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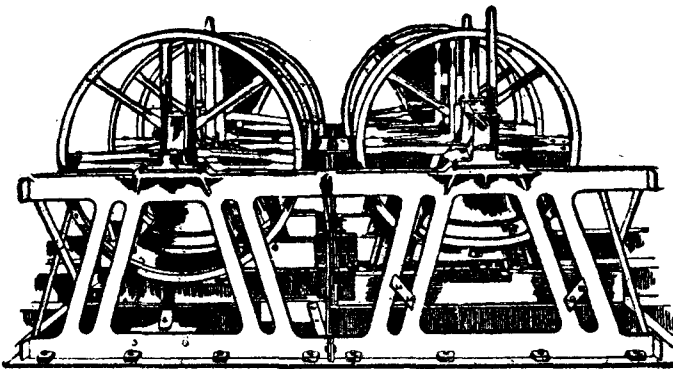
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RESTORATION OF THE BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON.

An appeal was published in these columns some weeks back for subscriptions toward the restoration of the above bells, but unfortunately there were none to acknowledge. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that a good many other appeals have been issued of late, and it is only natural therefore that some of them should not be successful. However, owing to the generosity of the parishioners, a sufficient sum was received to justify the order being placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have thoroughly strengthened the frame, and rehung the bells in new fittings. The louvres have also been boarded up a considerable distance, thus sending the sound further afield, and it is hoped that no complaints will now be received (as has hitherto been the case) from persons residing within the shadows of the tower. The re-opening took place on Christmas Eve. A choral celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 9.30 a.m., at which the old custom of chiming a Sacring bell at the Consecration Prayer was carried out, so that the sound of one of the bells was first heard at the most holy part of the church's services.

After the celebration, the clergy, choir, ringers, and as many of the congregation as could possibly be accommodated, ascended to the ringing-room, where the Vicar conducted a short service of benediction. After the hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple" had been sung, the bells were raised, and were kept going by the local ringers until the next service. A quarter-peal was attempted in the evening with Mr. J. Thomas ringing 2-3, but unfortunately this came to grief after ringing 35 minutes. A peal was however scored on Boxing Day, in which four of the local band took part, and which is recorded in its proper place.

The "go" of the bells is excellent, and reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Mears. In fact it is no exaggeration to say that it would be impossible to make bells go better.

HOLWELL, DORSETSHIRE.

A good piece of bell restoration has been done in this village. The old ring of five has been recast and rehung in a new steel and iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon firm. The old inscriptions have been reproduced, viz.:

- 1.—Anno Domini 1631. T. I. R. G.
- 2.—1646. T. G T C. R. B. R G.
- 3.—J. Kingston. B'Water 1827.
- 4.—Bee Meke and Lowly to hear the word of God. A.D. 1609.
- 5.—Drawe neare to God. Anno Domini 1604. W. P. On each bell is added, "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon."

The bells were re-dedicated on Thursday, 21st December last, by the Rev. Archdeacon Dundas, who gave a good address on the occasion. They are a fine ring in the key of E, the tenor being 14½ cwt. In the "Church

Bells of Dorset," the first three bells are given as blank. The fourth was evidently by John Wallis, of Salisbury. The W. P. on the tenor, no doubt means William Purdue, who probably lived at Closworth, not a great distance from Holwell.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of President and for that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the Agenda. A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.
Postal Orders should not be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Richmond, A. South, T. Wardon, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, T. W. Crawshaw, J. W. Birkin conductor, C. E. Spencer.

ST. GEORGE'S LEICESTER.

Certain persons and journals imperfectly acquainted with the facts of the case have addressed to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. George's, Leicester, solemn lectures on the criminal folly of under-insurance and the injustice of appealing to the Church at large for funds to rebuild the ruined nave, when they might have protected themselves and the Church by effecting larger insurances.

Now this is not only an unjust charge, but it is one which tends to prejudice the sympathetic against the appeal which is now being made. It is desirable, therefore, that the facts of the case should be set out in some detail.

The nave of the church before the fire, had no constructional parts except the aisle walls and the outer roof. The arcades and the ceilings were only of lath and plaster, erected underneath the roof after that had been completed. The amount of timber used in these parts was very large, and gave great opportunity to the fire. The plaster work was held in place by long ropes nailed to the timber cores. The arches and apparent walls over them were mere shells, only three-quarters of an inch thick. The arcade was supported by iron pillars. The whole thing was sham construction, typical of its period.

Now the cost of such a construction was fully covered by insurance. The Atlas Insurance Company have met the claim in a liberal spirit. But they have only paid for what was actually burnt or damaged. And no one to-day could think of replacing such work as perished in the same way. It would be futile to attempt to reinstate so unsubstantial a construction; therefore the cost of rebuilding the nave in honest work, even of a simple character, will be largely in excess of the sum paid over by the insurance company, for the church is large.

Mr. W. D. Caroe has prepared plans which offer the prospect of a dignified nave, admirably suited to the special needs of the congregation. They are limited, of course, by the necessity of using such parts of the aisle walls as remain standing, and of conforming to the plan of the old nave.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A clock striking the hours upon the largest bell in the tower, with one 4-ft. 6-in. dial, has just been erected in the parish church tower. It has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe (the great authority on church clocks) and is guaranteed to keep time with great accuracy. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work, and they made large clocks a short time since for the churches at Martley and Wilden in the same neighbourhood.

BRITAIN'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

Stowed away in the little hamlet of Hutton Conyers, near Ripon, is a venerable old man who holds the proud distinction of being the oldest bellringer in the British Isles. Mr. Joseph Baines, now in his ninety-first year, has performed many notable bellringing feats in his seventy years' connexion with Ripon Cathedral and the neighbouring church at Sharow. A year or two ago he was at the ropes for three hours and forty minutes.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—On Sunday morning, December 31st, after Divine Service, 729 Burton Treble Bob Minor. D. Mayer, E. Youngs, T. Davey, G. Kemp, L. Last, W. Rose conductor.

DEATH OF THE REV. J. LANGHORNE.

We regret to announce the death of the above, who died at the vicarage, Lamberhurst, Kent, on a recent Sunday. With rare intervals for brief holidays, and with one exception, short absences caused through illness, he has conducted the services at the parish church from September, 1895, till November 5th, 1911.

Born at Settle on December 5th, 1836, he was educated at Giggleswick school, and at Christ College, Cambridge, of which college he was a scholar. He was a pupil of Shilleto, and a friend of Calverley and Besant. He left the University in 1859, bracketed 14th classic in the Tripos of which Hensy Sedgwick was the senior. In 1860 he was appointed an assistant-master at Tonbridge School, where, as Form V. master, many old Tonbridgians will remember him, under the headmasterships of Dr. Weldon and the Rev. T. Rowe. After seventeen years' work at Tonbridge, during which he acted as curate at Hildenborough (1862-4), and at Tudely (1871-77), he was appointed headmaster of the King's School at Rochester.

In 1893 he was presented by the Dean and Chapter of Rochester to the living of Lamberhurst, which he held till his death. He married first, in 1861, Henrietta, daughter of William Long, of Harston, who died in 1860, by whom he leaves three sons. In 1871 he married, secondly, Frances Annesley, daughter of Captain J. C. Yorke, 5th Dragoon Guards, whose family of four sons and one daughter also survive him.

In addition to his parochial work, Mr. Langhorne took the greatest interest in the building of the new Infants' School, also in the restoration of the church, when it had been struck by lightning. He was also well versed in the archæology of the district. At the British Museum and elsewhere he searched out old wills and other documents connected with the locality, many of which were printed in the Parochial Magazine, and threw a most interesting light upon the state of the parish and its inhabitants some 300 years ago. He also compiled a most valuable list of the Vicars of Lamberhurst from the earliest days down to the present time. During the whole period of his incumbency he carried on the work of correspondent and chairman of the Manager of the Church School, and the educational experience gained in the earlier part of his career stood him in good stead.

It was in 1897 that he suffered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, caught at the sick bed of a cottager in the course of visitation undertaken to assist a neighbouring Vicar. For, in pursuance of his duties, he had no thought of sparing himself, but always persevered with the work he had in hand to the utmost of his ability.

He always took the greatest interest in the church choir and bellringers, and only recently he furnished the church with hassocks and cushions at his own expense. The sympathy of the parish goes out to his widow and family in their bereavement.

BUNYAN MEMORIAL WINDOW.—The Baptist memorial window to Bunyan which has been placed in the north transept of Westminster Abbey will, in accordance with the proposal of the Dean of Westminster, be unveiled on St. Paul's Day, January 25th, after the ordinary afternoon service. The Dean will preach, and seats will be reserved in the stalls for the committee and officers of the funds. Six of their number, who in all probability will be Non-conformist ministers, have been invited to occupy seats in sacrum, wearing academic costume.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer, we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

A further list of Subscriptions will appear next week.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. Collin's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. *S. Davies, *T. Audley, *T. Ellis, T. James, J. W. Bailey, J. Davies, J. W. Davies, *J. R. Edwards. *First quarter-peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, J. W. Davies.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday evening, New Year's Eve, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 53 mins. Miss M. E. Woolley, J. Andrews, A. H. Ward conductor, N. W. Widdowson, J. R. Ward, A. Hickton, R. Drage, J. Harrison.

OAKHAM.—On Saturday, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. H. Towell, Ji J. Jackson, S. B. Higgs, P. E. Higgs, F. C. Towell, W. E. Higgs, J. T. Dyke composer and conductor, R. W. Baker. Also 546 and 238 in the same method, in which A. Jarman and C. Reeve took part, these being their first touches on eight bells.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. Whanslaw, T. Bolton, S. Jones first quarter-peal, W. Honeyball, A. Jones, C. Collis, jun., G. Honeyball first quarter-peal as conductor, C. Collis, sen.

NOTE TO PEAL.

The peal at Aylesford.—W. Haigh's 100 peals.—On six bells in five methods 2, Bob Triples 1, conducted 1, Bob Major 4, conducted 2, Union Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 1, Stedman Triples 14, conducted 3, Stedman Caters 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 32, conducted 13, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Double Norwich Major 14, conducted 3, Superlative Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major (on treble) 1. Total 100, conducted 23. The above includes 8000 Treble Bob Major, also the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major by the Kent County Association.

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. E. S. POWELL, *Plymouth.*

(5040). In six parts.

123456	I	3	4	5	6
452613	S	-	-	-	-
635142	-	-	-	-	-
123465	-	-	-	-	-
532416	S	-	-	-	-
413652	S	-	-	-	-
231645	S	-	-	-	-
643521	S	-	-	-	-
514263	-	-	-	-	-
341256	S	-	-	-	-
145623	A	-	-	-	-
624312	S	-	-	-	-
352164	-	-	-	-	-
425136	S	-	-	-	-
624351	4A	-	-	-	-
542361	-	-	-	-	-
643512	2A	-	-	-	-
134562	-	-	-	-	-
563214	S	-	-	-	-
246153	-	-	-	-	-
364125	S	-	-	-	-
563241	4A	-	-	-	-
436251	-	-	-	-	-
635124	A	-	-	-	-

Repeat the last 39 courses twice, omitting sr in the first course.

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23456	W	M	H
56423*	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32456	S	-	-
43256	-	-	-

Repeat last twelve courses. Bob home first course.
* Bobs at 2, 1, 1, 1, 2.

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

Albert W. Coles.. .. Treble.	Richard Buckland 6.
Reuben Sanders.. .. 2.	Maurice F. R. Hibbert .. 7.
Bertram Prewett 3.	Robert E. Stavert 8.
Charles T. Coles 4.	Joseph J. Pratt 9.
George Spencer 5.	Henry H. Chandler Tenor.

Composed by C. Charge, and Conducted by J. J. Pratt.

First peal of Stedman on the bells and first peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

William C. Hart Treble.	George Ades 6.
Richard Hoather 2.	John Capp 7.
Albert D. Stone 3.	Alfred J. Turner 8.
Richard Stredwick 4.	Keith Hart 9.
Charles Palmer 5.	William Palmer Tenor.

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and Conducted by Keith Hart.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fiftyseven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Nathan Patmore Treble.	William H. Lawrence .. 4.
Frederick Williams 2.	Henry Wallace 5.
Barnard Patmore 3.	Arthur Woolston Tenor.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 5th are local men; those of the 2nd, 4th, and tenor bail from Little Munden. This peal was strictly non-conducted, not the slightest intimation being given as to when the bobs came, and is believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor rang.

Date Touches.

ARMLEY (Leeds).—On Sunday, December 31st (midnight) at Christ Church, a date touch of 1912 changes, comprising 112 Oxford and 600 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, and Violet, in 1 hr. 14 mins. *A. Coldrick, *G. A. Wilson, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent, Jos. Thackray conductor. *Longest touch.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—On New Years Eve a date touch of 1911 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 14 mins. R. Richmond, A. South, H. Verity, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, J. R. Feather, J. W. Birkin conductor, C. E. Spencer. Composed C. Jackson (Hull).

POTTON (Beds).—On Tuesday, December 26th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins., in three methods, as follows: 471 Bob Minor, 720 Single Oxford Bob, 720 Reverse College Single. F. Carter, W. Inskip, A. Bailey, C. A. Pratt, W. Compton, F. Blood conductor. First date touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor, and on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St.

Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Crandon, J. Coram, E. Cox, J. Harris, W. Worgan, F. E. Francis first quarter-peal, G. Chamberlain conductor, E. Reed.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE.—On Christmas Day, a half peal of Grandsire Triples (the first half of Holt's ten-part). W. Cox, T. East conductor, H. Bishop, W. Napper, E. Butler, J. Butler, J. S. Napper, W. Warwick. Longest touch by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 6th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 1008 Double Norwich. F. Borrett, R. Whiting, J. Tann, W. Mobbs, E. Poppy, J. Betts, F. Smith, J. Souter.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—For Divine Service at St. Paul's church on November 19th, 665 Grandsire Caters. D. Thompson, J. W. Barker conductor, C. Chasty, J. Church, W. Lightfoot, W. Davison, H. Sharp, H. Harlow, H. Tysoe, H. Smith. On December 10th 800 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Harlow, E. Tingey, W. Lightfoot, F. Webb, H. Sharp, C. Chasty, J. H. Freeborn, J. W. Barker conductor. On December 17th, 736 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Church, E. Tingey, H. Tysoe, W. Lightfoot, H. Sharp, H. Harlow, C. Chasty, J. W. Barker conductor. On December 24th 521 Stedman Caters. B. Finding, H. Sharp, J. W. Barker conductor, E. Tingey, W. Lightfoot, H. Harlow, C. Chasty, F. Webb, H. Tysoe, S. Harlow. On December 25, 359 Grandsire Caters. H. Smith, H. Tysoe, H. Harlow, E. Tingey, J. W. Barker conductor, J. Church, W. Lightfoot, F. Webb, C. Chasty, T. Harlow. Also touches of Forward Royal and Stedman Triples.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On December 31st, to ring out the old year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. M. Pink, F. Ghaffey, E. Squibb, W. Cooper, W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings conductor, A. Pain. The new year was rung in with a touch in the same method, the ringers standing as above.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—At the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, December 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Allen, J. Burles, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor. On Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Collins, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, J. Allen, J. Fenwick, F. Mitchell conductor. On Wednesday, December 27th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Fenwick, J. Burles, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor, First 720 in the method by J. Fenwick and G. Jones, as conductor by F. Mitchell. and second on record on the bells. On Saturday, December 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Fenwick, J. Burles, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor, On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Collins, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, J. Burles, J. Fenwick, F. Mitchell conductor. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and 180 Plain Bob. J. Fenwick, J. Burles, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor. First quarter-peal of Minor by all except F. Hayes. To ring the new year in 720 Plain Bob and 120 Grandsire Minor. G. Collins, J. Fenwick, J. Burles, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose conductor, F. Mitchell

BELTON (Rutland).—On December 31st, two 720s of Oxford Bob. J. Grocock, C. Reeve, F. Bindley, T. Atkin, J. J. Jackson conductor, A. Jarman. Also 720 each of Oxford and Plain Bob, with J. T. Dyke in place of J. J. Jackson.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, December 30th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, on the back six. G. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, W. Watson.

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 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 12th and 16th; St. Magnus on the 18th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—The quarterly general meeting will take place at St. Clement Danes Strand, on Monday, January 8th. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at The Cheshire Cheese. All members should endeavour to attend. The society also meets the second Sunday in the month for service ringing at 10 a.m.

F. J. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 5.45. A social evening will also be held in the parish room at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WILLIAM J. KEMP, *Hon. Sec.*

177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Tower open from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.

F. A. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.

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

Church Road, Heston.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Dunsable to-day, Sat., January 6th.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., January 6th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, January 13th. Tea at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, January 13th. Belfry open at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6, followed by the usual business meeting. Through the kindness of the Rev. B. Littlewood, tea will be provided to

all members who notify me not later than Tuesday, January 9th. May I take the liberty of asking all to attend, as an important question will be raised in connection with the Association. G. MOORE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30 with address by the Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea in Church Institute at 6. Those intending to be present send word by Tuesday, January 9th.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7. Will those who intend to be present please notify Mr. Thomas Birch, Chapel Street, Silverdale, not later than January 9th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, *Branch Sec.*

REAL DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT† Treble.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.
FRANK J. HAIRS* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.† .. 3.	†EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
HENRY J. RANZETTA* .. 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Cambridge Royal. First by the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. in F.

STANLEY H. COOPER* .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 5.
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HENRY J. KING* 3.	†WILLIAM J. KEMP 7.
HENRY RUMENS 4.	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP,

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell; also first peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM FYE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM FYE.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
FREDERICK G. FERBIN .. 2.	*FRANK I. HAIRS 6.
EDWIN F. PIKE 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	WALTER SOER 5.
HERBERT ARMSTRONG* .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
FRANK A. MILNE 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
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*First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

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On Thursday, December 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

RALPH WILLIAMS Treble.	JAMES CLIFF 5.
WALTER EDGE 2.	EDWIN BREEZE, SEN. .. 6.
JAMES HOUGH 3.	THOMAS STAREV 7.
FRANK JONES 4.	JOHN HASLAM Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Watson, of Lancelyn, Spital, to Mr. Alexander McDonald Patterson, of Malvern.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEDMAN WHITE Treble.	HARRY MILES 6.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 2.	WILLIAM C. HEDGES .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
ALBERT E. REEVES 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble.	*GEORGE BAXTER 5.
CLAYTON PARNELL* 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	FREDK. ROOPE 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LECLERCQ* .. Treble.	*REGINALD BLAKE 5.
GEORGE UPSHALL* 2.	THOMAS UPSHALL 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3.	†CHARLES EDWARDS 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 4.	*WALTER SHEEFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB Treble.	FRANK T. MARTIN 5.
HARRY TUCKER 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
HUBERT HATTO 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON Treble.	DAVID HORNE 4.
ARTHUR HADLEY 2.	WILLIAM TURNER 5.
CHARLES LAYTON 3.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

HARRY TYSON Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER 6.
JOHN W. BARKER 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 7.
JOSEPH CHURCH 3.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 8.
EDGAR H. G. TINGEY .. 4.	FRANK WEBB 9.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 5.	HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOSIAH HARRIS 2.	CHARLES EDWARDS 6.
LIONEL H. PAGE 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	OWEN H. GILES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble.	RICHARD DRAGE 5.
EDWARD C. GOBBY 2.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
SAMUEL MASKEEY 4.	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lbs.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble.	GEORGE CLAYBROOK.. .. 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	WILLIAM LAWLEY 6.
CHARLES BRECH 3.	ALFRED FALLON 7.
ANDREW JONES 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. FALLON.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	WILLIAM STAITT 5.
WILLIAM HALE 2.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	ERANK COLE 7.
WILLIAM HASTINGS 4.	HUBERT HANKS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2.	ROBT. JOHN POULSON .. 6.
FREDK. DEWELL* 3.	THOMAS GARRARD 7.
ROBERT WILDING† 4.	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOITANSTALL, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

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

WOBBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt in D.

DOUGLAS HARRIS Treble.	SIDNEY AVIS 5.
DAVID JAMES* 2.	CYRIL HEBBERT 6.
FREDK. GILBY* 3.	ERNEST HEBBERT 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 4.	*WILLIAM TURNER Tenor.

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On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. in A

PERCY ALMOND* Treble.	*ALFRED ANDREWS 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	JOSEPH BOWELL 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	*GEORGE JENNINGS 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD.. .. 4.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

BRISTOL—THE ST NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED MAGGS Treble.	CHARLES PERRY.. .. 6.
HENRY HOWELL.. .. 2.	WILLIAM WHITE 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	FREDK. OAKHILL 8.
FREDK. W. WADE.. .. 4.	ISAAC LONG.. .. 9.
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 5.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in any method by the ringers of the treble. First peal of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 7 and 8.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble.	JOHN SELF 5.
WILLIAM FLORY.. .. 2.	WILLIAM BURGESS 6.
JOHN HALL 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5.
ARTHUR BAKER 2.	SAMUEL BAKER 6.
JOSEPH ROBERTS 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
SAMUEL PEARCE.. .. 4.	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., as Vicar of Coseley, and also the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harper, relatives of the conductor,

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THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOSEPH HANLEY* Treble.	JOHN BRADNEY 5.
FRANK S. DOWNING 2.	REV. E. V. COX 6.
HUGH REYNOLDS 3.	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7.
ALBERT WOODVINE 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

The Rev. E. V. Cox is the first clergyman to ring a peal in this Guild. Ring in honour of the double wedding of the two elder daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howell, of Coalbrookdale, Eleanor Sybil to James Courtney, of Leicester, Winifred Margaret to Albert W. Ashton, of Bronfield, Shropshire. H. Reynolds was proposed a life member before starting. *First peal.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRED FORSYTH Treble.	J. S. RUMMING 5.
HARRY BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM FOWLER 6.
WALTER BURSEY 3.	GEORGE PRESTON 7.
HARRY F. ELLIOTT 4.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Ring to celebrate the birth of a grandson to the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Bodkin.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 37½ cwt.

