINALD BROUGH 5.
GEORGE POVBY 2.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM 6.
WILLIAM FLETCHER 3.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late H. T. Robins, esq., of this parish, a licensed Lay Reader, and who had spent nearly fifty years in Sunday School work.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	THOMAS BALDWIN 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	GEORGE MILHAM 7.
JESSE GILLET 3.	WILLIAM BELLAMY 8.
SAMUEL LIXTON 4.	JOHN AUSTIN 9.
FRANCIS E. HART 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Alexandra.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

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

This is the 100th peal rung upon the bells since their dedication as a ring of eight, May 15th 1902.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER MARSHALL * .. Treble.	ERNEST E. LAMBERT .. 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL * .. 2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5.
JIM BEACH 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. WILKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. * .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. * 3.	SERGT. MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY WASHBROOK * .. Treble.	FREDK. SMITH 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	ARTHUR CLAY 6.
JOHN DARLINGTON * .. 3.	*WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	*JAS. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Major on the bells. *First peal of Double Norwich.

Handbell Peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, November 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 21, Stoke Road,

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2.	JAMES HUNT 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires—S. Radford and M. Smither.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 7-8.
ALICE WHITE 9-10.	

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5280 MAXIMUS.

23456 M W H

52436 -

34625 - -

26543 - -

45362 - -

23564 - -

Repeated; omitting the first M.

February 4th, 1899.

5280.

23456 M W H

42356 -

34256 -

24653 -

56342 - -

36245 -

26543 -

34562 - - -

63542 -

45236 - -

23456 - -

April 21st, 1902.

5280.

23456 M W H

65432 - - -

36452 -

25463 - - -

62453 -

54326 - -

Repeated. July 14th, 1910.

7200 ROYAL.

23456 H W H

64352 - -

35642 - -

63542 -

56342 -

Four times repeated. January 1899. Rung at St. Michael's, Gloucester, February 8th, 1899, conducted by the composer as 5040, by omitting 3 H in three parts.

5400.

23456 M W H

52436 -

34625 - -

62345 - -

Four times repeated. January 1899.

15,312 CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS, AND 10,440 CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

23456 M W H

52436 -

34625 - -

M W H

26543 - -

45362 - -

63254 - -

56234 -

23564 - -

52364 -

35264 -

25463 -

64352 - -

35642 - -

63542 -

56342 -

Repeat the last five courses three times. April 19th, 1910. This can be extended by calling three bobs with the tenor in 7th in the first course in each part.

5040 ROYAL.

23456 7th M W H

274365 -

254763 -

65432 - - - -

36452 -

25463 - - -

62453 -

54326 - -

Repeated. July 16th, 1910.

5040 ROYAL.

23456 M W H

42356 -

34256 -

53246 -

42635 - - -

53624 - - -

62534 - -

52436 -

34625 - -

62345 - -

36245 -

23645 -

63542 -

45236 - -

23456 - -

September 26th, 1910.

5040 ROYAL.

23456 M W H

52436 -

64235 - -

26435 -

42635 -

56234 - -

23564 - -

52364 -

35264 -

The last four courses twice repeated, omitting 3 H in the first part. December 1910.

ST. LAWRENCE, LUDLOW.

The above church is one of the most beautiful churches in the west of England, both inside and out. It is interesting to note that there are 165 steps up to the ringing-chamber, and when you get there you are practically in darkness, as there are no windows. There is a circular lead light let into the floor, through which the ringers can look down into the body of the church. As there is scarcely any light to be obtained from this source, even for the 11 o'clock morning service, it is absolutely necessary to light candles, which are fixed upon the walls, there being no gas or electric light. This is one of the very few churches in England where ringing for morning service

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks.)—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hogg, W. Birtwhistle, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, J. Langstroth, C. Langstroth, J. Wane, H. Birtwhistle.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Newcombe, J. Hobbs, R. Dobson, W. D. James conductor, W. Marsh, H. Bennett, E. Marsh, F. Purse. *First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks.)—On December 20th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 1368 Grandsire Triples. J. Hogg, J. Langstroth, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, W. Wane, J. McKell. Also 1330 in the same method.

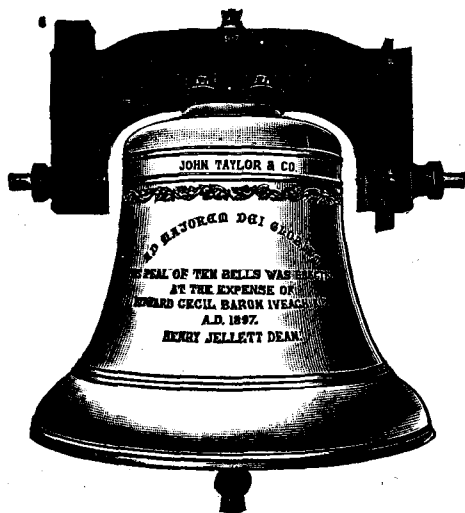
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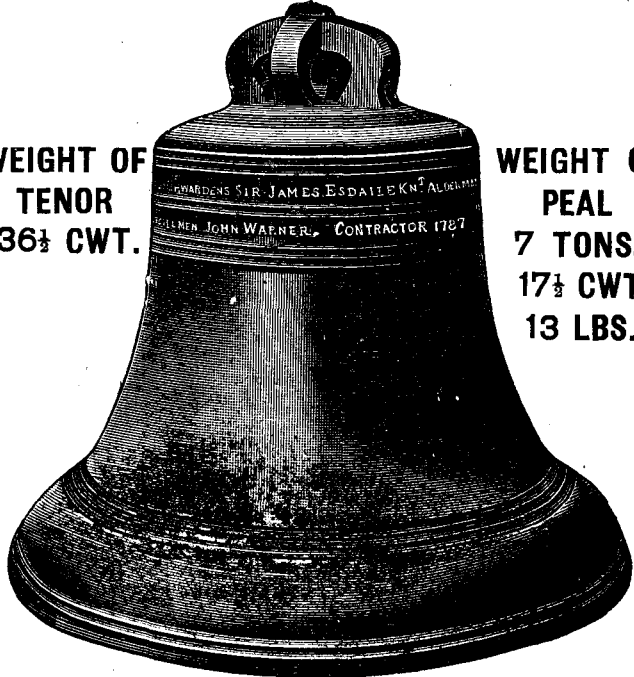
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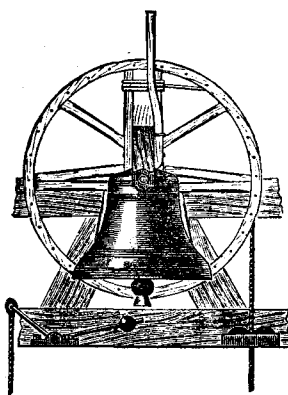
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