BENJAMIN E. DIXON Treble.	EDWARD A. HERN 5.
WILLIAM STORY 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Ring after meeting short for Caters.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	C. RAYNBERG GLADDIS 6.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal.

BREDONS, NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
(Southern Branch.)

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720s of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Grand-sire. Tenor 6 cwt.

HARRY COLLEY Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	HERBERT JORDAN 5.
JAMES HEMMING 3.	HUBERT SALISBURY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BULWER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN H. SHOLICAR* Treble.	WILLIAM RIMMER 5.
JAMES TAYLOR* 2.	JOHN GARDNER 6.
JAMES PARK 3.	JAMES MARSH 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor.

Conducted by J. MARSH.

*First peal of Stedman.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade and District Branch.)

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Single Court, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse College Single, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. INSKIP* Treble.	CHARLES A. PRATT 4.
GEORGE W. INSKIP† 2.	†WILLIAM H. COMPTON 5.
ALFRED O. BAILEY* 3.	*FRED BLOOD Tenor.

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

*First peal. †First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by the above branch, which was only formed on December 16th, 1911.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5.
FRED WILFORD 2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 6.
JAMES T. WARD 3.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN CAFF 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENTS BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL JONES Treble.	RICHARD JONES 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7.
WILLIAM BIRBY 4.	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

This is believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung in this method.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hour and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. A. PAINTER* Treble.	T. WOOLLEY 5.
T. PAGE 2.	G. T. WHITE 6.
G. E. UPHILL 3.	†W. J. BENDER 7.
C. B. HURST 4.	T. HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. BENDER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 17 cwt.

BERT HORTON Treble.	*EDGAR T. SMITH 5.
ALFRED J. WALLATER 2.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6.
EDGAR MARLOW* 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON 7.
GEORGE PEATE* 4.	HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDE. M. BAILEY Treble.	F. GORDON THOMPSON 5.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3.	FREDE. J. SMITH 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, which hang in a curious manner, the circle running 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 5, 3, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob iv., London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR VALLANCE Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 4.
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 5.
WALTER J. HORTON 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

JAMES TULETT Treble.	WILLIAM A. COOKE 5.
WILLIAM EASTER 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6.
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 3.	WILLIAM HUNT 7.
THOMAS MANNERING 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Peal No. 1370, K.C.A. Report. This is W. Haigh's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. It is also W. Easter's 50th peal, and J. Tulett's 25th peal. W. Haigh rang his first peal on the same bell in 1887 to Grandsire Triples.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	LIONEL H. PAGE 5.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS* 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY 4.	OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Society of Bromley Youths.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BYGRAVE Treble	WILLIAM SOMERVILLE 5.
ALBERT HUMPHREY 2.	ISAAC EMERY 6.
GEORGE HUXLEY 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
HUBERT BLACWELL 4.	*FREDERICK SEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

*First peal. The conductor's 50th peal.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Edwin B. Shaw Treble.	Samuel M. Butterworth 5.
Albert Clegg 2.	James Hy. Bastow 6.
James Lees 3.	Isaac Schofield 7.
Samuel Stott 4.	*James Garlish .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Hollis, and Conducted by S. Stott.

*First peal of Triples.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York, and Cambridge. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Fredk. Day Treble.	Joseph Goacher 4.
William Savage 2.	William Day 5.
Henry Blackman 3.	Fredk. Bennett .. Tenor.

Conducted by Fredk. Bennett.

ST. MICHAEL, COVENTRY.

A very handsome oak Credence Table has been recently designed for the above fine old Collegiate Church. It is in the Perpendicular style, and consists of two panels flanking a central niche containing a figure of St. Michael, the patron saint of the church, representing the Church militant. The canopy over the figure is richly carved, and the side panels are worked with crocketed ogee arches with fine tracery above. It deserves close attention, and is a proof that just as good work can now be done in the way of wood-carving as in the past. St. Michael is shown combating the dragon, the pose of the Archangel being particularly vigorous, while the crouching dragon seems to realise the

superiority of the heavenly being. The foliage in the small pateras and running string mould illustrates variety and beauty of design, and this with the finials and crockets, shows that true artists have been employed.

A BEAUTIFUL DEVONSHIRE SCREEN.

The Bishop of Exeter dedicated on a recent Monday the bells of Atherington church, North Devon, which have been rehung at a cost of £220. At the public luncheon which preceded the service, the Bishop said that this was his first visit to Atherington, but he had long been familiar with the soaring dignity of its church tower as seen from the railway. Now he had been

over the church, and was profoundly impressed with the exquisite beauty of the woodwork of the screen, second to none in the whole diocese of Exeter, famous as it was for its many beautiful-chancel screens. They had a noble church, and he congratulated the parishioners on the perfect order in which they kept it. Although our churches had come down to us from a very long past, they would not now be what they were but for the generosity, self-sacrifice, and skill employed in restoring them in recent years. Ancient parish churches were in a sense the gift of generations long past, but also a gift we should not now be enjoying but for the hard work and self-sacrifice of people, many of whom were living to-day. In Atherington church the old and new wood carving blended, and all the old work had been preserved—very different from what would have been done in some churches—and harmonised with the new.

Bishop Robertson, whose work is incessant, and whose health is wonderfully sustained, will soon commence his tenth year in Exeter diocese. Yet, through no fault than the enormous size of his diocese, he has just seen Atherington church for the first time.

An interesting presentation to the new Bishop of Kensington was made shortly after his consecration in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet, on behalf of himself and other curates who had served under the new Bishop at Bristol, presented his lordship with an episcopal ring.

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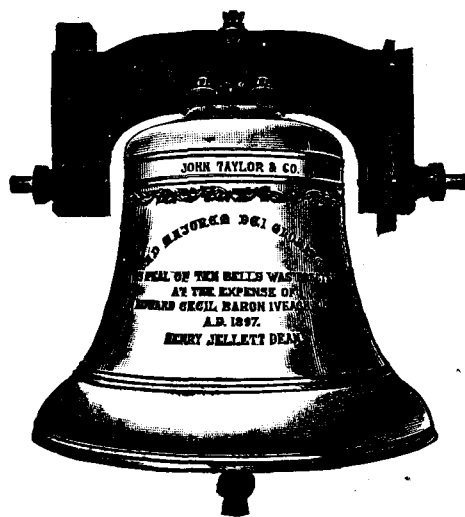
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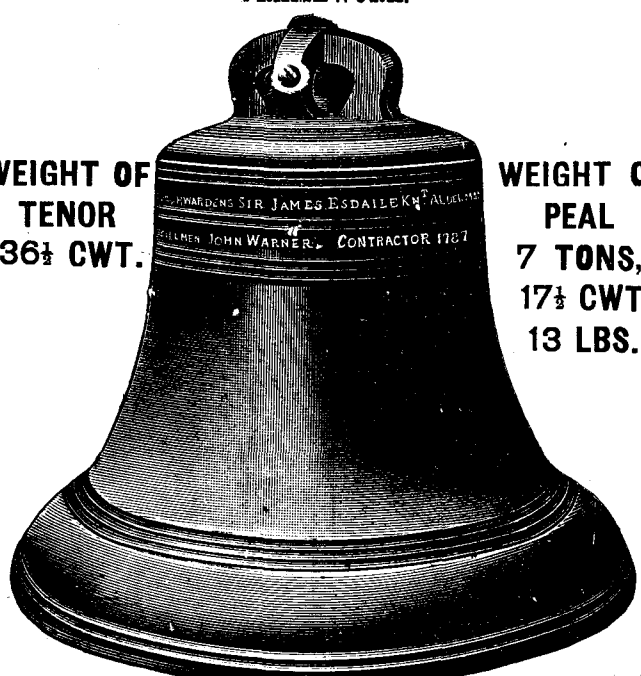
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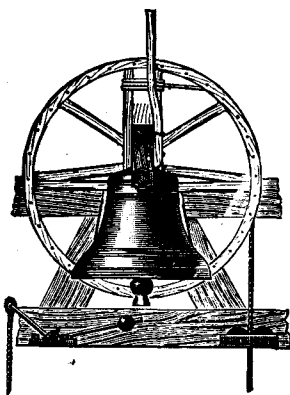
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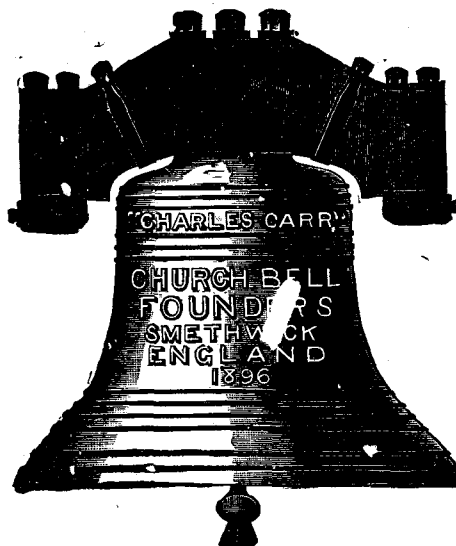
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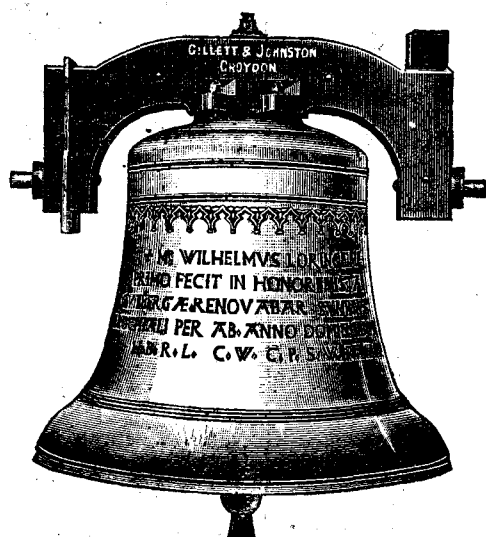
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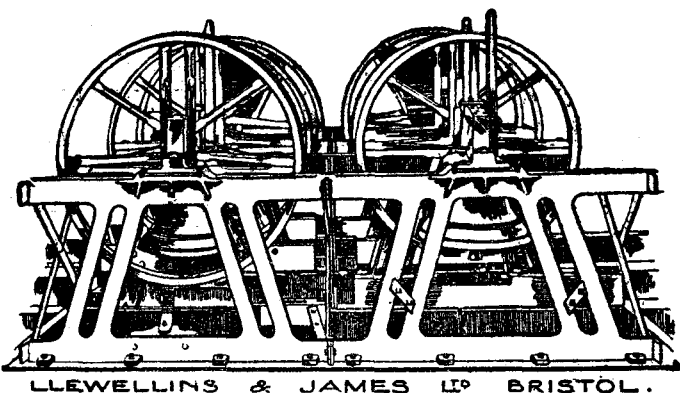
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CESHUNT, HERTS.

The Bishop of Barking will dedicate the bells in Cheshunt tower on Saturday, January 20th, at 3 p.m.

The six old bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and two new bells by the same firm have been added. During the service itself the bells will be rung round by the Cheshunt ringers. Afterwards, until 4.30, a band of change-ringers from the bell foundry will ring: while after 4.30, for two hours, the tower will be open to visiting ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of President and for that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the Agenda. A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the Dagenham Company, with visitors, have rung ninety-three 720s of Minor as follows:

Ffifteen Cambridge Surprise, eleven Woodbine Treble Bob, eleven Kent Treble Bob, twelve Oxford Treble Bob, eight Double Oxford, six Double Court, ten College Single, twenty Plain Bob. The following took part in the ringing: G. Playle 92, conducted 64, A. Playle 84, conducted 1, E. Hawkins 83, F. Freestone 80, E. Butler 68, R. Miles 59, conducted 28, D. Chaplin 23, A. Chaplin 11, G. Chaplin 8, J. Hawkins 9, C. Rochester 7, R. Blake 6, and Miss C. Playle.

THOMAS REYNOLDS.

This well-known ringer in Birmingham and the surrounding district passed peacefully away on Friday, the 5th inst. at the age of 59. Fuller details of his ringing career may be expected in our next issue.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

When bellfounding became a regular trade, some founders were itinerant, passing from place to place, whilst the greater portion had settled works in large towns, among other places at London, Norwich, Bury St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Gloucester, Colchester, Norwich and Nottingham. When roads were bad and locomotion difficult, bells were frequently cast within the precincts of religious houses, and in churchyards, the clergy or monks standing round and reciting prayers and chanting psalms. Southey, in his "Doctor," says: "The brethren stood round the furnace, ranged in processional order, sang the 150th Psalm, and then after certain prayers, blessed the molten metal, and called upon the Lord to infuse into it His grace, and overshadow it with His power for the honour of the saint to whom the bell was to be dedicated, and whose name it was to bear." An instance of this occurred at St. Albans in the early part of the fourteenth century, when the great bell called "Amphibalus" being broken was recast in the hall of the sacristy. After the elaborate ceremonial of the middle ages attendant upon the casting of bells had been dispensed with, the founder and his men did not always neglect to ask God's blessing upon their work at the critical moment of running the metal into the mold, for Thomas Hedderley, the famous Nottingham founder, joined his men in prayer previous to any important casting.

POTTON (Beds).—On Tuesday, December 26th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins., in three methods, as follows: 471 Bob Minor, 720 Single Oxford Bob, 720 Reverse College Single. F. Carter, W. Inskip, A. Bailey, C. A. Pratt, W. Compton, F. Blood conductor. First date touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor, and on the bells.

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CARILLONS AND CHIMES; CAMPANILES.

Bells of exceptional size, styled in Latin signa, are no new invention of the founder's art. It speaks much for the skill of the mediæval craftsman that he should have been able to cast giant bells which not only rivalled the chefs-d'oeuvre of our own day, but, as objects of beauty, certainly surpassed them.

In the twelfth century a tenor was added by Prior Wybert to Prior Conrad's great ring of five at Canterbury Cathedral, which bell, it is said, took thirty-two men to ring it. This was achieved by placing them on a plank fastened to a stock, by which means it was set in motion. It was, however, surpassed by another cast in 1316, in memory of St. Thomas of Canterbury. This weighed over 3½ tons, but was broken in the fall of the campanile, 1382, and was replaced in 1459 by a slightly heavier bell, cast in London, and dedicated in honour of St. Dunstan. Its successor, a recasting by Lester and Pack, of London, in 1762, still hangs in the south-west tower, and is used for the clock and for tolling.

The cathedral of Exeter was furnished with two bells which deserve the title of great; but one, the tenor of the old ring of seven, does not strictly come within the limits of this chapter, which deals with single bells. All these old bells had names, some derived from their donors, and tenor was called Grandison, from the bishop by whom it was given about 1360. Its successor, cast in 1902, by Taylor, of Loughborough, weighs about 3 tons. The other, Great Peter of Exeter, hangs in the north tower, and was the gift of Bishop Peter Courfenay in 1484. It has been twice recast, and the present bell is the work of Thomas Purdue, dated 1676. The founder attempted to preserve the old mediæval inscription,

PLEBS PATRIAE PLAUDIT DUM PETRUM PLENIUS AUDIT

"The people of the country applaud when they hear Peter's full sound,"

but only found room for the first five words. From the style of the inscription we gather that it was originally cast at the Exeter foundry. Its weight is given as 6½ tons, but according to another estimate is not more than four.

There is a rival of Great Peter at Gloucester, and here the original bell still survives, the only mediæval signum which we still possess. It bears the inscription,

ME FECIT FIERI CONVENTUS NOMINE PETRI

"The monastery had me made in Peter's name."

together with two shields, one charged with three bells, the other with the arms of the abbey. It may have been cast by the monks, as it bears no known foundry stamps, but the expression "had me made" seems to imply otherwise. Its weight is 2 tons 18 cwt. Yet another, but a modern "Great Peter," is that of York Minster, cast in 1845, and weighing 12½ tons. It is the second largest church bell in England.

From "Great Peters" we pass to "Great Toms." Of these there are two famous examples, one at Lincoln Cathedral, the other at Christ Church, Oxford. The Lincoln Tom, which hangs in the central tower of the Cathedral, does not appear in records before 1610, in which year it was recast by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, and Rybert Newcombe, of Leicester. It was cast in the Minster yard, and weighed 4 tons 8 cwt. In course of time it was too heavy for the tower, and was clocked, or tied down, as a contemporary journalist describes it in 1802: "He has been chained and rivetted down, so that

instead of the full mouthful he hath been used to send forth, he is enjoined in the future merely to wag his tongue." The result was inevitable, and in 1827 "he" was reported cracked, which led to his being recast.

Great Tom of Christ Church, which now hangs in the tower over the gateway, originally came to the newly-founded "House of Christ" from the despoiled Abbey of Oseney. Six other bells were brought with it, of which two still hang in the "meat-safe" belfry. Thrice unsuccessfully recast between 1612 and 1680, it is in its present form the work of Christopher Hodson, a London founder, who placed upon it a long inscription beginning with the Magnus Thomas (Great Tom). Oxonians will remember the ringing of the bell every night at 9 o'clock.

Among other great bells of historical interest, we may mention that which hangs in the south tower of Beverley Minster. It survived from mediæval times until so recent a date as 1902, when it was recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the weight being no less than 7 tons. The old bell was probably cast at Leicester about 1330, and bore some of the most beautiful lettering ever designed by mediæval craftsmen. Another of Messrs. Taylor's great works is the great bell of Tong, in Shropshire, originally given by Sir Harry Vernon in 1518, to be tolled when any Vernon came to Tong. It was recast in 1729, and again in 1892, its present weight being 2½ tons. It was dedicated to SS. Mary and Bartholomew.

Another great mediæval bell, lately recast, deserves mentioning, though strictly speaking, the tenor of a ring, and not a signum. This is the magnificent tenor at Brilles, in Warwickshire, richly ornamented with shields, crowns, and other devices, cast by John Bird, of London, about 1420. It bore a beautiful inscription taken from an old Ascension Day hymn. Greatly to the credit of the local authorities, the inscription and ornaments were exactly reproduced from the old cracked bell on its successor. The bell weighs about 2 tons.

Among great modern bells, the hour bell at Worcester Cathedral, cast by Taylor in 1863, and weighing 4½ tons, deserves special mention, as does a bell at Woburn, Bedfordshire, the work of Mears and Stainbank, in 1867, weighing nearly 3 tons. The former bears an inscription taken from Ephesians v, 14, and the letters used are copied from those on the beautiful Lincolnshire fifteenth century bells. But the chief masterpiece of recent founding is Messrs. Taylor's "Great Paul" at St. Paul's Cathedral, which holds the reputation of the largest bell in England. It has however a rival in the hour bell of the same Cathedral, which has a more lengthy history. There was once at Westminster a famous bell known as "Great Tom," which hung in a clock tower opposite Westminster Town Hall, but was removed to St. Paul's at the end of the 17th century. This bell was famous for its connection with the story told of a sentinel at Windsor Castle in the reign of William III., who was accused of sleeping at his post. He defended himself by stating that he had heard the Westminster bell strike thirteen at midnight, and this brought about his acquittal. Though the truth of the story has often been doubted, the striking thirteen is, mechanically, quite possible. It is said that this bell was originally given by Edward III. in honour of the Confessor. On the way to St. Paul's it was cracked by a fall, and eventually it was recast by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, in 1716. It now hangs in the south-west tower, and is used for striking the hour, and for tolling at the death of various great personages. Its weight is 5 tons 4 cwt.

Great Paul is the masterpiece of Messrs. Taylor, "one

of Loughborough's glories," says Dr. Raven. It hangs in the same tower, below Phelps' bell, and weight 16 tons 14 cwt., the diameter at the mouth being 9½ feet. It was cast in 1881, and simply bears the founders' trade mark and the words (said to have been selected by Canon Lid-don) from 1 Corinthians ix. 16:—

VAE MIHI SI NON EVANGELISAVERO

"Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

It is used for a few minutes before Sunday services, and at certain other times.

A description of St. Paul's bells is hardly complete without an allusion to the ring of twelve cast by Taylor in 1877, and placed in the north-west tower. The tenor weighing over three tons. They were given by the City Companies and the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts. In addition there are a service bell, cast in 1700, and two quarter bells of 1717 for the clock.

The old campanile at Westminster, built by Edward III. originally contained three "great bells"; it was pulled down in 1698, and we have followed the history of one of these bells, but the others disappeared. They had no successor until 1856, when the late Lord Grimthorpe (then Mr. Denison), an enthusiast for clocks and bells, designed a great bell for the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament. It was called "Big Ben," either after Sir Benjamin Hall, who was then First Commissioner of Works, or after a noted boxer of the time named Benjamin Brain. Its original founders were Messrs. Warner, but being sounded in Palace Yard with a hammer, for the amusement of the public before being hung, it was very soon cracked. In 1857 a new bell was cast by George Mears, of Whitechapel, from an improved design, and containing less metal. Its weight is given at 13½ tons. Shortly after its casting Big Ben gave way, but after being quarter-turned, could be once more utilised for striking the hours. Its tone, however, is anything but satisfactory, and one is forced to the opinion that these excessively large bells, very difficult to cast and awkward to manipulate, are apt to prove great mistakes.

CHIMES.

Sets of chimes, or arrangements for playing tunes on bells, existed in England even in mediaeval days; but they are nowadays regarded as a speciality of Belgium, and the famous carillons of Antwerp, Bruges, and Mechlin are well known to many a traveller. But it is not our province to speak of these, and it may be of some interest to see what use has been made of such arrangements in Edgland.

Dr. Raven, in his fascinating book, "The Church Bells of England," tells us that the machinery of the carillon was a recognised thing in the middle of the fifteenth century, and quotes from the will of John Baret of Bury St. Edmund's, who died in 1463, and gave directions for the playing of a "Requiem aeternum" for his dirge at noon for thirty days after his death, and on each "Monday," or anniversary, to be continued during the octave. The sexton was also to take heed to the chimes and wind up the pegs and the plummets as required. The music of this Requiem, we are told, only comprised five notes, and must have been somewhat wearisome to the good people of Bury. In old churchwardens' accounts, as at Ludlow or Warwick, we find frequent references to the repair or upkeep of the chimos.

The principle of the carillon is similar to that of a barrel organ or musical box, implying a barrel or drum, set

with pegs, and set in motion by being connected with the mechanism of the clock. The pegs, as they turn, raise levers which pull wires in connection with the hammers which strike the bells. With the ordinary eight bells of an English belfry it is obvious that only a limited choice of tunes within the compass of an octave is possible, and that they can only be played in one key on single notes. The Belgian carillons have sometimes forty or fifty bells in communication with a key-board like that of an organ, and tunes can therefore be played on them in harmony. There are a few carillons of this type in England, the best known being at Boston, in Lincolnshire, and at Cattistock, in Dorset, but usually the ordinary bells are employed, as at Worcester Cathedral and in many towns.

At the Reformation chimes largely died out, but with the Restoration they revived, and we hear of them at Cambridge, Grantham, and elsewhere. Another kind of chime which may here be mentioned is that employed for striking the quarters for the clock. Here of course no mechanism is required beyond the connecting wire which raises the hammer and drops it on the bell. Of such chimes the best known are the Cambridge quarters, put up in Great St. Mary's church in 1793. They were composed by Dr. Jowett, the Regius Professor of Laws, assisted by the composer Crotch, who was then only 18. The latter is said to have adapted a movement in the opening symphony of Handel's "I know that my Redeemer liveth," for the purpose.

The practice sometimes adopted now-a-days of playing hymn tunes on bells by means of ropes tied to the clappers is a miserable substitute for the mechanical contrivance. It not only causes agonies to the musical ear by the unavoidable occurrence of false notes, but is only too likely to lead to the destruction of the bells altogether, as the result of the clocking.

CAMPANILES.

We have seen that it is the normal rule in England for bells to be placed in towers forming part of the structure of churches; or rather it should be said that towers for containing the bells were regarded as an essential feature in the construction of a church from the Saxon period onwards. Over the greater part of the Continent the same also holds good; but in Italy we find detached towers, or campaniles, to be of frequent occurrence. The most familiar examples in that country are the campanile of St. Mark's at Venice, and that built by Giotto at Florence. There are many others in northern Italy, especially at Bologna, and at Ravenna, where the churches are of great antiquity.

Nor are such campaniles altogether unknown in England. In mediaeval times they were attached to several of our cathedral churches, as for instance Old St. Paul's, Chichester, Salisbury, and Worcester. The bells of Old St. Paul's were traditionally gambled away by Henry VIII. in 1534, and the campanile at Worcester did not survive the Reformation, but that at Salisbury, a most picturesque structure, with a wooden upper storey and spire, was wantonly destroyed in 1777 because the bells were misused! That at Chichester alone remains, a fine Perpendicular erection, at the north-west angle of the Cathedral. At King's College, Cambridge, a noble peal of five bells hung in a low wooden belfry on the north side of the chapel, which was destroyed when the bells were sold and melted down in 1754. Detached towers are not uncommon features of our parish churches, in some parts of England.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Edser, sen., W. Shepherd conductor, A. F. Shepherd, G. B. Edsar, A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, sen., J. Emery, R. J. Polley. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COBHAM.—On Wednesday evening, January 3rd, four members of the Milton band walked over and paid a visit to their brother-strings at Cobham, and during the evening a 720 Canterbury Pleasure was rung by G. Mungean, sen., J. Burles, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. M. Mitchell, G. Morrad conductor. First 720 Canterbury on the bells and in the method by G. Mungean. The Milton ringers were Messrs. F. Mitchell, G. Ambrose, G. Jones and J. Burles.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON.—On Tuesday, January 2nd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bailey first touch in the method, N. R. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, C. Samsom, C. F. Bailey conductor, C. Button.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Kinsey, S. Brooks, G. Brooks, G. Giblin, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Hargent, W. Evans conductors, S. Watkins. On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's Variation), in 44 mins. W. Hargent, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwick, W. Short, A. Matthews conductor, W. Evans.

BARKSTON (Lincolnshire).—At the residence of Mr. A. Mackears on Sunday, December 31st, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 17 mins. R. Scott, 1-2; R. Richardson, 3-4; A. Mackears, 5-6. Conducted by R. Richardson. First 720 with a pair of bells by R. Scott and A. Mackears.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Holy Innocent's Day, December 28th, 1008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells halfmuffled. H. Scrivens conductor, A. F. Cooke, E. H. Tribe, W. H. White, W. Faulk, W. Hastings, E. Paul, W. White. On Tuesday, January 2th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. Scrivens conductor, A. F. Cooke, E. H. Tribe, H. Smith (first quarter-peal), W. Faulk, W. Hastings, E. Paul, W. White.

ST. NEOTS (Hunts).—On Thursday, January 4th at "Llan-rock," Avenue Road, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. P. Twigden (age 12), 1; F. Smith (age 13), 2; S. J. Coleman, 3-4; G. D. Coleman, 5-6. First 720 by the ringers of the trebles.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer, we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly

due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

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Donations, however small, will still be thankfully received by Mr. A. W. Osborne, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading, assuring one and all that it is a most deserving case. Mr. A. W. Reeves wishes to thank one and all most heartily for their very kind consideration in his terrible affliction.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. Collin's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. *S. Davies, *T. Audley, *T. Ellis, T. James, J. W. Bailey, J. Davies, J. W. Davies, *J. R. Edwards. *First quarter-peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, J. W. Davies.

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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 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 12th and 30th; St. Magnus on the 18th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, to-day, Sat., January 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 5.45. A social evening will also be held in the parish room at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WILLIAM J. KEMP, Hon. Sec.
177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Tower open from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.

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

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Margaret's on Friday, January 19th, at 7.45.

JAMES E. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Meat tea in the vestry hall at 5.30. 9d. per head to those who inform me of their intention to be present by the 18th inst.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
3, Margaret Terrace, Hart Lane, New Cross.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop to-day, Sat., January 13th. Tea at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Farleigh to-day, Sat., January 13th. Belfry open at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6. followed by the usual business meeting. May I take the liberty of asking all to attend, as an important question will be raised in connection with the Association.

G. MOORE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30. with address by the

Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea in Church Institute at 6.
H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale to-day, Sat., January 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Brauch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held in St. Paul's Institute on Saturday, January 20th. The bells of St. Paul's church will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 7, except during the meeting, which will commence at 5 o'clock. All members and friends invited.

H. WAKLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, January 20th. Members who intend to be present at tea (which by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Streetfield), will take place at the Pitman Institute, opposite the church), must let me know by the 16th inst. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Tea at 6. Meeting to follow.

GEO. H. HOWSE, Hon. Sec.
Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Will those coming kindly inform me before January 18th.

B. H. T. DRAKE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, January 17th. Bells (8) available.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Full particulars next week. T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present, kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 24th.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea is, each, at 4.30, both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The Committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1911 will

do so at or before this meeting.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Further particulars next week.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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25346			2	2
34256			1	1
52436			2	2
23456				2

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53246		1	2
52436		1	2
25634	2		2

Repeated.

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On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lbs.

THOMAS C. RINGROSE* .. Treble.	†EDWIN RUSSELL 4.
FRANK E. RINGROSE* .. 2.	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5.
HERBERT ARMSTRONG† .. 3.	†JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells. †First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member previous to starting. F. Ringrose is 17 years of age. Rang to commemorate the festival of the Epiphany.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble.	D'OYLEY A. SIMONS 5.
REUBEN SANDERS 2.	*JAMES NORRIS 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 4.	HENRY TORELE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Neale and Sanders.

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The Provinces.**RAINHILL, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of Single Oxford, and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

H. ASHTON	Treble.	J. A. CALLAND	4.
R. LEATHER	2.	G. SANT	5.
R. A. CARTWRIGHT	3.	F. J. HANCOCK	Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

THORNE, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS	Treble.	HERBERT LUDKIN	5.
FREDK. TATE	2.	J. CLARKE	6.
CHARLES W. KING	3.	THOMAS SMITH	7.
M. TATE	4.	*JOSEPH DRAKE	Tenor.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

*First peal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.**

Tenor 37 cwt in C sharp.

ALBERT STOWELL	Treble.	JOHN BURFORD	6.
FRED G. MAY	2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	7.
CHARLES H. GORDON	3.	WILLIAM STOWELL	8.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	4.	JOHN H. HESSE	9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT	5.	HENRY HOWELL	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Royal on the bells. First peal of Forward Royal in the county, and for the above Association. This is W. Knight's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

SPELDHURST, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAKER	Treble.	GEORGE TUBLEY	5.
ANDREW MARSHALL	2.	JAMES MAYNARD	6.
ARTHUR MAYNARD	3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN	7.
WALTER MARSHALL	4.	WILLIAM LATTEE	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by WILLIAM LATTEE.

*First peal in the method. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1911, peal No. 1654. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss R. Macalpine Leny, who to the great regret of all the ringers in the district, were leaving Speldhurst on New Year's Day.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Christmas morning, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fiddis, F. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller, G. Dawson, J. Moule conductor. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Plain Bob. F. Doran, A. Prior, S. Hayes, W. Miller, G. Dawson, J. Moule conductor. First 720 with a hob bell by F. Doran and A. Prior.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of G randsire, and four of Plain Bob.

HENRY MARKLOVE	Treble.	WALTER POSTON	4.
EDWARD SUMMERS	2.	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT	5.
FRANK VOYCE	3.	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY	Treble.	GEORGE CLAYBROOK	5.
WILLIAM LAWLEY	2.	BERNARD W. SMITH	6.
DANIEL JONES	3.	ALFRED FALLON	7.
ANDREW JONES	4.	CHARLES DARBY	Tenor.

Conducted by A. FALLON

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Hon. Mrs. Augustus Legge, wife of the Bishop of Lichfield.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES,**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER	Treble.	JOSEPH MORRIS	6.
LOUIS E. ALLEN	2.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM	7.
SAMUEL COTTON	3.	EDWARD READER	8.
FREDK. H. DEXTER	4.	ALFRED MARTIN	9.
ERNEST MORRIS	5.	THOMAS TAYLOR	Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER, and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Stedman.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TEN-PART.

FRANK W. PERRENS†	Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5.
ARTHUR BAKER	2.	SAMUEL BAKER	6.
JOSEPH ROBERTS	3.	WILLIAM FISHER	7.
WILLIAM BAYLISS†	4.	†BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

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

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS	Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5.
ARTHUR BAKER	2.	SAMUEL BAKER	6.
WALTER GRINSELL	3.	WILLIAM FISHER	7.
SAMUEL PEARCE	4.	ALBERT E. LAW	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., Vicar of the parish, and Rural Dean of Himley.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HUBERT J. DAY.. .. Treble.	FREDK. BRUNNING 5.
ALFRED E. BOWELL.. .. 2.	FREDK. DAY 6.
ERNEST W. CLOVER.. .. 3.	THOMAS A. TURNER.. .. 7.
GEORGE E. DAY 4.	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor.

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

Rung after evening service.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 5.
FREDK. W. WADE 2.	HENRY HOWELL 6.
CHARLES PERRY.. .. 3.	ISAAC LONG.. .. 7.
FRED G. MAY 4.	UBIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Reference elsewhere.

ANSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Worcester Surprise, Chichester, Cambridge, Norwich, Kitchener, Anston, and Baden Powell.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. STENTON Treble.	R. SMITH 4.
H. TURNER 2.	S. SMITH 5.
H. STENTON 3.	C. FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by H. STENTON.

Rung for the departure of the old year, and finished at 11.59. This is believed to be a record for the nearest approach to midnight.

HOLBETON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. LAPTHORN* Treble.	*B. MILLER 4.
W. WILLIAMS* 2.	REV. E. S. POWELL.. .. 5.
W. D. JAMES 3.	*H. HEARD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. S. POWELL.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Doubles rung in the county of Devon, consisting of forty-two 6-scores each called differently, and contained common Grandsire singles and bobs only.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
(Southern Branch.)

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

EDWIN KNIGHT* Treble.	FRANK COOK 5.
LEWIS SPARROW* 2.	*CHARLES KNIGHT 6.
AUGUSTUS DORE 3.	JAMES ADDIS 7.
WILLIAM SPARROW* 4.	ALLEN KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal on eight bells.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES F. GODFREY Treble.	GEORGE BASELEY 1.
JOHN HOUGH 2.	HERBERT HURDMAN.. .. 5.
HERBERT SHARPE 3.	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by H. HUEDMAN.

Rang with the bells muffled for the watch-night service.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble.	ALPHARUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE 5.
WILLIAM CLOVER 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung after the evening service. This is the first peal rung by E. Youngs since his recovery from an operation in Norwich Hospital in 1909.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Two 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.	†JOHN SELF 5.
STANLEY BONNEY* 2.	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6.
E. HOBART SMITH 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4.	†CHARLES BUTTON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. ‡First peal in any method, and was proposed a member of the Association before starting. Rung fully muffled as a farewell to 1911, the bells coming round just in time to un-muffle and ring a short touch in the same method to welcome the New Year.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Nether-seale Surprise, Evening Star, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, and Sandiacre Pleasure.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDK. MANSEY.. .. 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER.. .. 3.	FREDK. SHAGER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

BANGOR.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Frank A. Hobbs Treble.	William Crane, jun. 5.
Rev. T. Lewis Jones 2.	James H. Midwinter.. .. 6.
Arthur E. Pegler 3.	William T. Pegler 7.
Albert J. Hughes 4.	William Crane, sen. Tenor.

Conducted by William T. Pegler.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who received the usual congratulations.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Southern Branch.)

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

John Adkinson Treble.	William Watson 4.
Reginald Scott 2.	Arthur Drury 5.
Arthur Palmer 3.	Arthur Mackears Tenor.

Conducted by A. Mackears,

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, January 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

Fred Hayes Treble.	John Evans 6.
Frederick G. Biggs 2.	George F. Williams 7.
William H. Fussell 3.	Arthur F. Ashman 8.
Ralph Coles 4.	James W. Wilkins 9.
John Gransbury 5.	Frank W. Boxell Tenor.

Composed by James W. Parker, and
 Conducted by George F. Williams.

First peal of Erin Caters by all the band, on the bells, and by the above Guild.

CARDIFF.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Clarence O. Hobbs Treble.	William Miller 5.
John Harris 2.	Fred Chamberlain 6.
William B. Biss 3.	Sidney Dawe 7.
Charles R. Lilley 4.	William Bolton Tenor.

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.
 Rang after meeting short for Bob Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

Algernon P. G. Stone* .. Treble.	George Bull 5.
George Robinson 2.	Albert P. Wakley 6.
Edward I. Stone 3.	Joseph Griffin 7.
William C. Wakley 4.	John H. Swinfield Tenor.

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, and Conducted by Albert Wakley.

*First peal in the method.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Richmond, A. South, T. Wardon, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, T. W. Crawshaw, J. W. Birkin conductor, C. E. Speucer.

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CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Gilbert Bull* Treble.	William J. Ryves 5.
Edwin Wellstead† 2.	Alfred Mears 6.
Frederick J. Newland* .. 3.	Andrew Mears 7.
George Williams 4.	Caleb Johnson Tenor.

Conducted by George Williams.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

HOLBETON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
 (The Charles Parochial Society)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Reginald Dobson Treble.	*George R. Stroud 4.
William D. James 2.	Frank Hockaday 5.
Rev. E. S. Powell 3.	Ernest W. Marsh Tenor.

Conducted by William D. James.

*First peal of Minor.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

Ernest W. Marsh Treble.	William Rundle 6.
George R. Stroud 2.	William Richards 7.
William Ford 3.	*William Shears 8.
Reginald A. H. Dobson .. 4.	William D. James 9.
Joseph Woodley 5.	Francis Purse Tenor.

Composed by John Cox, and Conducted by Ernest W. Marsh.

*First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Ernest Nidd Treble.	*Fred Turner 5.
Harry Thorpe 2.	Albert C. Darnell 6.
David B. Overton 3.	Sidney Proctor 7.
William G. Thorpe 4.	Thomas H. Hall Tenor.

Composed by J. J. Parker, and Conducted by Sidney Proctor.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Bulwer's Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 30 cwt.

Robert F. Turner Treble.	Charles W. Bird 5.
Edward Chapman 2.	Frederick W. Sawfoot .. 6.
Alfred Knight 3.	David J. Nichols 7.
E. Maurice Atkins 4.	Harry Pettitt Tenor.

Conducted by David J. Nichols.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (Southern Branch.)

(The All Saints and St. Laurence Guild, Evesham.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

Harry Colles* Treble.	*Frederick Johnson 6.
Raymond Young 2.	Frederick Jordan 7.
Thomas Edwin 3.	†Henry J. Phipps 8.
Herbert Jordan 4.	Harry Middleton 9.
James Hemming 5.	William Workman Tenor.

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Harry Middleton.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal on ten away from the tenor.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS Treble.	WILLIAM HARGEST 5.
SAMUEL BROOKS 2.	ALBERT MATTHEWS 6.
GEORGE GIBLIN 3.	WILLIAM EVANS 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	*ERNEST JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

*First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

J. CHARLES DICKEN Treble.	JAMES H. CLAREE 6.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2.	FRANK JOHNSON 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	SAMUEL WESLEY 8.
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4.	HARRY R. COBBIN 9.
WILLIAM BELLAMY 5.	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor.

Composed by G. Haywood, and Conducted by WM. BELLAMY.

First peal of Bob Royal by all except ringer of 8th. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who sailed for Australia on Jan. 11.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS* Treble.	†CHRISTOPHER HICE 6.
ALFRED JAMES WALLATER 2.	†WALTER R. HUGHES 7.
WALTER H. HAWESWOOD* 3.	†GEORGE PRATE 8.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON 9.
EDGAR T. SMITH† 5.	†GILBERT HARDING Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOS. J. ELTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the festival of the Epiphany.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE Treble.	ALBERT HARMAN 5.
FREDK. W. RICE 2.	GEORGE ILLMAN 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	ALBERT ELLIS 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN SEARROW 1-2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5-6.
FREDK. DEWELL 3-4.	*HORACE NORMAN 7-8.

Composed by C. FENN, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire—F. J. Levitt. †First peal away from the treble. *First peal double-handed. Arranged for H. Norman, previous to going to Hereford.

PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At 52, SHIRLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT* 1-2.	GEORGE B. EDSER 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 7-8.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Caters, and first lady to ring a changing pair in the method. Umpire—F. G. Symonds.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Stoke-in-Coventry without any date being mentioned.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. NICHOLAS', BRISTOL.—This was the 100th peal of Stedman rung in towers in Gloucestershire by the conductor. The total is made up as follows:—Stedman Cinques rung 6, conducted 2; Stedman Caters 59, conducted 41; Stedman Triples 35, conducted 22; total rung 100, conducted 65. Included in the Triples Mr. May has conducted a different composition from each working bell: Thurstans' one-part, Thurstans' five-part; several of Sir Arthur Heywood's compositions, and also most of J. W. Washbrook's Stedman Triples compositions are included in the list. No other Gloucestershire ringer has ever reached this number in the Stedman method only.

THE PEAL AT WRINGTON.—Mr. W. Knight's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 5, Plain Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Royal 2, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Forward Major 3, Forward Royal 2, Double Norwich Major 8, Stedman Triples 17, Stedman Caters 27, Stedman Cinques 1, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surpriss Major 8, Cambridge Surprise Royal 12, London Surprise Major 3. Total 100.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday evening, New Year's Eve, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 53 mins. Miss M. E. Woolley, J. Andrews, A. H. Ward conductor, N. W. Widdowson, J. R. Ward, A. Hickton, R. Drage, J. Harrison.

OAKHAM.—On Saturday, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. H. Towell, J. J. Jackson, S. B. Higgs, P. E. Higgs, F. C. Towell, W. E. Higgs, J. T. Dyke composer and conductor, R. W. Baker. Also 546 and 238 in the same method, in which A. Jarman and C. Reeve took part, these being their first touches on eight bells.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. Whanslaw, T. Bolton, S. Jones first quarter-peal, W. Honeyball, A. Jones, C. Collis, jun., G. Honeyball first quarter-peal as conductor, C. Collis, sen.

ST. SAMPSON'S YORKS.

The Archbishop of York was present and preached at the service of thanksgiving for the completion of the work of restoration of the tower here. The cost was £1,850, a very large sum for so small and poor a parish. But by the hearty co-operation of all concerned, the amount required was eventually obtained. The Archbishop said he was glad to be present and to share the joy of the people in the restoration of that holy house. To his mind there was no shame outside, outside the great and chiefest shame of sin, sadder than that which lay on the conscience of churchpeople if they allowed the ancient and holy houses of God to fall into neglect and decay. He could never hear of a church being

allowed to slip, to crumble, to lose the beautiful features which it once possessed by the love and adoration of another age, without feeling, so to say, the central conscience of the diocese, a stab of shame and deep regret. Similarly, never could he feel a greater sense, outside the deep sense of joy and knowledge of human lives lived in the fear and love of God and loyal discipleship of Jesus Christ, than when he heard of God's people showing their love for Him and thankfulness for the wonderful privileges of worshipping in those ancient and beautiful buildings in restoring to them that which was lost.

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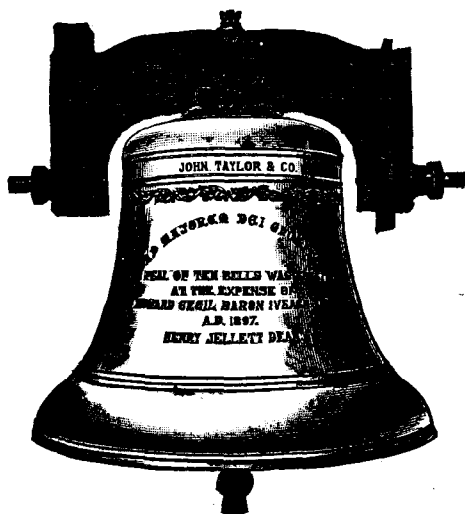
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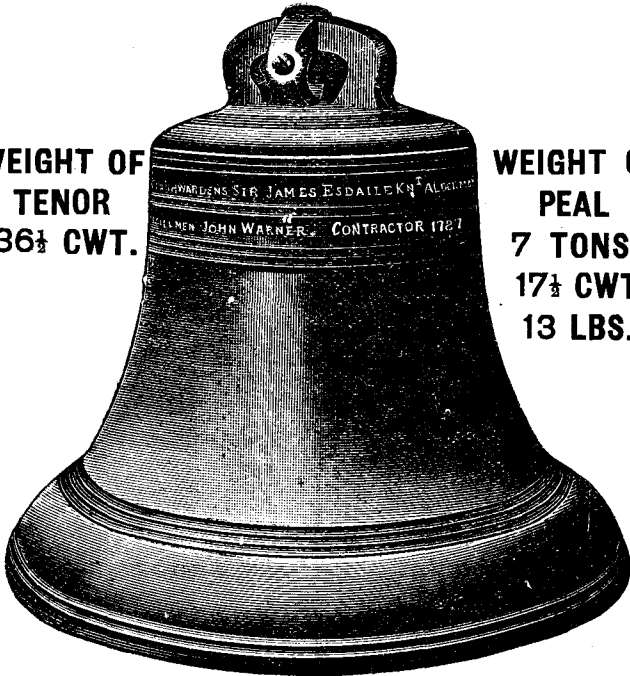
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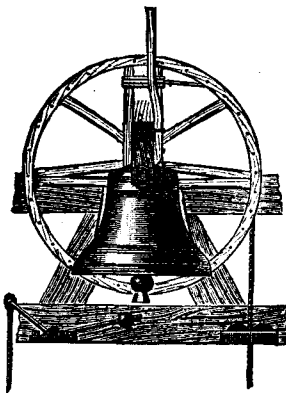
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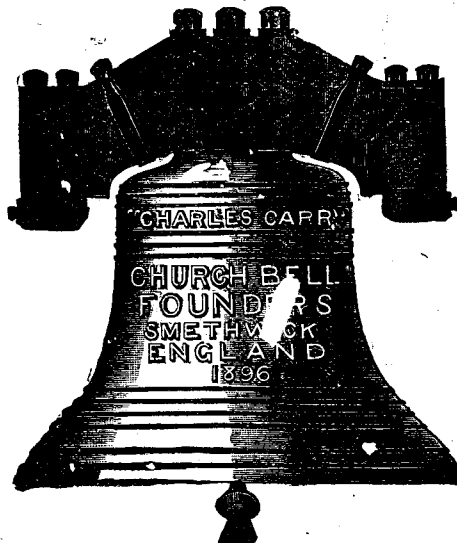
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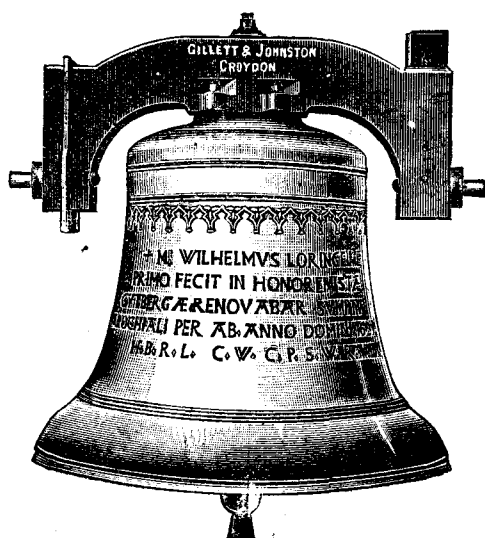
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

One of the most successful quarterly meetings ever held by this Association took place at Diss on Thursday, January 11th. The bells of the parish church, and also those of Palgrave were open to the use of members throughout the day, and were largely patronised. First-class striking was the order, and all the ringing was superior to that usually heard at quarterly meetings.

Dinner was served at The King's Head hotel, sixty-five sitting down to an admirable repast. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, supported by the Revs. C. W. Peek and K. Mackinnon (of Diss), the Revs. C. F. Blyth, E. C. J. Bowen, Wm. C. Pearson, and E. Hopper, Messrs. J. Cadge, A. Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (Secretary) and representatives from many towers in the diocese.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, as were also the toasts of "Success to the Association," the "Diss Company of Ringers" and the "Town and Trade of Diss." The clergy were also thanked for the use of the bells.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Henry Hopson, the Secretary for the Beccles district of the Association, had, owing to advancing years, felt it necessary to resign the post he had so faithfully carried on since the division of the diocese into districts. He (the Secretary) had received this resignation with the greatest feeling of regret, for every member looked up to Mr. Hopson with affectionate regard and esteem.

The Chairman added warm words of appreciation for Mr. Hopson and the work he had done, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him. This was enthusiastically carried, and Mr. Hopson made a very feeling acknowledgment.

The Secretary reported that the finances of the Association were in a satisfactory condition, and that the peal total for the year 1911 constituted a record.

The election of a number of new members concluded the business part of the meeting, and both tower bells and handbells were at once set going again. The thanks of the Association are due to the Diss company for so readily falling in with the suggestion that their own anniversary should be combined with this meeting. A most successful day was the result.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this Society for the year was held at Worksop, on Saturday, January 13th, being the first held here since the restoration of the frame and re-adjustment of the bells last autumn. We therefore expected an assemblage above the average to test the "go" of the renovated peal of eight bells. Other meetings however clashed with ours and kept our Gainsboro' members away; but despite that there was a fairly good gathering, including a brother-string from the Midlands, Mr. W. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, who took part in some touches of Bob Major. He and all who had a pull were much pleased with the run of the bells, which

had previously been in a very bad condition for some time, and all agreed that Mr. Haigh and his comrades, who gathered the money for the restoration, were to be highly congratulated on the success of their efforts.

The tea and business meeting were held at the Waverley Rooms, the Vicar kindly presiding, and all passed off as pleasantly as usual until the Secretary began to give vent to groans and lamentations concerning the difficulty of getting in subscriptions. The production of a receipt book and pen had the effect of a dynamite bomb; the brethren incontinently fled, and he was left lamenting!

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Saturday, January 13th, and was attended by upwards of forty members. Ringing progressed in various methods till 5.30, when a service was conducted and an inspiring address given by the energetic clerical secretary, the Rev. E. V. Cox. A splendid tea followed, and the little business transacted at the committee meeting held previously explained. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin, for the use of the church, bells and institute, to the ladies who looked after the comforts of the inner-man, to the organist who gave his services to brighten the service, and to the Rev. E. V. Cox for his address, was heartily given.

The Vicar, in reply, gave the visitors a warm welcome. A move to the tower for more ringing ended a pleasant meeting. Nothing preventing, the annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Easter Monday.

DOLTON, DEVONSHIRE.

During the past week workmen of Messrs. Stokes and Son, Bellhangers, of Woodbury, have been engaged in putting in order the church bells, which, after a period of twenty years constant use, required some overhauling. The treble bell has been provided with a new wheel and new bearings, while the bearings, clappers and other fittings connected with the remaining five bells have been duly attended to, and the whole peal provided with new ropes. The ringers who tested the work on its completion expressed themselves highly pleased with the result, and congratulated Messrs. Stokes and Son on the excellent way in which they carried out the work entrusted to them. The bells are now quite in order, and visitors to the tower will be welcomed. The work just done will entail an outlay of over £20.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of 10,080 Treble Bob Minor at Thornham Magna on Thursday, January 25th, starting at one o'clock.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual Northern District meeting of the above Association, at which a large number of ringers attended, was held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Saturday last. The tower was open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., when some touches were rung in various methods, including the following:—Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

At 5.45 p.m. the members adjourned to the Parish Room for the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Barker (District Master), presided. On the election of officers being put before the meeting, Mr. Barker was unanimously re-elected as Master. Mr. W. J. Kemp being reluctantly compelled to resign office as Secretary, Mr. H. Hotten was appointed to fill his place, Mr. T. Walker was re-elected as Treasurer, and Mr. T. Askell was elected as Steward. Several new members were then elected, including the Rev. J. A. Bullock, curate at St. Botolph's. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens was then carried unanimously for the use of the tower and the Parish Room.

The Rev. J. A. Bullock, in replying, said, in the name of the clergy and churchwardens he welcomed the ringers with all his heart, and would do all in his power for the welfare of ringing and the Association, of which he was proud to become a member.

At the conclusion of the business meeting ringing was resumed until 8 p.m., when the members and their friends re-visited the Parish Room to enjoy a musical evening, arranged by Mr. Barker, at which light refreshments were kindly provided by the Rev. J. A. Bullock. Miss E. Barker ably acted as accompanist, and during the evening played some excellent pieces. Miss Allen sang "The Dear Home Songs," and was called a second time to the platform. Godfrey Williams was undoubtedly one of the hits of the evening, being obliged to sing three songs including "Because you're bandy." Mr. H. Walters, a promising singer, sang "I don't care what becomes of me," which was much appreciated. In singing "On the silvery sands," and "I want to mingle with the girls," Mr. Barker proved to the company that ringing was only one of his accomplishments. Darlio (Mr. G. Cracknell), gave a most excellent display of juggling, and during the evening several touches were rung on handbells by Messrs. Taffender, Gowlett, Hardy, Barker, G. Faulkner, and T. Walker.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Branch of the above Association was held at Batcombe on Saturday, January 13th, the following towers being represented: Batcombe, Evercreech, Bruton, Ditchet, Castle Cary, West Lydford, and Shepton Mallett. A short service was held in the church, the Rev. —. Morratt, of Batcombe, officiating and giving an interesting and instructive address. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting followed, the rev. gentleman presiding, supported by Messrs. Vincent, Lock, Welchman, Creed, Milbourne, Cornell, White, and Bindon. Ten members were proposed, and Ditchet was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in May. Votes of thanks were accorded to the rev. gentleman for arranging the service, and also for the use of the bells at Batcombe, and to the choir and organist for their services. This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower where the bells were soon set in motion, Plain Bob and

Grandsire being rung. During the evening the Evercreech tower, by kind permission of the Rev. —. Dyne, was visited, and the fine peal of eight bells soon set in motion.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Over fifty members were present at evensong in the parish church, when an excellent address was given by the Maaster of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; while sixty-nine ringers and seven clergy and others attended the tea and subsequent business meeting. After passing the minutes of the last annual meeting and the accounts for 1911, the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, expressed his sincere regret at the absence of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and R. Tomlinson, the latter being laid up in a nursing home in London under treatment for a serious illness.

In reviewing the work of the Branch during 1911, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. E. Broome, congratulated the members upon their numbers, which are somewhat in excess of those in 1910, also upon the successful accomplishment of nine peals during 1911, and the eleven monthly meetings held at various towers for combined practice. These meetings were proved to be most helpful in many ways, and were admirably organised by the committee and their Secretary, Mr. Joseph White. The outgoing officers were re-elected, with two exceptions—Mr. H. Bunyan being chosen as foreman for Binfield, and Mr. Joseph White for Hurst.

The Master announced that the Annual Meeting would take place this year at Christ Church, Oxford, and also expressed an hope that Wokingham might be selected for the year 1913.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the members adjourned to the two Wokingham towers for ringing practice.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

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THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Appledore on a recent Saturday. Twenty-five members had intimated that they intended to be present, but owing to the rough and wet state of the weather, the number was reduced to seventeen, which was very creditable under such climatic conditions.

Representatives attended from Appledore, Ashford, Iden, Rye, and Stone-in-Oxney, while delegates from Benenden, Hawkhurst, New Romney, and Tenterden were prevented from attending.

The bells were raised at 4.30 p.m., and 720 Bob Minor was rung. Ringing continued until 6 o'clock, the methods practised being Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

An adjournment was made to The Swan hotel, and tea was partaken of. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness, presided, and was supported by Messrs. Player, Johnson (3), Kay, Lindridge, Kenward, Dunster, and G. J. Youngs hon. secretary and treasurer.

Unfortunately, the President of the Guild (Rev. A. O. Scutt, Vicar of Appledore), was unable to be present at the tea, but attended the business meeting that followed, the Master vacating the chair in the rev. gentleman's favour.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, the Hon. Secretary presented the balance-sheet, which shewed a balance of £2 8s. 4d. compared with £1 10s. 4½d. for the previous year. Their receipts for the year 1911 totalled £2 4s. 6d, and their expenses £1 6s. 7d, so on the year's working they had cleared 17s. 11d. He would compare that with 1910, in which year their income was £1 7s. 9d. They spent £1 5s. 5d., and therefore in that year they only cleared 2s. 3d. The Secretary also went into detail on the 1908 and 1909 accounts, and by his remarks it could be seen that the Guild has been steadily increasing its balance every year, and its membership as well. Thirty-seven ringers now belong to the society, an increase of eleven on the previous year.

The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted.

The Master in presenting the annual report of the Society, said that during the past year eleven meetings had been held. At Appledore, Iden, and Stone, the Guild had assembled twice, and at Beckley, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, and Woodchurch once. The attendance had been better than usual, and with regard to the quality of the methods practised, they were making headway, and their future prospects certainly looked considerably brighter. Wonderful achievements had been accomplished at Stone during the past few months, and he was sure that every member present congratulated the Stone band on having mastered the intricate methods of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Furthermore, it had just come to his knowledge that a peal of Minor, in which were included those systems he referred to, had been rung by the Stone men, with the assistance of Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden. Another promising tower was Iden. At the beginning of the year the members of that tower could only ring Grandsire Doubles, but now they could ring several methods. New Romney and Appledore could ring Grandsire Triples. Tenterden could ring that method, and also Stedman Triples, while at Rolvenden and a few other parishes they had several useful change-ringers. In the circumstances they all admitted that change-ringing at the present time had attained a higher standard in the area of the Guild than it had done for some time past. Although they were

climbing up the ladder there was still abundance of work to be accomplished. In the future they must keep that standard they had attained, and endeavour to improve on it, so that their record for 1911 might be even better than the past year. Touching upon the condition of church bells in the neighbourhood, the speaker said the peal of six at Beckley and the five at High Halden had undergone complete restoration. At Northiam the balance of the Coronation funds were handed over to start a fund for the restoration of the bells at that tower, and at Wittersham the question of rehanging the five bells and adding another had been discussed. Nothing however had been definitely settled, but as the church folk in that parish were very energetic, he thought that in time they would direct their attention to the bells. While their change-ringing had prospered during the past year, the work of restoration was going on as well, so they were gradually getting more churches at their disposal. Restoration was being carried out all over England, for week by week they read in the ringing journal of rings of bells being dedicated, and funds started for the restoration of others. But the difficulty was to get the members of the towers in which the bells had been restored to become members of the Association in the diocese in which they were situated. However, in the speaker's opinion, this drawback would be greatly facilitated if the Benevolent Fund for Ringers was adopted. If an outsider was explained the benefits he would derive from a Benevolent Fund, he would want to contribute to it, and in order to do so would, in all probability, have to belong to an Association. The speaker hoped the matter would be taken up by all the Associations, and that it would be discussed at the next meeting of the Central Council. If it was brought into operation, he thought it would receive the unanimous support of the change-ringers, and be an inducement to those ringers not acquainted with the science of campanology to join an Association, and not only reap the benefits of the fund, but take up the art of change-ringing. He had not much more to touch upon, but they were all extremely grateful to the clergy for granting them permission to hold their meetings at the various churches during the past year. In conclusion he wished them all a prosperous New Year.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

SIR,—In your edition of this week I see a peal of Grandsire Doubles has been rung at Holbeton, Devon, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, and stated to be forty-two 6-scores each called differently, containing common Grandsire singles and bobs only. I should like to point out that this is impossible, as under these conditions only ten 6-scores can be produced.

Might I also state that the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples published by Mr. H. Price is a simple variation of one by Mr. Barnett, composed something like forty years ago, which is I believe the original one on this plan. The figures are—

234567	
572634	18
345267	2
453267	4
534267	4
675423	2
*436275	18
423567	

Five times repeated. *Bob in third and sixth parts. This contains the twenty-four 6-7's, and is, I think, the best quarter-peal with these properties. By starting the calling one lead later a quarter-peal containing the twenty-four 4-6's is obtained, and of course also belongs to Mr. Barnett.

R. G. RICE.

In Memoriam.

THOMAS REYNOLDS.

As briefly announced in our last issue, the above well-known ringer passed into the Great Unknown on Friday, January 5th, and by his death not only the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, but Midland ringing circles generally have sustained an almost irreparable loss.

Born at Chipping Warden, in Northamptonshire, on September 16th, 1852, "Tommy," as he was affectionately called by his intimates, migrated with his parents to Birmingham when quite a tiny toddler. After leaving school he was for a time employed on a farm at Witton, which was held by a man named Short, a relative of the famous Joshua Short, who rang the tenor and called the 15,360 of Bob Major at Aston in 1793. Later young Reynolds obtained a situation with an old established firm of varnish manufacturers, with whom he remained for the rest of his life. As at ringing, so at his work "Tommy" was painstaking and thorough, and soon earned the entire confidence of his employers. He learned to ring at Perry Barr and Handsworth, and later went to Aston, where they had at that time one of the strongest bands in the country, and ran the "Holt" Society. (This Society was later absorbed by the St. Martin's Guild.)

His first peal was Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1879, to which he rung the tenor. The peal is recorded on a board in the belfry, and of the twelve men who rang it only two are now left—John Buffery and Henry Johnson, jun. The latter has given up ringing for many years, and is not by any means now a "junior."

Thomas Reynolds became infatuated with twelve-bell ringing, and during his career of thirty odd years had rung no fewer than ninety-eight twelve-bell peals on tower bells, of which huge total eighty-three were Stedman Cinques—his favorite method. This is the greatest number of peals on twelve bells ever achieved by one man, and is a record of which anyone might well be proud.

Mr. Reynolds was a tremendously strong man, and in later years got very stout, weighing at one time well over 17 stone, although he was rather short of stature. At first he did a bit of tenor ringing only, being in great demand when there was a tough job on hand. In the very nature of things, such a man could not for long be content with this, but, so exclusive was the St. Martin's Society of that day, that when he had even rung the tenor to the long peal of Stedman Cinques (9238) on February 28th, 1881, and expressed a wish to ring inside, he was told he had "better go somewhere and get some practice first, as they could not be bothered with learners at St. Martin's"! However, he survived this treatment, and soon became one of the best men at the heavy end. He was equally at home at either end, and was, we believe, the first man to ring every bell in any one tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques, which feat he has done over and over again. He never troubled about calling, saying he did not care who called the bobs so long as the ringing was good. An excellent striker himself, he always expected those with whom he rang to do their best, and if that was not good enough, they could reckon on hearing about it very quickly. He was one of the oldest members of St. Martin's Guild, and on the death of John Day, he was elected a Trustee, which office he held till the end. Of a lively disposition, he was always good company, and could sing a song, tell a tale, or give a recitation, just as the occasion warranted.

He had some remarkable records to his credit, a few of

which may be of interest. He was the only many who rang in the two longest peals of Stedman Cinques ever rung, the 9238 on February 28th, 1881, and the 11,111 on December 26th, 1911. He also rang in the only two short course peals of Stedman Cinques, the only peals of Forward and Duffield Maximus ever rung. The following is a complete list of his peals:—

Stedman Cinques ...	83	including 9238 and 11,111 record
Grandsire Cinques ...	5	including 9020 then record
Kent Maximus ...	5	
Bob Maximus ...	1	
Grandsire Maximus...	1	
Duffield Maximus ...	1	the only one ever rung
Forward Maximus ...	2	the only two ever rung
Kent Royal ...	14	
Bob Royal ...	3	
Duffield Royal ...	1	
Stedman Caters ...	48	
Grandsire Caters ...	20	including 15 227 record
Kent Major ...	8	
Bob Major ...	5	
Norwich Major ...	10	
Stedman Triples ...	71	
Grandsire Triples ...	26	one "Thomas" peal
Union Triples ...	2	

Total 305

The long peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Cheltenham, on Monday, April 22nd, 1889, and at the last Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, Mr. W. T. Pates, who called it, presented our old friend with a framed record of the performance and photographs of the band, of which he was very proud. Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's, and was most regular in his attendance. His last peal was Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Martin's on December 5th last. He was in his accustomed place ringing for service on Christmas morning, and on Boxing Day he started for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which however had to be abandoned on account of his ill health. On the following Saturday he took to his bed, and later pneumonia supervened, against which our poor "Tommy" was too corpulent to fight successfully. He breathed his last on Friday evening, January 5th, leaving a wife and five grown up sons to mourn his loss.

He was buried in the beautiful old churchyard at Aston on Thursday, January 11th, not very far from the grave of the idol of his younger days—Henry Johnson. Six of his brother-ringers acted as bearers, and many others attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral tributes were numerous, among them being a wreath in the form of a bell from members of the St. Martin's Guild. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the grave side by J. Buffery, A. Walker, T. Miller, J. E. Groves, and S. Reeves. Nothing, perhaps, is more touching than the sound of the handbells in these circumstances, and many a lump had risen in the throat—many an eye become moist—before the conclusion of the course.

At last it was over, and Thomas Reynolds, one of the most manly men it has been the writer's good fortune to know, had been reclaimed by his Mother Earth. There we will leave him, sleeping his last long sleep, 'neath the shadow of the old tower he loved so well. Those of us who have been closely associated with him for many years and had learned to seek his advice and counsel, will miss his burly form and ready wit—not for a while, but for all time.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world "This was a man"!—SHAKESPEARE.

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 16th: Southwark Cathedral on the 12th and 30th; St. Magnus on the 18th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

31, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., January 20th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Tower open from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth to-day, Sat., January 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

Church Road, Heston.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to-day, Sat., January 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Meat tea in the vestry hall at 5.30.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

3, Margaret Terrace, Hart Lane, New Cross.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral to-day, Sat., January 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held in St. Paul's Institute to-day, Sat., January 20th. The bells of St. Paul's church will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 7, except during the meeting, which will commence at 5 o'clock. All members and friends invited.

H. WAXLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Eastbourne, to-day, Sat., January 20th. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Tea at 6. Meeting to follow.

GEO. H. HOWSE, Hon. Sec.

Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Sat., January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening.

B. H. T. DRAKE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis to-day, Sat., January 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting after. Bells (8) available.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford, Worcester.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual service and meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 3rd, at 4.30.

SIDNEY W. VALDON, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Bells at 3.30. Service, with address by the Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar in the Albany Institute, Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good muster. Subscriptions should be paid now. Only those sending me their names by Wednesday, January 24th, will be admitted to the tea, T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Surrey Association.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present, kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 24th.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

Bell Fonnery, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea 1s. each, at 4.30, both in the Church School's Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The Committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at The Castle inn at 4.15, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge if sufficient members signify their wish to be met. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary, and if they require a conveyance stating what train they will arrive at Penshurst not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend, as an important matter will be discussed. W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Ports mouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at the Temperance hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 24th inst. J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Fareham.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly

meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10) will be available after the business meeting. Tea will be arranged if a sufficient number signify their intention of being present by Tuesday, the 23rd. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.

Shottery. REV. C. C. COX Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at F'beck, Leeds, on Saturday, January 27th, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Wm. Snowdon, the late president. Service in St. Matthew's church at 4 p.m. For full arrangements see circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.

11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

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25463	-	-	-
45392	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
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34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

This composition has the 6th bell at five course-ends each way in 5-6, also all the 6-4s and 5-6s. The omission of the 3 bob M bracketted and the 3 H bobs bracketted, reduce the composition to ten courses, which gives a peal of Maximus, 5040 changes, having the 6th at three course-ends each way in 5-6, and all the 6-4s and 4th, 5th, and 6th bells exclusively in 6ths place at course-ends.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1912.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whit-sun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of President and for that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the Agenda. A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.
Postal Orders should NOT be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, December 31st, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. G. Symonds, W. E. Garrard conductor, C. J. Dobbie, J. Hayward E. G. Stibbons, P. F. Miles, W. A. Garrard, H. G. Miles, R. Charge, C. Charge. On Sunday evening, January 14th, 1263 Stedman Caters. A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard conductor, H. Dains, J. Hayward, W. G. Matthews, C. J. Dobbie, W. A. Garrard, J. R. Mackman. H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 53 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX.. .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 8.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 4.	JAMES R. MACKMAN.. .. 10.
ALFRED B. PECK 5.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 11.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATEERSLEY, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses at home, and is the first peal published with these qualities. See "BELL NEWS," May 11th, 1907.

The Provinces.**LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**At the Parish Church.***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT W. ALBUTT .. Treble.	NORMAN ALBUTT 4.
CHARLES POWELL 2.	JAMES POWELL 5.
GEORGE MORTEMORE .. 3.	JOHN HAMMOND.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal of Minor rung by a local band.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1911, 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, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

HENRY COLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM CLOVER 4.
GEORGE KEMP 2.	THOMAS DAVY 5.
LEONARD LAST 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

RUGBY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.*(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby).**On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble.	CHARLES W. WHEELER .. 5.
WALTER MALINS 2.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. 6.
HARRY O. WHITE 3.	JOSEPH B. FENTON .. 7.
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4.	JOHN W. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

First peal in the method by the above Guild, and by all the band. After the peal the band were congratulated on the excellent striking by Messrs. George and Coleman, two late members of the above society.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY PAGE Treble.	THOMAS HAMLIN 5.
GEORGE CROSS 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 6.
JAMES CROSS 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
TOM PAGE 4.	HENRY CRABBE Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, January 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***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.

William J. Wood Treble.	Thomas Jull.. .. 4.
Albert J. Day 2.	William J. Walker .. 5.
William T. Hyland .. 3.	William H. B. Wilkins .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled out of respect for the widow of the late Rev. Grayson Moor, formerly Vicar of this parish, who was interred in the churchyard the previous Thursday. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage after the completion of the peal by the present Vicar. First peal of Minor by the ringers of the treble.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. NAISH* .. Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
JOHN HOWES 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS 8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 9.
FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN. .. 5.	JAMES CHANDLER Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by W. SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since the rehanging of the 9th and tenor by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of which is very satisfactory.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**At the Church of St. Margaret,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	THOMAS SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary of the South-Western district.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 5.
RICHARD DARLOW 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3.	FREDK. EDWARDS 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. EDWARDS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

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On Saturday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. Treble.	EDWIN J. STRINGER.. .. 5.
WALTER MALINS* 2.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN.. .. 6.
HARRY O. WHITE* 3.	*JOHN W. CHANDLER .. 4.
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

MORTIMER BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB.. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	*JOHN SWAIN 6.
HENRY TUCKER 3.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
FRANK J. MARTIN 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. GILES.

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

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1911, in Three Hour and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E flat.

HOWELL GWYN Treble.	JOHN DAVIES 5.
PHILIP KNEATH 2.	CHARLES HOARE 6.
RICHARD MORSE 3.	JAMES A. HOARE 7.
WILLIAM RICE 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES A. HOARE.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1911, 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 19 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 6.
JOSEPH CHURCH 3.	HARRY TYSOE 7.
HERBERT SHARP 4.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Major by Miss Steel. Remaining ringers are members of St. Paul's, Bedford.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR,
5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. College Bob iv.. London Scholars Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. Treble.	EDGAR VALLANCE 4.
REV. R. P. FARROW 2.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. 5.
WALTER J. HORTON 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

MACHEN, NEAR NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN BUTLER Treble.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN.. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN.. .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES.. .. 6.
FRANK MORGAN 3.	FREDERICK ATWELL 7.
JOHN BULLEN 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung and augmented from six to eight by Llewellyns and James, the go and tone being perfect.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN PAGE.. .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN.. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
HARRY STRATFORD 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FREDE. G. BIGGS 4.	ARTHUR G. JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. JAMES.

First attempt as conductor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble.	*REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 2.	*EDGAR HANCOX 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.. 8.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. R. Buckland's 100th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

P. C. HAROLD JENNEY .. Treble.	SAMUEL COTTON 5.
LOUIS E. ALLEN* 2.	ERNEST MORRIS.. .. 6.
J. LEONARD ALLEN* 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 7.
FRED H. DEXTER 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER.. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

*First peal of Double Norwich on an inside bell.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday evening, January 14th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1344 Double Norwich. J. Goder, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, H. Washbrook, G. A. Smith, J. W. Washbrook, jun., W. Washbrook, A. Clay.

WISBECH (CAMBS).—On Sunday, January 14th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Plain Bob, with 7-8 covering. G. Duffield, H. Goakes, H. B. Banham, G. Piggins, R. Narborough, G. Goakes, conductor, F. Hotson, H. Cheesewright. This was G. Duffield's first 720, and the first on the bells since they have been repaired by local workman.

**BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Fredk. S. Sparkes Treble.	Fredk. R. Sparkes 4.
William Short 2.	Robert E. Sparkes 5.
Charles Powell 3.	Edward Hayton Tenor.

Conducted by Robert E. Sparkes.

First peal by the ringer of the tenor. First peal as conductor by he ringer of the 5th. Rung as a centenary peal, the old peal of six being cast and hung by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1812. The ringers are all members of the local band except W. Short, who is the instructor to the above Guild.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	THOMAS BALDWIN 5.
JOHN WIGMORE 2.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	FRANK COLE Treble.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

Herbert Hurdman Treble.	Joseph T. Dyke 4.
Walter White 2.	John Hough 5.
Albert P. Wakley 3.	David Cotton Tenor.

This was rung as an "all-conducted" peal. The ringer of the treble conducted the 720 of Double Court, followed by the 2nd with Single Court, and the others in succession. Each ringer conducted 120 Bob Minor. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas Russam Treble.	Thomas J. Bratton 5.
Frederick Dickens 2.	James L. Wells 6.
John Neal 3.	James E. Groves 7.
Charles Dickens 4.	Harry Withers Tenor.

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and

Conducted by James E. Groves.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Reynolds.

KENNINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Divine, 1330 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 50 mins. E. S. Garnett, A. Watton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, A. S. Miller, A. T. Miller, G. W. Wild conductor, R. C. Wightman.

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On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WALTER SADLER 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. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

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

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

John W. J. Cottam* Treble.	R. Wilfred Collier 5.
Joseph Atkin* 2.	James Evison 6.
John T. Holmes* 3.	*William Dickinson 7.
Clement Glenn 4.	*Rupert Richardson Tenor.

Composed by E. H. LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

James H. Ridyard Treble.	John Welsby 5.
Joseph Lowe 2.	Percy Derbyshire 6.
Fred Derbyshire 3.	*Fred Page 7.
Arthur Ridyard* 4.	*Joseph Ridyard Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Alice Yates, niece of the conductor.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part.

George A. Smith Treble.	J. W. Washbrook, jun. 5.
Harry Washbrook 2.	Walter Washbrook 6.
Irwin Massey* 3.	James W. Washbrook 7.
James Wildblood* 4.	Alex Booth Tenor.

Conducted by James W. Washbrook.

*First peal of Stedman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 14, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

William J. Nevard Treble.	John H. Cheesman 5.
Isaac G. Shade 2.	*Thomas Groombridge, sen. 6.
George R. Pye 3.	Ernest Pye 7.
Thomas Groombridge, jun.* 4.	William Pye Tenor.

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*First peal in the method.

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 (Southern Branch.)

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
 At the Residence of Mr. J. Osborn,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and College Single, two 720s of Plain Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob.
 John W. Lake.. .. 1-2. | Rupert Richardson .. 3-4.
 James Osborn 5-6.

Conducted by John W. Lake.

Witness—Mrs. J. Osborn.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Yorktown District.)

On Friday, January 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
 In the Belfry of St. Peter's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

William A. Woodrow .. 1-2. | Arthur F. Shepherd .. 5-6.
 William Shepherd.. .. 3-4. | *John Loveridge 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Umpire—R. J. Polley.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmund's.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
 In the Belfry of St. Edmund's Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Robert John Poulson .. 1-2. | Arthur Symonds 3-4.
 Stedman H. Symonds 5-6.

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

First peal on handbells by all, also in Lavenham. Umpire—F. Poulson.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
 At 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett .. 1-2. | Frank Bennett 5-6.
 William Shepherd.. .. 3-4. | Frank J. Hairs 7-8.

Composed by John Howes, and Conducted by William Shepherd.

Date Touches.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 7th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Rose of England Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 9 mins. S. Goodale, E. Crabtree, W. Clark, J. J. Clayton, H. Dransfield, W. Thomas, F. Robinson, W. Brearley. Composed and conducted by F. Robinson.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

WORKSOP.—At the quarterly meeting held at Worksop on Saturday, January 13th, 540 Grandsire Doubles. H. Haigh conductor, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, C. E. Peck, T. Wilson, E. Clarke. 336 Bob Major twice. F. Hind, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, A. Johnson, H. Haigh conductor, C. E. Peck, T. Wil-

son, W. H. Shepherd. 336 Bob Major. F. Hind, H. Warburton, C. Hudson, A. Johnson, H. Haigh conductor, C. E. Peck, T. Wilson, G. R. Winter. 840 Union Triples. F. Hind, G. R. Winter, C. Hudson, A. Johnson, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, G. Wilson, C. Redfern. 240 Violet. G. R. Winter, H. Haigh, H. Stenton conductor, S. Eastland, B. Hall, F. Hargreaves. An 720 Kent. J. Moore, R. Smith, J. Guest, F. Hargreaves conductor, H. Marshall, S. Eastland.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Cox, G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, R. G. Rice conductor, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman, On Sunday, January 7th, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. On Wednesday, January 10th, 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Hitchman, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. On Sunday, January 14th, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. Tenor 19½ cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Deritend, on Sunday, January 14th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples S. Coley, A. F. Scrivens, E. Large, J. Collett, W. E. Elliss, W. Webb, J. Porter, T. Pearce. First quarter-peal as conductor by A. F. Scrivens.

BEDFORD.—On January 15th, at St. Paul's church, 1248 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Church, E. Tingey, W. Lightfoot, H. Harlow, H. Tysoe, H. Sharp, C. Chasty, J. W. Barker conductor. This is the longest length yet rung in the county and by all the band.

EAST MOLESLEY.—On Sunday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church for evening service, ten 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. F. Brown, W. J. Hallt, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, J. Howes conductor, H. Waters. On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. G. Naish, W. J. Hallt, J. Howes conductor, Miss Eileen Fisher, J. H. B. Hesse, J. N. Frossell, G. Spencer, J. Chandler. First quarter-peal by Miss E. Fisher and W. J. Hallt.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

5056.

23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
24365	I		2
42563	2		2
65243		2	2
62453	I		2
26354	2		2
53624		2	2
56234	I		2
64235	I		2
62345	I		2
63425	I		2
35426	I		2
24536		2	2
25346	I		2

M W H

23456 I 2

This composition contains all the combinations of 3-4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd never in 6ths place at course-ends.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
62534	2		I	2
65324			I	2
26543		X		2
54263			I	I
62453	I	X		2
26354	2			2

M B W H

23564	I	X	2	2
32465	2			2
64235	I	X		2
62345			I	2
63425	I	X	2	2
35426	I			2
24536			2	2
25346			I	2
23456			I	2

LATE NOTICE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. Particulars next week. E. TRENDALL, Dis. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

HEMINGBROUGH.—On Wednesday, January 17th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. D. Tune, Rev. W. P. Wright, A. Hatfield, J. J. Tune, G. C. Terry, M. T. Tune conductor. First 720 in the method for all except the ringer of the 2nd.

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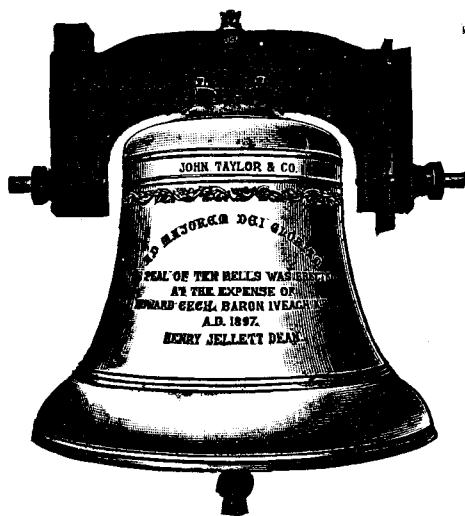
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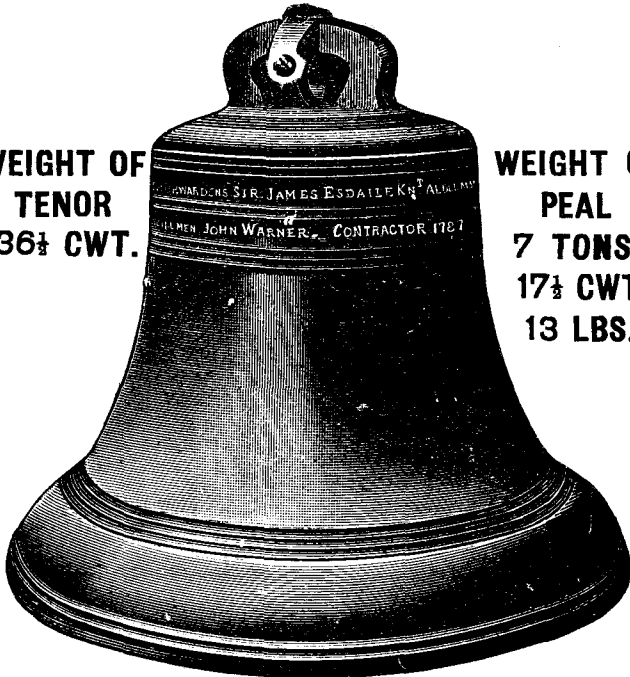
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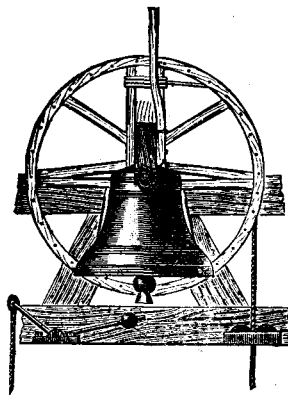
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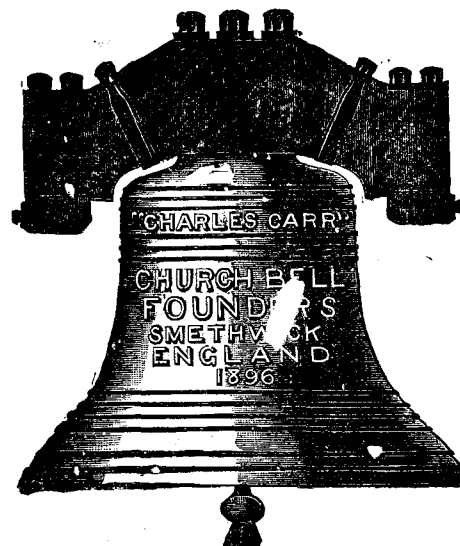
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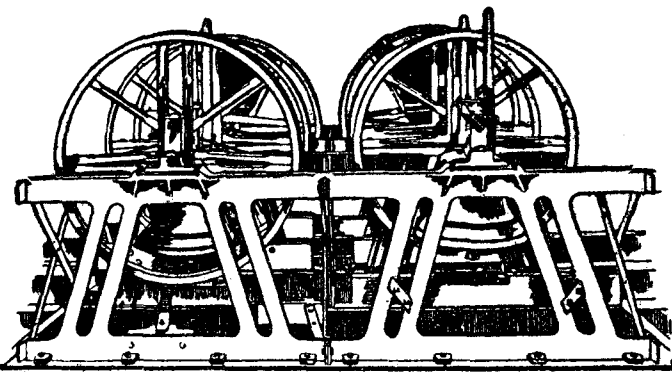
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather a large number of ringers assembled at Dunstable on January 6th to take part in the third general meeting of the current year of the Society. During the afternoon, whilst some of the ringers were enjoying themselves by ringing on the beautiful bells, others improved their mind by examining the various antiquities connected with this historic church. The writer was pleased to observe that since his last visit the west front had been denuded of the scaffolding used for the restoration, and was exposed to the admiring gaze of all who love the beautiful. This front is considered to be one of the most unique in the country, and certainly the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, is to be congratulated on the amount of energy that he has displayed in securing the funds and accomplishing the restoration of the church.

About 5.30 the ringers present sat down to tea as guests of the President. After tea came the business discussion. The President occupied the chair, supported by Mr. E. Franklin, Mayor of the Borough, and a ringer, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. A. Rust, and Miss Evelyn Steele, the Society's lady peal ringer.

The Hon. Secretary read the correspondence, and discussion followed on the forming and position of the Biggleswade district. Mr. J. W. Barker gave a brief resume of the events that led to the formation of the district, and pleaded for the fullest facilities possible being given for the recognition and help of the district.

The President and Hon. Secretary expressed the pleasure it gave to them to find in that district a live body of ringers led by an energetic secretary, Mr. F. Blood, and that the difficulties connected with that district had partially been solved by the local men.

A committee of three was appointed to discuss and report to the general committee regarding the certificates, the block of which had somehow become destroyed. In replying to votes of thanks, the President and his Worship the Mayor, a member of the President's band, made some humorous allusions to each other, and brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung. A satisfactory feature was the great progress that was shewn by members of the Dunstable, Leighton and Luton Companies.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

Owing to the weather the attendance at the meeting of this branch at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th, was not so good as one could have wished. The travelling in most places was bad, but no conditions could have been worse for a visit to that part of Worcestershire and Staffordshire, which, when visited with the weather and roads in such a state as last Saturday, gives one the im-

pression that its name, the Black Country, is most appropriate. The service was held at 4.15, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Daughlish. When this was ended, tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar in the schoolroom, was disposed of in true ringer's fashion. At the meeting following the Vicar took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Rowley Regis, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. An invitation for the summer meeting was received from Wolverley, near Kidderminster, and was accepted. The new members elected contained the Vicar as a hon. member, and the Rowley Regis ringers as performing members. Owing to a severe illness the branch secretary, Mr. E. J. Dowler, was unable to be present, and the general secretary, who took his place, was instructed to forward the vote of sympathy with him in his trouble, which was passed by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close.

During the evening the bells were kept going in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Superlative Surprise.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, January 20th, which proved to be a record meeting since this district has been in existence, many old members attending. The ringing started a little later than the announced time, when good touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung. At 6.30 the business meeting commenced. After the minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct, and new members ratified, it was proposed that the next meeting be held the second Saturday in March at Mitcham, failing that St. Mary's, Battersea, or St. George's, Southwark, the arrangement for the following dates of district meetings for 1912 to be referred to the general committee. The balance sheet was audited by Mr. T. H. Taffender and found correct, who remarked on the progress of the southern district. The next item was the election of officers for the ensuing year, all of which were unanimously re-elected and are—Mr. H. S. Ellis, Master; Mr. F. A. Smith, Secretary; Mr. H. Mance, Treasurer; and Mr. C. H. Hughes, Steward. After the business the ringing was resumed till 8.30, which brought the meeting to a successful close.

STONE (Staffordshire).—On January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., W. Dawson, first 504, E. Cope, F. Chell, jun., first 504, T. Cbell, J. Goodall, P. Preston conductor, J. Abberley.

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

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD

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The election of officers was the next business.

The Master moved that the Rev. A. O. Scutt, who had always taken a deep interest in them, be asked to accept the presidency again.

Mr. A. Johnson seconded, and the rev. gentleman was unanimously re-elected.

In reply the chairman thanked them, and said it was a great pleasure to him to assist the Guild in any possible way. He was sorry that he had little, or no knowledge of bellringing. He sometimes wished he had taken it up years ago, but it would be difficult for him to start now. He always took a great interest in ringers, but had many calls in other directions that prevented him from taking an active part in ringing. He, however, was always glad to encourage them.

Mr. G. Billenness was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year, for the fourth time in succession, being proposed by Mr. C. Player, and seconded by Mr. G. Johnson.

The Master briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Mr. A. Johnson, in moving the re-election of Mr. G. J. Youngs as hon. secretary and treasurer for the third consecutive year, remarked that the Master and Secretary managed the affairs of the Guild remarkably well.

Mr. D. Johnson seconded, and Mr. Youngs, who was unanimously adopted, suitably returned thanks.

Mr. Butcher (Ashford), was elected a member, being proposed by Mr. A. Kay, and seconded by Mr. G. Johnson. Mr. R. Cowley was enrolled as a member.

Mr. R. Dunster moved that the February meeting take place at Woodchurch on the first Saturday in that month.

This proposal, seconded by Mr. Kay, was agreed to.

Mr. Player thought they had better select another tower as well, in case it was inconvenient to meet at Woodchurch. He moved they assemble at Bethersden if Woodchurch bells were unavailable.

Mr. D. Johnson seconded the motion, which was approved of.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Player, seconded by Mr. A. Kay, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding.

The rev. gentleman in returning thanks, again expressed what a great pleasure it was to him to be with them, and especially now that the Guild was in such a flourishing condition. Their members had increased, the quality of their ringing had improved, and on the whole the Guild was going forward, and he offered to them his most sincere congratulations. With regard to thanking the clergy, he must confess it was a great privilege to lend their towers to bellringers. Most of the clergy wanted more men to come forward to assist, but bellringers, he thought, were always ready to do their part. Bellringers in a parish were a help in many ways. Bells were cheering and encouraging. The late Poet Laureate made reference to bells, which no doubt gave him a certain amount of encouragement, and cheered him when he heard them. Then the bells played a very important part in calling men to church, and, continued the speaker, many a man who did not attend church was touched by the sound of bells, which reminded him that praises and thanksgivings were about to be uplifted to God. Therefore they were very grateful to their bellringers. The Archbishop of Canterbury, a fortnight ago, said that one thing especially was lacking in many parishes, and that was men workers.

Town parishes were better off in that respect than villages. Various organisations were a great help, and it was a privilege and honour to assist a Guild such as theirs. He was pleased to be their President, and hoped they would continue to prosper.

Songs were rendered by Messrs. Youngs, Johnson (2), Smith, Grant, and Dunster. A recitation was given by Mr. C. Player, and Mr. W. Grant, who was the accompanist, contributed a piano solo. Change-ringing was done on the handbells also.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to host Grant, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

On Monday evening, January 22nd, a large gathering of relatives and friends in commemoration of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon's golden wedding was held at Cropley's Cafe, Market Place, Stockport, when between eighty and ninety sat down to a first-class tea, with the rector supporting the long wedded pair. After the repast the rev. gentleman made a few remarks suitable to the occasion, and said that he preached on Sunday morning on marriage, in anticipation of that assembly, and mentioned how pleased he was to know that all the ten ringers and two probationers were present, and all the nine grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

A very lengthy programme of music was gone through of solos, duets, part-songs, choruses, musical selections, recitations and gramophone excerpts, which occupied with a dance now and then between the whole of the available time until 1 a.m., when the guests "each took his homeward way," with the thought that a very pleasant and profitable evening had been spent.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

EAST MOLESEY.—On Sunday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church for evening service, ten 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. F. Brown, W. J. Hallt, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, J. Howes conductor, H. Waters. On Sunday, January 7th. for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. G. Naish, W. J. Hallt, J. Howes conductor, Miss Eileen Fisher, J. H. B. Hesse, J. N. Frossell, G. Spencer, J. Chandler. First quarter-peal by Miss E. Fisher and W. J. Hallt.

YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

On a recent Friday, the Yarmouth ringers with a few friends were, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, of The White Horse hotel, entertained at dinner. The repast, which was served up by the popular host and hostess, was of excellent character, full justice being done to the same by the company. Mr. Denison Hayward was in the chair, supported by Messrs. G. Lupson, G. Budding, W. Gamble, E. Frost, esq., the latter gentleman being a keen supporter of all things connected with bellringing, and in fact is considered by some to be a local authority on the same. Following the dinner an excellent social evening was spent, when numerous items were rendered by the ringers and visitors, interspersed by speeches of a complimentary nature to all concerned.

The loyal toast having been proposed by the chairman and honoured in the usual manner, Mr. Blyth proposed The Visitors, which was replied to in a hearty manner by Mr. G. Lupson. The toast of the ringers was proposed by Mr. W. Gamble, who assured them on behalf of himself and visitors present of the great pleasure he felt at being in their company. Mr. Frost having proposed The Chairman, the company present unanimously carried a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess for a most convivial and happy evening. Songs and items of enjoyable interest were rendered by Messrs. Bardery, Pidger, Pestell, Gamble, Hardwood and host Hammond, those given by the latter and Messrs. Frost and Pidgeon meeting with immense appreciation by the company, as also were some anecdotes related by Mr. Gamble.

HORLEY, SURREY.

The members of the Horley branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual supper on January 1st, at The Six Bells inn. The Vicar (Rev. T. Lewis), presided. Eighteen members sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Mr. S. Huey. The Vicar in giving the loyal toast, paid a tribute to the hard work of King George since his accession to the throne, in visiting Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and India, the most important dominion of the British Empire. "The Church and State" was proposed by Mr. Libley, and responded to by the Vicar. The chairman next proposed the toast of the evening—"The Horley Parish Church Bellringers," whose services he much valued, and which was responded to by P. Etheridge (foreman), and A. Songhurst (secretary), the latter congratulating the band on their regular attendance for Sunday services, he also adding that every one would agree that their ringing had improved during the past year. During the year there had been rung 80,792 changes in four different methods—Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples and Doubles, Plain Bob Major and Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The rest of the evening was enlivened with selections on the handbells and songs and glees by members of the company, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, December 31st, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. G. Symonds, W. E. Garrard conductor, C. J. Dobbie, J. Hayward E. G. Stibbons, P. F. Miles, W. A. Garrard, H. G. Miles, R. Charge, C. Charge. On Sunday evening, January 14th, 1263 Stedman Caters. A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard conductor, H. Dains, J. Hayward, W. G. Matthews, C. J. Dobbie, W. A. Garrard, J. R. Mackman. H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons.

INFORMATION.

To those who are fortunate enough to possess the Rev. W. C. Pearson's book giving the principal rings of bells in the Eastern Counties, I send the correct size and weight of our two new bells put in St. Nicholas church, Great Yarmouth, last November, so that those who wish may keep their book correct and up to date. The 11th—50½ inches, 21 cwt., 1 qr. 10 lbs. Tenor in C sharp, 57½ inches, 30 cwt., 0 qrs. 12 lbs. They are two splendid bells, and to-day Great Yarmouth has a better peal of bells than ever it had before. To tell you how well they go, Mr. R. Christian, one of our smallest members, and over 70 years of age, rang the tenor in to a 576 Bob Major, without the least exertion, and I cannot over-estimate the praise and credit due to the firm of Mears and Stainbank, for the way in which they carried out the work of taking down the old bells and replacing the new ones ready for ringing. This was done within fourteen days, and without disturbing the daily services, which are numerous, as all visiting ringers know that have had the pleasure of ringing on this grand peal; and may you all come again, and many more, is the true wish of your brother-string,—DENISON HAYWARD, Belfry Warden, Great Yarmouth.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer, we feel it our bounden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

We learn from tradition that an aged woman, who had lost her way in the Fens, recovered it by hearing the sound of the Timberland bells; and that as a thankoffering she left some land, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to buying and keeping the bell ropes in repair. This land now realises £45 a year, and out of it all the church expenses are paid.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whit-sun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of President and for that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the Agenda. A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.

Postal Orders should NOT be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

A year or two ago I published a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, obtained (as I pointed out at the time) from a five-part 720 of Bob Minor. I also pointed out that any 720 of Bob Minor would produce a five-bell method. Now strange to say my old friend Mr. H. Dains published in your issue for December 16th a 120 Doubles called Accident No. 1. This is really the old 720 Bob Minor with thirty bobs and two singles (the last bob is not marked). This shews that Annable knew that little trick.

Concerning the question as to the number of 120s of Grandsire Doubles to be had with common bobs and singles, your correspondent Mr. R. G. Rice seems to be under the impression that ten is the limit. This is not so, as a matter of fact, if each bell is used for a plain hunt, fifty are obtainable. Here is a specimen with the 5th a plain hunt:—

12345			
21435	34125	23415	34215
24153	31452	24351	32451
42513	13542	42531	23541
B 45231	S 15324	45213	S 25314
54213	51342	54123	52341
52431	51324	51432	52314
25413	15342	15423	25341
24531	13524	14532	23514
42351	31254	41352	32154
43215	32145	43125	31245

Twice repeated.

J. J. PARKER.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Cox, G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, R. G. Rice conductor, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman. On Sunday, January 7th, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. On Wednesday, January 10th, 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Hitchman, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. On Sunday, January 14th, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. Tenor 191 cwt.

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Correspondence.

A RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to express through your valuable paper a suggestion regarding a Benevolent Fund for assisting any brother ringer who unfortunately finds himself in distress through adversity and sickness. I am of the opinion that any fund must be organised and controlled by each individual Diocesan or County Association, as the cost of a central fund working expenses would not only be very heavy, but could not be satisfactorily worked. The suggestion I venture to put is that the 1s. annual subscription usually paid by probationary and ringing members should be supplemented by a penny per Benevolent Fund, and kept separate from the general funds, but administered by the existing committee. I know the Secretaries of ringing associations have plenty to do, but, Sir, some brother-ringer residing near him would be only too glad to receive the pennies and attend to the small duties involved. And then should the Secretary of any company (backed if necessary by their signatures, or say the Incumbent) make an application for benefit that would be sufficient to make a grant in relieving a brother deserving of a lift. If we take the various Guilds and Associations into account most of them would by the penny paid annually soon have such a boon to take the place of every genuine ringer's soreness when he reads of the many appeals, and cannot do more than pray for a speedy recovery. I trust you will find available space for this, and also hope the subject may receive further consideration.

J. W. WILKINS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—Some people, when they come across what is to them a novelty, are impelled to cry out "It can't be done." It is not very polite, and is proverbially dangerous. If Mr. Rice will apply to Grandsire Doubles a similar principle to that by which Mr. Law James obtained seven true 720s in fourteen Minor methods, he will perhaps discover that the footnote to the Holbeton peal is justifiable. But can he justify the language of his own letter by producing ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles? In these parts we are only aware of the existence of two productions. Should any young conductor desire further information on unquestionably the most interesting way of ringing a peal of genuine Grandsire Doubles, I shall be pleased to afford it, either privately or through the medium of your columns.

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

E. S. POWELL.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of the 13th inst. under the name of H. Price, was rung at Bangor as far back as January, 1893, as my composition of 1893. I have in my possession a letter from the late Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" dated January 29th, 1895, requesting the figures of this quarter-peal, in response to which I sent the figures, together with others having the same qualities. I cannot now give date of publication; but this quarter-peal has been repeatedly rung, and the figures given in various reports of the North Wales Association since its formation. I have no knowledge of any prior claim. It is usually rung as below:—

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342567	4
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236574	1
S 472653	2
S 354267	2

MORRIS J. MORRIS.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT NORBURY.—This was William Gordon's golden wedding peal. He was married at that church on Sunday, January 19th, 1862, and as the bridal party were leaving the church at 10.0 a.m. they were greeted by a machine made wedding peal, there being then in place of ringers a rude and crude apparatus (not the Ellacombe) which shortly afterwards broke the tenor. This necessitated the recasting of the bell, the re-installing of the ringers, and the relegating of the machinery to the scrap heap.

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 February 1st, 15th, and 29th; at St. John's Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d. at 5.30. Nearest stations, Poplar (North London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.) from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., to-day, Sat., January 27th. Bells at 3.30. Service, with address by the Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar in the Albany Institute. Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good muster. Subscriptions should be paid now.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—Annual meeting at Kingston to-day, Sat., January 27th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley to-day, Sat., January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea 1s. each, at 4.30, both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The Committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East e s.

and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual service and meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 3rd, at 4.30.

SIDNEY W. VALDON, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The next quarterly will be held at Farnham on Saturday, February 3rd. 3.30—Bells available (8). 5.30.—Service.—Preacher—Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector. 6.15—Tea at Darracots's restaurant. Tea tickets 6d. each: visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at The Castle inn at 4.15, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge if sufficient members signify their wish to be met. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary, and if they require a conveyance stating what train they will arrive at Penshurst not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend, as an important matter will be discussed. W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham to-day, Sat., January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at the Temperance hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Fareham.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick to-day, Sat., January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10) will be available after the business meeting. Tea will be arranged if a sufficient number signify their intention of being present by Tuesday, the 23rd. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.

Shottery. REV. C. C. COX Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday, January 27th, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Wm. Snowdon, the late president. Service in St. Matthew's church at 4 p.m. CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 31st. Bells (6) available.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. Will all those those who intend being present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, January 31st. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members pre-

sent. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.

E. TRENDALL, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Boughton, Faversham.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Saturday, February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open till tea time. Those of Broxbourne after. Tea at The Salisbury Arms at 5.30, 6d. to members, others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale parish church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1912.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BAREING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble.	GEORGE COTTIS 5.
ALBERT C. HARDY 2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6.
FREDK. C. RUSSELL 3.	REGINALD BLAKE 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	D'OYLY S. SIMONS Tenor.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the 3rd. Ring with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Francis E. Fitt, esq., who was a former member of the above society.

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

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

JOHN W. ROSS Treble.	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 3.
ERNEST H. COOK 2.	GEORGE C. ILES 6.
HENEY BARRETT 3.	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7.
JOHN W. KELLEY 4.	*WILLIAM J. SHELTON Tenor.

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

*First peal. Ring as a farewell peal to W. J. Shelton, who set sail for Australia on the 19th inst.

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

On Saturday, January 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	HENRY T. GOWLETT .. 5.
SIDNEY B. WEATHERSTON* .. 2.	ARTHUR D. BARKER.. .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARDY 7.
JOSEPH MILNER* 4.	ROBERT W. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble.	HARRY J. RANZETTA 5.
HAROLD W. CLARK 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ALBERT J. BAYNES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to ring Cambridge Surprise, but meeting short had o result in the above.

The Provinces.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. SKUSE Treble.	CHARLES COLLIER 5.
THOMAS F. KING 2.	GILBERT H. HARDING 6.
ARTHUR K. HARRISON* .. 3.	*SAMUEL HECTOR 7.
GEORGE W. TEMPLE 4.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. Noble Boughton to Miss E. E. Axford, at St. Mark's, Purley, Croydon. *First peal of Major.

QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES .. Treble.	JAMES NYE 4.
GEORGE H. SPICE 2.	CHARLES TUMBER 5.
WILLIAM HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM NYE Tenor.

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble.	*HUGH D. ANDERSON .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON.. 2.	*PERCY PAGE 6.
GEORGE E. KENNETT* .. 3.	*SPENCER SOUTHERN .. 7.
STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. 4.	GEORGE B. ANDERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY HARLEY† Treble.	†HENRY MARTIN.. .. 5.
JOHN LLOYD† 2.	ERNEST PERKINS 6.
JAMES WHATMORE 3.	ARTHUR WHATMORE 7.
VERNON ALLEN* 4.	*JACOB WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST PERKINS.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 8.
FREDK. DICKENS 3.	ERNEST MANSELL 9.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 4.	THOMAS MILLER 10.
ALF PADDON SMITH 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
JOHN NEAL 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal has the 6th nineteen times behind the 8th in the inverted titlums, and eighteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position. Rung with the bells half-muffled out of respect to the late Thomas Reynolds, for upwards of 33 years a ringer at this church.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD LAST* Treble.	ALPHAERUS BERRY 4.
GEORGE KEMP 2.	WILLIAM ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	LEONARD LAST Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

*First peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

VERNON ALLEN Treble.	JAMES WHATMORE 4.
JOHN LLOYD 2.	ARTHUR WHATMORE.. .. 5.
HENRY MARTIN.. .. 3.	ERNEST PERKINS Tenor.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	*ARTHUR KITCHENER .. 5.
FRED WILLIAMS .. 2.	*JOHN WARNER .. 6.
FREDERICK WHITE* .. 3.	SAMUEL PAGE .. 7.
ALFRED TALBOT .. 4.	WALTER SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

*First peal.

ROTHEREFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. HAMMOND .. Treble.	H. R. BUNCHER .. 5.
O. HOLMWOOD .. 2.	C. BRASIER .. 6.
E. BISHOP .. 3.	A. MARTIN .. 7.
F. M. EADE* .. 4.	E. BISHOP, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

*First peal of Triples. F. Eade was elected a member previous to starting.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells London, Norwich, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH .. Treble.	FREDK. MANSEY .. 4.
GEORGE SNELLING .. 2.	JOHN SNELLING .. 5.
BERTIE TURNER .. 3.	FREDK. SEAGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDK. BORRETT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 5.
EDWARD DUFFIELD* .. 2.	FREDK. ROOPE .. 6.
HENRY GARNHAM† .. 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE .. 4.	CHARLES ROOPE .. Tenor.

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

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES BROCKLEHURST† Treble.	*FRED PRACOCK .. 5.
WILLIAM BRIGGS .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. 6.
EMMANUEL DOTESON .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4.	FREDERICK HINDLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. The treble man was proposed a member before starting.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WALTER SADLER .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. 5.
JAMES FLEUTY .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES AND PLAIN BOB.

5040 CHANGES; called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. NEWPORT* .. Treble.	H. MILBOURNE .. 4.
G. CREED .. 2.	E. F. CREED .. 5.
T. G. VINCENT .. 3.	G. GODDARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HARRY BARTON .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PRABSON 3.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM SPARROW .. Treble.	FREDK. JORDAN .. 5.
FRANK COOK .. 2.	HERBERT JORDAN .. 6.
JAMES HEMMING .. 3.	HARRY MIDDLETON .. 7.
THOMAS EDWIN .. 4.	ALLAN KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES COLLIER .. 5.
GEORGE W. TEMPLE .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 6.
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 3.	FREDERICK SKUSE .. 7.
EDMUND KING .. 4.	THOMAS F. KING .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This is the first peal ever rung in the Bath district by entirely local men.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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RODMERSHAM.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

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On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At 43, HEATH ROAD,

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

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	GEORGE E. HOWCEIN .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Charles N. Leman.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 1, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALBERT N. INNS 1-2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 5-6.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

In MR. E. M. ATKINS' ROOMS, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5056 CHANGES

WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	REGINALD O. STREET .. 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. O. STREET.

Umpire—F. R. White. *First peal on handbells away from the tenors. First peal as conductor in the method, and on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GEDDINGTON.—On Tuesday, January 23rd, a date touch of 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 480 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Antelope, 592 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. G. Black, C. Cooper, C. Swan conductor, E. Reid, R. G. Black. First date touch on the bells and by the local band in four methods.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN.—On January 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a non-conducted 504. F. Hayes, F. G. Biggs, J. W. Wilkins, G. F. Williams, R. Buckland, R. Biggs, R. Coles, F. Boxall. It is proposed to attempt a silent peal at a future date.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On December 25th, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, J. Kenward. S. Kenward, G. Illman, A. Songhurst, J. Etheridge, C. Osborn. On December 31st, for the Boy Scouts' Church Parade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Etheridge, P. Etheridge, F. Sadler, A. Bashford, A. Songhurst, S. Kenward, A. Harman, C. Osborn. On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, J. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn. Conductors—Messrs. S. Kenward and A. Harman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 3rd, at St. John's church, 720 Single Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Loose, J. Tipping, T. Allanson. On January 14th, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor. J. Fell, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. Conducted by J. Tipping. On January 21st, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Tipping conductor, T. Allanson. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping. Conducted by J. Tipping.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW ROMNEY.—On Sunday, January 7th, at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service in 47 mins. H. S. Humphery, E. E. Hutchinson, G. E. Kennett, S. J. Boulden, H. D. Anderson, P. Page, S. Seutherden, G. B. Anderson. Conducted by H. S. Humphery.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at St. Mary's church, an attempt to ring Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing over 1000 changes. A. G. Clarke, H. Reynolds, J. H. Mason, P. Brickell, A. Gordon, Wm. Gordon, jun., A. S. Gordon conductor, E. Edmonds. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Wm. Gordon, the steeplekeeper, and his wife, which took place at St. Thomas's, Norbury, on January 19th, 1862.

UTTOXETER (Staffs).—On Tuesday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 Mins. W. Cope, F. Richardson, P. Cope conductor, E. Roberts, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith, E. Green. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, whose age is 75.

5004 STEDMAN CATERS.
By FREDK. HY. DEXTER, *Leicester.*

134265879	A		
	4	5	16
(562431978)	B		
261354	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-
461253	-	-	-
163254	-	-	-
361452	-	-	-
362154	-	-	-
364251	-	-	-
463152	-	-	-
462351	-	-	-
264153	-	-	-
263451	-	-	-
561423	-	-	-
162453	-	-	-
563412	-	-	-
362415	-	-	-
265413	-	-	-
163425	-	-	-
365421	-	-	-
261435	-	-	-
165432	-	-	-
562431	-	-	-
(134265879)	B		
134562	S	-	-
132465	-	-	-
231564	-	-	-
234165	-	-	-
432561	-	-	-
431265	-	-	-
435162	-	-	-
532164	-	-	-
235461	-	-	-
531462	-	-	-
135264	-	-	-
534261	-	-	-

Repeat the last twelve courses for 134265 A. Peal commences at the 4th change of this course. The calling as from the course-end, B, 2, 4, 11, 14 gives 2nd six. The peal contains 21 courses in the tittums, with the 4th and 5th their in-course extent at home, with all the 9-5s and 4-6-8s, i.e., twelve courses each; also the extent of the inverted position. The peal gives every change of the two round blocks. If a single in place of bob at 4 is called in first course of tittum position and repeat the whole 21 courses the full extent of the 4th and 5th can be had, when the peal would be 7272.

A local tradition tells us that the cost of erecting Welston Church, in Northants., so drained Anthony Catesby of all his available money, that he had none to pay for the bells. He therefore sold a flock of sheep, and when he first heard the sound of the ring coming over the valley of the Nene to Ecton, where he dwelt, he said to his wife, "Hark! Do you hear my lambs bleating?" He died in 1553. If the tradition be true—and there is no reason to doubt it with regard to the great bell and the Sanctus bell—the good Squire of Whisten had been anticipated in his pleasant humour by Zitholf of St. Albans. He is said to have sold his flocks to supply the monastery with a belfry, and when he afterwards heard the bells chiming out from the tower, used to exclaim, "Hark how sweetly my goats and my sheep are bleating."

ERIN TRIPLES.
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TEN-PART,
By THE REV. E. S. POWELL, *Plymouth.*

	5040.				
123455	I	3	4	5	6
462513	-	-	-	-	-
326541	S	-	-	-	-
542136	S	-	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-	-	-
246315	S	-	-	-	-
164325	-	-	-	-	-
326514	S	-	-	-	-
462531	S	-	-	-	-
365412	2A	-	-	-	-

Repeat these twelve courses four times, with *sr* in the first course, getting—

123465	I	3	4	5	6
632415	-	-	-	-	-
134652	2A	-	-	-	-
543612	-	-	-	-	-
614253	S	-	-	-	-
231564	-	-	-	-	-
413526	S	-	-	-	-
312654	A	-	-	-	-
651432	S	-	-	-	-

Repeat four times, with *sr* in the first course. In this variation the calling of the ten parts, more symmetrical than in the peal as published by Mr. J. W. Parker.

1912 STEDMAN CATERS.—By R. O. STREET.

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(a) 643321978
(b) 462135

465231	-	-	-
365142	-	-	-
563241	-	-	-
36 452	-	-	-
362154	-	-	-
264153	-	-	-
463152	-	-	-
364251	-	-	-
461253	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-
162453	-	-	-
563412	-	-	-
365214	-	-	-
564132	-	-	-
562431	-	-	-

(a) By bobs at 1, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19.

(b) By bobs at 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 19.

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tively. When the next visitor came round he found three men ringing the three bells, which said "Ting, Tong, Pluff," being made respectively of tin, wood, and leather.

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In connection with the old tower at this place, a story is told to the effect that one Christmas Eve the ringers, for the purpose of partaking of some refreshments, left the bells standing, and adjourned to a tavern that then stood opposite. One of their number, a little more thirsty than the rest, insisted that before going back to ring they should have another pitcher of ale, and this being at length agreed to

by his companions, the party stayed to duly drain the last draught. This extra mug of beer saved their lives, for while they were drinking the steeple fell. Whether this is merely a tapster tale, or the sober statement of a remarkable incident, we are not in a position to affirm.

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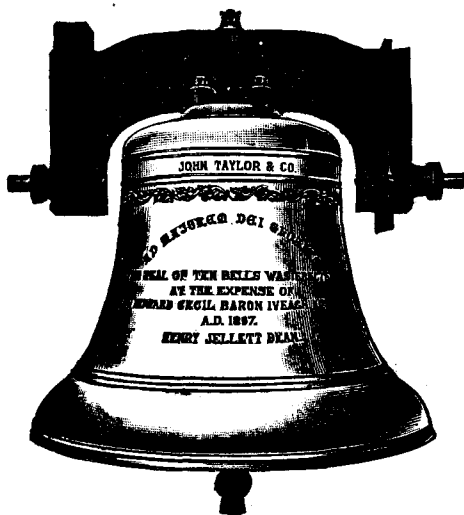
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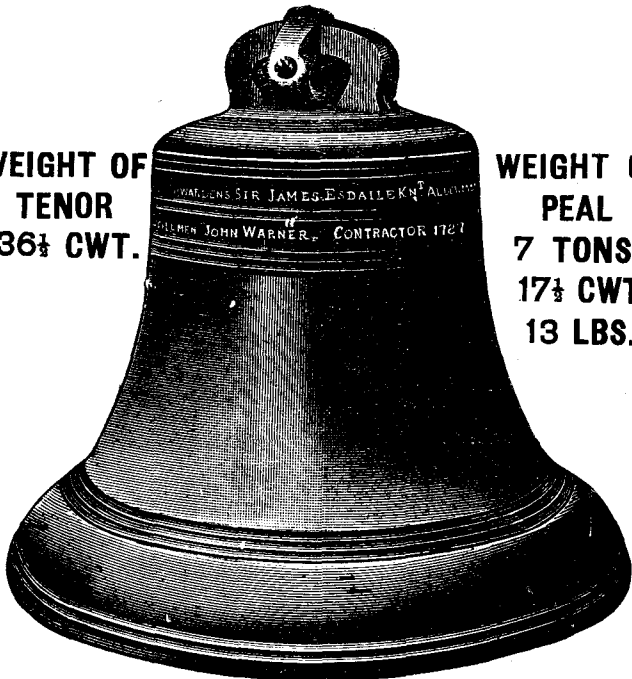
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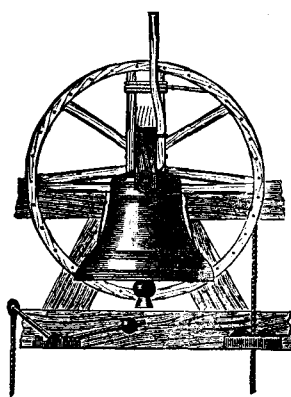
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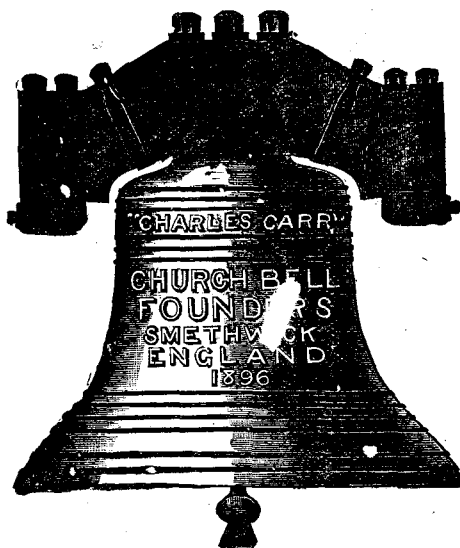
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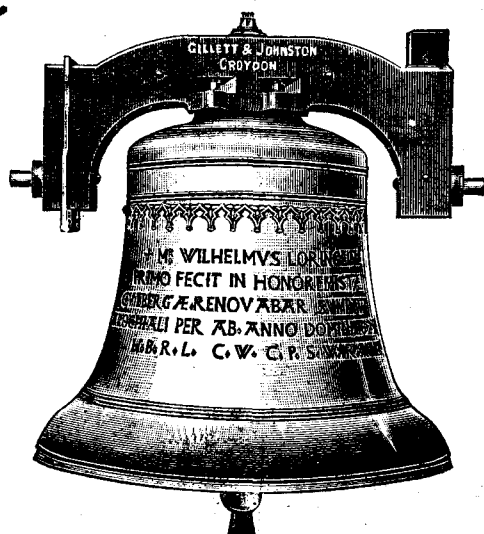
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent there by those present, the weather being for the time of year ideal. The eight bells were available for ringing, as announced previously, and opening with a touch of Stedman Triples, were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening.

A very nice tea was provided in the church schoolroom, and at 4.30 ample justice was done to the same. At the subsequent general meeting the vice-president occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Hurrell, Vicar of Hinckley, Rev. J. F. Griffiths, of Holy Trinity, Hinckley, Rev. G. M. Edmonds, of Stoke Golding, Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer, and others, from thirty to thirty-five being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the chairman said that as the Vicar of Hinckley was obliged to leave immediately to fulfil an engagement elsewhere, he would at once propose a hearty vote of thanks to him for his kindness in allowing the ringers the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for his presence at the tea. This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried with applause.

The Vicar briefly replied that it was a pleasure to him to welcome the Association to Hinckley, and hoped each and all would thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Messrs. E. D. Taylor and C. Draper were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year on the proposition of Mr. H. Wakley, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinheld.

The Chairman drew attention to the peals rung during the past quarter, fifty-three on tower bells and three on handbells, which had been rung in thirty-four towers extending practically over the whole area of the Association, a 6000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Chesterfield being a record length in the method for the Association. The Revs. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, Notts., and E. Douglas Starey, Rector of Sharnford, Hinckley, and the Marquess of Anglesey were elected honorary members of the Association. Sixteen ringing members were also admitted. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. B. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, was unanimously carried, and a return was made to the tower where ringing was again enthusiastically indulged in.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. A fair number of ringers attended, representing Allesley, Coventry, Rugby, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon, including two lady members, Miss Joyce Williams and Mrs. Hatton-Faenchel, who are making rapid strides in the Art. They are the first ladies to ring with the Guild.

The bells of St. Nicholas were rung from 4 to 5 o'clock, and after the tea and business meeting, at which Mr. G. Dickins presided, St. Mary's tower was available for the rest of the evening. The members decided to visit Bed-

worth for the next quarterly meeting, and the monthly meetings were arranged for May and June, Hampton in Arden being chosen for May and Polesworth for June. Eleven new members were elected. On the proposition of the Master a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of St. Nicholas and St. Mary's for their kind permission to ring. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A bye meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Springfield on Saturday, January 20th. The bells were raised soon after 4 p.m. and kept going till 5.30, when all adjourned to The Plough inn, twenty-six sitting down to a course or two of host Egerton's composing. The business meeting followed with Mr. Edwards in the chair. The minutes of the annual meeting were read. Mr. W. J. Lay, of Springfield, was elected a member and Widford selected for the next meeting (Easter Monday). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. F. S. Paynter and the Rev. C. Edmunds, Broomfield for the use of their bells. This ended the business. After a few selections on the Association's handbells by Messrs. Letch, Edwards, and Wood, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Richell, Lincoln, Edwards, Cooper and Kirton, the tower was again visited and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m., when an adjournment was again made to The Plough and a social hour spent in handbell ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening on the tower bells ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Broomfield, 2½ miles away, with its recently rehung peal, were open for ringing, but owing to the wretched state of the roads, and the very dark night, not sufficient ringers could be persuaded to undertake the journey.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTON-STONE, ESSEX.

Thirty-nine 720s have been rung by the above society during 1911 in the following methods: Surprise methods—York 6, London 5, Cambridge 4, Lincoln 3, Ipswich 1, Norwich 1, Wells 1, Durham 1, Chelsea 1, Carlisle 1, Chester 1. Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Bob Minor 12. The ringing was done by the following members and friends: W. Miller 34, W. Theobald 31, H. Torble 29, G. Black, 24, G. Dawson 22, J. Moule 17, S. Goodenough 15, G. Hayden 14, W. Doran 12, F. Doran 8, A. Fiddes 8, L. Green, 6, A. Prior 3, S. Bird 1, W. J. Nevard, 1, W. Truss, 1, T. Beedon 1, G. Murton 1, D. Brunning 1, F. Squires 1, R. Saunders 1, F. J. Newman 1, B. Marks 1, A. Lebbon 1. Conducted by W. Miller 23, G. Black 6, H. Torble 5, J. Moule 3, G. Hayden 2.

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A SUGGESTION

FOR CALLING PEALS OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Mr. J. J. Parker's note in "THE BELL NEWS" of Jan. 27th on the possibility of using other bells than the treble for a plain hunt is interesting in that it avoids the introduction into the method of a second kind of single objectionable in itself, and still more objectionable through involving the presence of three kinds of call in one touch or peal. The same result can however be obtained by other means. The researches of the Rev. H. Law James into Minor methods have taught us among other things that (1) it is not necessary to complete the calling of a particular touch of some one method in a single block, and (2) any such block need not start from rounds. Apply these two principles to Grandsire Doubles, and you will find opportunities for a great variety of calling. An example will make this clear. Start by calling—

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and from this point call five 6-scores with the 4th as observation bell in exactly the same way as you would call 6-scores from rounds with the 3rd as observation. Complete the three-part 6-score above (5th observation) which will give a touch of 720 changes. A little experimenting will be found to yield an almost unlimited number of other examples. In conclusion I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. W. D. James, of Pembroke College, Cambridge, for the original suggestion to extend the calling of Grandsire Doubles by making the 2nd and 4th observation bells.

E. S. POWELL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held in St. Paul's Institute, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 20th. The Rev. J. J. Stockley, Vicar of St. Paul's, and chairman of the district presided. Those present included the Rev. J. H. Martin, curate of Horninglow, Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer of the Association, and members from St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Burton, Etwell, Newhall, Ashby, Uttoxeter, Horninglow, Rolleston, etc., and Mr. H. Wakley, local hon. sec. The following were elected to fill the various offices for 1912: Chairman of the district, the Rev. J. J. Stockley; Committee, Messrs. E. I. Stone and E. W. Beadsmore; local hon. sec., H. Wakley. Nominations for the general officers of the Association were as follows: President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., vice president, Mr. J. W. Taylor, hon. treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. sec. Mr. W. E. White, delegate to the Central Council, Mr. J. Griffin. The local secretary having given a report of the various ringing meetings held in the district during 1911, a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. Before and after the meeting the bells of St. Paul's church were kept going in various methods.

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ST. MARGARET'S, LEE, KENT.

On Wednesday evening, January 13th, an interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry, viz., the unveiling of a peal-board recording the ringing of Holt's Original in honour of King George V. birthday last year. The belfry was packed, the Rector and his wife being present, the latter kindly unveiling the board.

The Rector, in the course of his remarks, told them this was his first appearance in this belfry, that he had often rung the tenor at Grimsby, and the 33 cwt. tenor at Louth in Lincolnshire. The members were all agreeably surprised, as his ringing capabilities were quite unknown to them, and everyone watched the Rector ringing this tenor for the first time. He afterwards told them, that owing to an accident, he had injured one of his legs, in fact gave it out that he had only one leg, and for this reason could not mount the stairs very well.

The Rector's wife, in a few well-chosen remarks, said it gave her great pleasure to unveil the board, which is now the fourth of its kind in this tower.

The ringers who took part in the peal were J. Crowder, W. Weatherstone, G. Simmonds, F. Richardson, T. Hawkins, E. Richards, W. Jeffries, and A. Fisher. The peal occupied 2 hrs. 50 mins., was conducted by W. Jeffries, and was the first to be rung on these bells during the rectorship of the Rev. R. Meddings, and was the first with a bob bell by G. Simmonds.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, January 27th, when a large number of ringers from Bremhill, Grittleton, Marshfield, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, and Wootton Bassett met at St. Paul's church at 3 o'clock, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours. An excellent tea was provided, and a meeting followed, Mr. E. Bishop occupying the chair. The Rev. D. Barclay, Rector of St. Paul's, was also present, and was elected an honorary member. A few new ringing members were also enrolled. The next meeting will take place at Highworth in February. The company then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going to Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples until 8.30.

BELLS AND THEIR MESSAGE.

The Bishop of Crediton dedicated last week at Tor parish church, the mother church of Torquay, the three ancient bells, which have been rehung, together with three new ones, making a ring of six. He recalled the abuses of bellringing and the drinking in church towers in olden days, and how the scandal had to be abolished in the church to which he was ordained forty-five years ago. In his North Devon parish Good Friday was at first disregarded, but at 3 p.m. on that day the chime was solemnly tolled, and people inquired throughout the village "Who was dead?" They learned thus that Good Friday was not a day for pleasure, but the day of their Saviour's death, and it led from that year onward to its reverent observance in his parish.

STONE (Staffordshire).—On January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., W. Dawson, first 504, E. Cope, F. Chell, jun., first 504, T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston conductor, J. Abberley.

WITNEY RINGERS AT READING.

On Saturday, January 27th, five of the above took advantage of an excursion train to Reading, arrangements being made for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles' church, where they met their old friends Mr. F. Pounds and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who were formerly ringers at Witney. The band was made up by Mr. A. W. Osborne, foreman of St. Giles, permission being readily granted by the Rev. F. Gillmor for the use of the bells. "Go" was called at 3 o'clock, and after 2 hrs. 57 mins. good striking, "that's all" was the welcome call, all congratulating Mr. E. Brown, this being his first peal. On descending the tower the ringers were invited to the Victoria Cafe with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, where a very pleasant hour was spent. Mr. J. Monk, in a jocular speech, thanked the Reading men for making them so welcome; also thanking the Rev. C. W. Jenkyn for his very kind hospitality in providing tea after the peal, which they were pleased was so successful. Mr. A. E. Reeves, the Secretary of the Guild, also joined them at tea. After a short look round train time arrived, the Witney men leaving for home by the 8.55 train, all agreeing it was a very pleasant half-day excursion. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. F. C. Gillmor, Vicar of St. Giles, for the use of his bells.

LECTURE ON CHURCH BELLS.

On Tuesday evening, January 16th, an interesting lantern lecture was given in St. John's schools, Leicester, to a crowded audience, by Mr. William Willson, the well-known exponent of change-ringing. The lecturer took for his subject "Church Bells, their origin, history, and literature." At the outset he described the use of the bell among the ancient Egyptians, and the precise meaning of the text, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals." Proceeding, Mr. Willson gave excerpts from the poets, Tennyson, Gray, and Longfellow. The lantern views numbering 115, showed the process of moulding, casting and tuning bells, also how they were rung, and the picture of the bourdon bells ranged from the Czar Kolozol of Russia—the largest bell in the world—Great Paul, Big Ben of Westminster, down to local peals. Among the views of cathedrals were St. Paul's, Canterbury, Lincoln, and Exeter, and other views included Westminster Abbey, while these on the continent showed Milan, the leaning tower of Pisa, Cologne, whose spires are the highest in the world, 515 feet, Strasburg, and Amiens. The lecture concluded with a view of Tennyson's church, and a picture of the recently erected bust of the poet was thrown on the screen.

CORRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

There is a tradition current in the above neighbourhood that many years ago a gentleman being lost on the then unenclosed moor, sometimes called Corringham Scroggs, and again finding his whereabouts by the sound of the church bells then ringing in the evening, he left ten shillings yearly to the ringers to pay them for ringing during the winter months, and so to save others from being lost. In support of the truth of this tradition, it may be mentioned that the bells were formerly rung from November 5th until February 14th, for which ringing the churchwardens allowed three pounds of candles, and ten shillings to pay for lots of beer at the public-house on November 5th, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and May 29th.

CONISBORO', YORKS.

At the annual parochial gathering on a recent Tuesday, the Vicar explained the scheme which has been decided upon for altering the beautiful parish church, which with the castle ruins, form one of the landmarks of historic Conisboro'. There is no more interesting spot than this in South Yorks.: the church is over 800 years old, and tourists come from all parts to visit the Castle ruins. The Vicar explained to a crowded gathering that the church is worthy of preservation at all costs. The total expenditure upon the complete scheme would be £2,100, and three years had been allowed in which to complete the work. They had now in the bank £1,208, while the full amount promised to date was £1,433. The fabric wanted restoring completely. More light was required, better accommodation for the choir, and the plaster was to be taken from the walls, leaving the original stonework bright and clean. It was proposed to lower the floor of the church six inches, and to set up incandescent lighting. As to a peal of bells, the Vicar pointed out if they could secure a peal of eight, they might sell the present three cracked ones. The scheme has the hearty approval of the parishioners, who are supporting it to the fullest of their power.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

A beautiful memorial has just been erected at Seaford, Sussex, to the memory of the Rev. Edward Bickersteth Ottley, Canon of Rochester Cathedral, and for twenty-five years Vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Square. It takes the form of a Calvary cross, nearly 11 feet in height, in Cornish granite, with a crucifix in white marble finely carved in relief.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 3rd, at St. John's church, 720 Single Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Loose. J. Tipping, T. Allanson. On January 14th, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor. J. Fell, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, E. Tipping. J. Hardman, T. Allanson. Conducted by J. Tipping. On January 21st, for morning service, 720 New London Peasure. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Tipping conductor, T. Allanson. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping. Conducted by J. Tipping.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of President and for that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the Agenda. A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.

Postal Orders should NOT be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

On a recent Wednesday at the Diocesan Conference, the Dean made a statement on the progress of the work at the cathedral, and said that although it had been impossible in the past to give an accurate estimate of the extent of the work and the amount of money required because of the hidden condition of the building, they had now been able to arrive at an accurate estimate of the cost. The total expenditure would not be more than £112,000, and since they had known what the estimate would be, they had been working by contract. Throughout they had been anxious not to get into debt, and as they had gone on they had been able to pay their way. The work would be practically finished by Easter, but they would not be able to pay their way unless the public came to their help in their last appeal. They did not want more than £3,000 now to clear them. He was confident they would get that, and he appealed to the 576 parishes in the diocese to devote the mid-Sunday in Lent to an offering for the cathedral. July 14th and the following seven days had been fixed for thanksgiving services in connection with the re-opening of the cathedral.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On December 25th, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, G. Illman, A. Songhurst, J. Etheridge, C. Osborn. On December 31st, for the Boy Scouts' Church Parade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Etheridge, P. Etheridge, F. Sadler, A. Bashford, A. Songhurst, S. Kenward, A. Harman, C. Osborn. On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, J. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn. Conductors—Messrs. S. Kenward and A. Harman.

TWICKENHAM.—On Saturday, January 27th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. C. Limpus, F. Goddard, A. H. Winch, T. Beadle, W. New, A. Dean, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, G. Spencer.

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This peal has the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th in the tittums, and the 6th twenty-four times behind the 8th with seventy-two sixes of 6-8s in the handstroke home position. First composed with these qualities, and rung at Aston on January 13th, 1906, conducted by A. Walker.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 15th, and 29th; at St. John's Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Loudon County Association late the St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15. Business meeting to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.

F. J. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*
34, Guildford Road South Lambeth.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d. at 5.30. Nearest stations, Poplar (North London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.) from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

C. T. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual service and meeting will be held at Burnham to-Sat., day, February 3rd, at 4.30.

SIDNEY W. VALDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The next quarterly will be held at Farnham to-day, Sat., February 3rd. 3.30—Bells available (8). 5.30—Service—Preacher—Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector. 6.15—Tea at Darracots's restaurant. Tea tickets 6d. each; visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone to-day, Sat., February 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at The Castle inn at 4.15, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge if sufficient members signify their wish to be met. Members are requested to make an effort to attend, as an important matter will be discussed. W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, February 17th.

Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Bull inn at 5.30. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

H. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, to-day, Sat., February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 31st. Bells (6) available.

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

The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham to-day, Sat., February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.

E. TRENDLE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Boughton, Faversham.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Saturday, February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open till tea time. Those of Broxbourne after. Tea at The Salisbury Arms at 5.30, 6d. to members, others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale parish church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Burlington-on-Trent District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.

H. WAKLEY, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, February 6th.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th. Francis Edward Dawe, esq. in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

Notice—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

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By ERNEST MORRIS, *Leicester.*

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6532	-	-	-
3265	-	-	-
6325	-	-	-
2635	-	-	-
3526	-	-	-
2356	-	-	-

Repeat the above 7 courses for—

23645

42356	-	-	-
3542	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-
5324	-	-	-
2534	-	-	-
3425	-	-	-
3245	-	-	S

Repeat the whole. 4, 5, 6 only in 6th place.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

23456 M W H

52364	2	2	2
25463	2	2	2
24653	I	2	
26543	I	2	
52345	2	2	
63425	I	2	
35426	I	2	
24536	2	2	
25346	I	2	
23456	I	2	

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes: The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples given in your issue of January 13th, and claimed by both H. Price and M. J. Morris, appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" under my name as long ago as 1883, and was no doubt then a very old composition.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
 DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,
 A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ALBERT W. COLES 2.	*ALBERT J. BAYNES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4.	†HENRY BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal, Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Baynes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	*ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 8.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	CHARLES S. BURDEN .. 9.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 10.
FREDERICK J. HARDY* .. 5.	ALFRED B. PECK 11.
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On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN W. KELLEY Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
BERTRAM BREWETT 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.The ringers desire to thank Mr. J. W. Kelley and friends for their
kind hospitality after the peal.THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESSEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Neasden Delight, College
Exercise, Woodbine, College Bob iv. Willesden Delight, and Old
Oxford modernised. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

RICHARD KILBY Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON 4.
GEORGE M. KILBY 2.	HARRY KILBY 5.
LAWRENCE B. PORTER 3.	ALFRED HILL Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. Langdon, 70, Salterford Road, Tooting,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON .. 1-2.	HARRY R. PASSMORE .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire—F. J. Hardy. Witness—Mrs. Langdon.

The Provinces.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble.	ERNEST WHITING 5.
FREDK. BORRETT 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
FREDK. ROOPE 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	CHARLES BRICE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First peal in the method as conductor.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDK. POUNDS Treble.	Ambrose W. Osborne .. 5.
Albert E. Brooks 2.	John Monk 6.
Edmund Tomlinson 3.	Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn .. 7.
Ernest Brown* 4.	George Brooks Tenor.

Conducted by Ambrose W. Osborne.

*First peal. Reference elsewhere.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN .. 5.
HENRY W. COWLEY* .. 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
BERTRAM PREWITT 3.	†SYDNEY CARTER 7.
CHARLES S. BIRD* 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

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

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford
Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.

H. HALL Treble.	W. BURGESS 4.
W. G. CRICKMER 2.	G. STANNARD 5.
W. E. MAULDEN 3.	G. BALLS Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung as a 83rd birthday peal to the conductor's mother.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Mary's Society, Reading.)

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hour and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 27½ cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB Treble.	*GEORGE ESSEX 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
HENRY TUCKER 3.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
FRANK MARTIN 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
EDGAR T. SMITH 2.	WALTER R. HUGHES .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 3.	*GILBERT HARDING .. 8.
GEORGE PEATE 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON 9.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 5.	HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOS. J. ELTON.

*First peal of "Stedman away from the tenor. J. C. Adams' 100th
peal for the Society.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ANDREW PARRY* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
REGINALD DULLAM* .. 2.	HENRY KEMP 5.
HENRY WEALE 3.	THOMAS AMOS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD).

On Wednesday, January 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 17 lbs

EDWIN H. WHITEMAN† .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE 5.
GEORGE JOHNSON 2.	*GEORGE KENWARD 6.
HAROLD F. COBOM† 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7.
JOSEPH B. BENNETT 4.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Price, who is over 60 years of age. He has been verger at the above church for many years, and has been a ringer there for a longer period than any of the present Rye ringers.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN C. TRUSS Treble.	*RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS* .. 2.	*JOHN EVANS 8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	*FRED HAYES 9.
FREDK. G. BIGGS* 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ALFRED W. GRIMES* 5.	*JAMES W. WILKINS 11.
GEORGE MARTIN* 6.	*REV. C. W. O. JENEYN .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells and in the county of Bucks.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD HOLMAN Treble.	HENRY A. HOAD 4.
WALTER HUMPHREY 2.	HUGH R. THORPE 5.
OSCAR GILBEY 3.	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5.
DAVID WRIGHT 2.	AMOS W. CLARK 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	ALFRED T. JONES 7.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Messrs. Hensher and Wright were elected members previous to starting for the peal

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	REV. W. A. ERRINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COOK* 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
HARRY SMALE 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. DENT.

*First peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble.	EDWIN WHITING 5.
GEORGE P. BURTON 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
JOHN SNELLING 3.	ERNEST WHITING 7.
FREDEBICK MANSER 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method in the city of Norwich. The ringer of the treble belongs to the St. John Sepulchre Guild; and the 2nd to St. Peter Maucroft.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven 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.	*ALFRED MEARS 5.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 2.	*ALBERT MARKS 6.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY 4.	OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Major.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

ALFRED C. LIMPUS Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
WILLIAM C. PARKER 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM WELLING 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 4.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged for A. C. Limpus, who hails from Vancouver, B.C.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. T. PATES Treble.	J. BALLINGER 5.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	W. DYER 6.
A. W. HUMPHRIES 3.	T. PENDEY 7.
D. F. GIBBONS 4.	J. PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

D. F. Gibbons was elected a member previous to starting. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have added two new trebles to make a peal of twelve, and erecting all in a new iron frame on steel girders at St. Mary's parish church, Cheltenham, the re-opening of which is fixed for February 25th.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation.

Arthur E. Moore Treble.	Thos. Fitzjohn 5.
Frank J. Levitt 2.	Chas. Woodcock 6.
Walter Radley 3.	Harry R. Moore 7.
Fred G. Dewell 4.	Chas. Carter Tenor.

Composed by H. Dains, and Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

BREIRLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation Tenor 14½ cwt.

John LloydTreble.	Walter Prestidge 5.
Joseph Faulkner 2.	Charles E. Perkins 6.
Harry Hill3.	Abraham Greenfield 7.
Victor Hill4.	Harry PriceTenor.

Composed by A. Craven, and Conducted by Abraham Greenfield.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's No. 1. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Albert H. WardTreble.	William Clifford, sen. 5.
Neville H. Widdowson 2.	Percival Price6.
Allen R. Hickton 3.	Ernest J. Oliver 7.
J. Charles Dicken 4.	Henry FletcherTenor.

Conducted by Albert H. Ward.

*First peal of Stedman.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

William Morgan*Treble.	James Morgan5.
Robert Sperring 2.	Henry W. Wilde 6.
Samuel Jones, sen. 3.	*Percy H. Smith 7.
George Jones4.	John ThomasTenor.

Conducted by Henry W. Wilde.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson as Rector of the parish, who was inducted the previous evening by the Ven. Arch-deacon Barber. *First peal.

CALVERTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Alfred Clark*Treble.	Walter W. Bonham 4.
Herbert C. Edwards 2.	Thomas C. Tompkins 5.
Edwin Yates3.	Cecil A. ValentineTenor.

Conducted by Cecil A. Valentine.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Edwards, who attained his majority on the 25th inst., the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PORTMADOC (Carnarvonshire).—On Thursday, January 25th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Buckingham first quarter-peal, H. McMillan, S. Roberts, J. Owen conductor, E. Thomas, H. Wakefield, J. Parsons, J. P. Thomas. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone by Lady Harlech of the new church at Borthygest, Portmadoc.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

H. JewissTreble.	J. Nye4.
G. Eastman 2.	C. Tumber 5.
A. J. Day3.	W. NyeTenor.

Conducted by W. Nye.

HORTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Walter P. Cross*Treble.	William Henley 4.
George H. Gutteridge 2.	Thomas E. Glanville 5.
Leonard Stilwell* 3.	*William WellingTenor.

Conducted by W. Welling.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor by all the band. First peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONETreble.	GEORGE ADAMS 6.
CHARLES PALMER 2.	JOHN CAPP 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 3.	FREDK. W. RICE 8.
HERBERT RANN 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER 9.
OLIVER SIPPETS 5.	KEITH HARTTenor.

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMASTreble.	WILLIAM BOLTON 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	SIDNEY DAWE 7.
WILLIAM COOMBS 4.	ALLEN ROWLEYTenor.

Conducted by S. DAWE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor, and as a birthday compliment to W. Coombes, the band wishing them many happy returns.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM.—On Thursday, January 25th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, a half-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Baker, F. Roope, C. Roope, R. Whiting, E. Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, A. Smith.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, in 45 mins. H. Page, G. Cross, J. Cross, W. Page, T. Hamlin, G. Wines, T. Page, conductor, S. Weaver. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by the band.

KETTERING (Northants).—On January 25th, on handbells, 720

Bob Minor. Reggie Chapman, 1-2; Lennie Chapman, 3; Cecil Chapman, 4; Edward Chapmad conductor. 5-6. This is a family band of father and three sons, the ages of the lads being 13, 11, 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service at the church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. R. W. Green, E. G. Fenn, C. H. Hughes, E. Levitt first quarter-peal in the method, J. Milner, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. W. Hibbert, T. A. Askell.

NORWICH.—On Monday, January 29th, at the church of St. John de Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264) in the tittums. B. Fry, A. Hubbard composer and conductor, W. Hempel, W. Goodbourne, J. Freeman, W. Mayers, W. Curtis, G. Cross.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday morning, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. Walker, R. Elliott, W. J. Kemp, W. H. Hotton, J. Milner, A. J. Baynes, F. Hull conductor, A. Riley. Rung as a compliment to H. J. Maynard, who was married to Miss M. Ludlow at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, the previous day.

HUGHENDEN.—On January 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a non-conducted 504. F. Hayes, F. G. Biggs, J. W. Wilkins, G. F. Williams, R. Buckland, R. Biggs, R. Coles, F. Bexall. It is proposed to attempt a silent peal at a future date. *dup see p. 569*

NEW ROMNEY.—On Sunday, January 7th, at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service in 47 mins. H. S. Humphery, E. E. Hutchinson, G. E. Kennett, S. J. Boulden, H. D. Anderson, P. Page, S. Seutherden, G. B. Anderson. Conducted by H. S. Humphery.

UTTOXETER (Staffs).—On Tuesday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 Mins. W. Cope, F. Richardson, P. Cope conductor, E. Roberts, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith, E. Green. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, whose age is 75.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

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of his family, and of domestic happiness. At length, in one of those feuds common to the period, the Italian became a sufferer amongst many others. He lost his all, and after the passing of the storm, he found himself preserved alone, amid the wreck of fortune, friends, family, and home. The bells too, his favourite bells, were carried off from the convent, and finally removed to Ireland. For a time their artificer became a wanderer over Europe, and at last, in hope of soothing his troubled spirit, he formed the resolution of seeking the land to which those treasures of his memory had been conveyed. He sailed for Ireland, and proceeding up the Shannon on a beautiful evening, which reminded him of his native Italy, his own bells from

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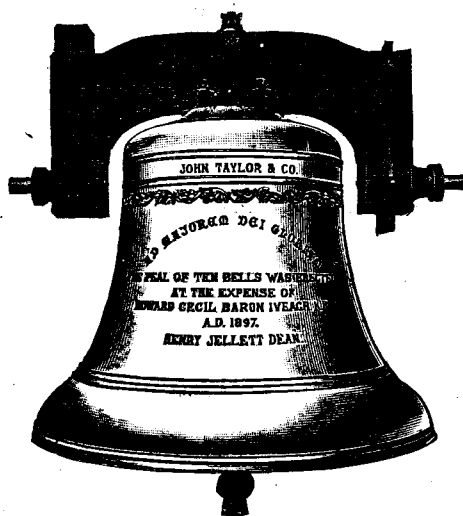
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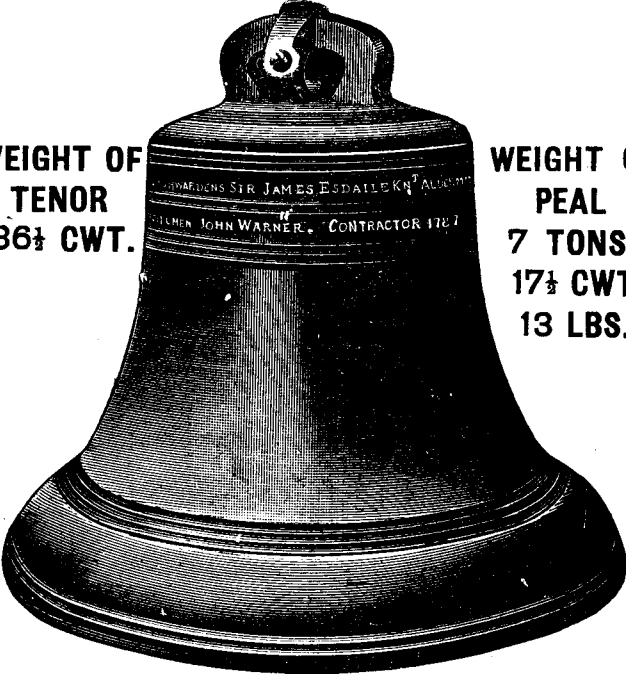
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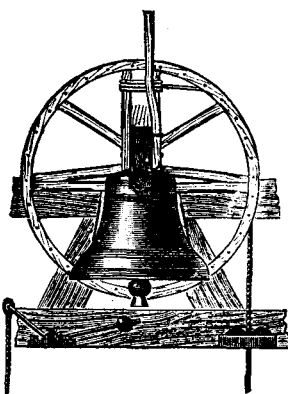
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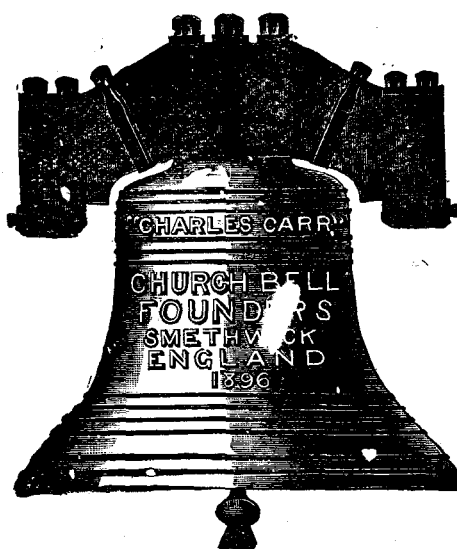
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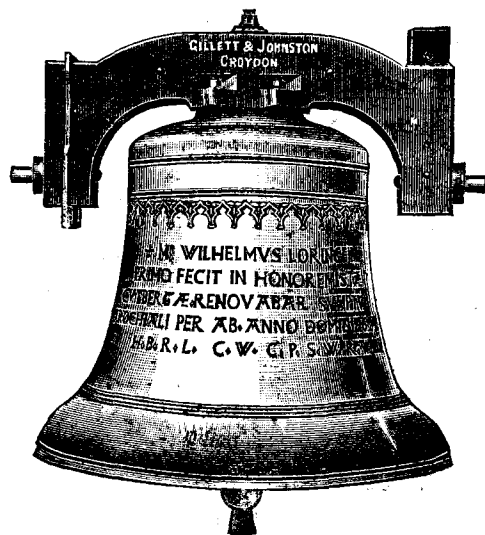
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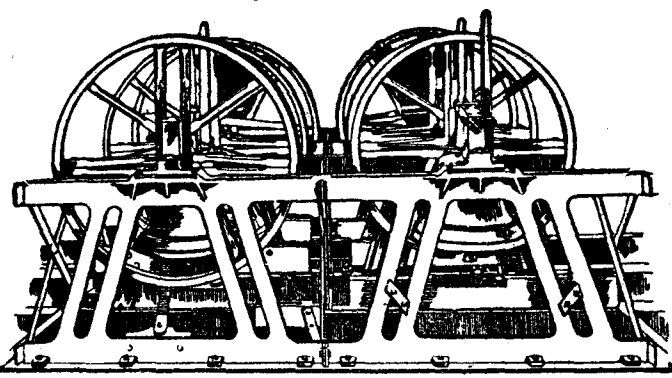
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THE BELLS OF TOR MOHAM, DEVON.

Thursday, January 25th (St. Paul's Day) was a red-letter day for the parish of Tor Moham, the parish of that fashionable watering place so pleasantly situated with high hills around, except on the south, where it is open to the English Channel in the south of Devon called Torquay. The church of St. Saviour, one of the perpendicular style, contains many interesting relics and mementoes for the historian, and among them three bells, first a beautiful mediaeval casting bearing the stamp of the laver pots and trefoils; the second bears the date 1754, and the tenor 1673. The idea of restoring, completing and re-hanging the bells originated with Mr. J. S. Woolland, people's warden, who however was not spared to see the fruits of his labours, having died just as the work was completed. The old treble has been recast to have three trebles placed in front, and the whole tuned to scale. They are now hung on an iron frame with patent ball bearings, the result being that Tor has now a fine ring of six, tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. in A flat, which is a credit to the parish and all those connected with the work.

The bells were dedicated on the above date by the Bishop of Crediton, Archdeacon Trefusis, there also being present the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Jacob, Rev. Dr. Jones, Rev. J. A. H. Nankivel, and a large congregation. After the dedicatory prayers the Bishop gave an address, in which he said the people of Tor had accomplished a good work, and that God had prospered them, although there was one who was not spared to rejoice with them, but was in the presence of his Lord, listening to purer music. There was no part of the Church's fabric in which people so willingly contributed as they did to church bells, and throughout the length and breadth of the county this restoration was going on. His lordship traced the bell from its origin, and spoke of the duties of the priest and the ringers in carrying out their holy work for God and the Church.

The Devonshire Guld was represented by the Cockington band, who rang some excellent Grandsire Doubles immediately after the service, when the newly-formed band at Tor, who had been tutored by the Cockington band, rang some very creditable rounds, after which the bells were handed over to visiting companies. The Vicar kindly invited the ringers to supper, and a right jolly time was spent, the course-ends turning up without a hitch. Some more Grandsire on the tower bells with Messrs. F. Davey and J. Richards, of Exeter, brought to an end a day which not only relieved the Vicar of what he called a "pleasurable load," but one which had been looked forward to by the whole of the parish, who rejoiced together with the fine peal they heard that day for the first time. The cost amounted to £300, the whole of which has been subscribed, the last moiety being given as a thank-offering.

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.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, January 25th. The bells were raised about 3.30 p.m., and were kept busily going in various methods by different bands. At 5.30 p.m. just over fifty members attended Divine Service in the church. A shortened form of service was read, three well-known hymns were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mr. F. W. Richardson, a well-known ringer of the district. The Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar), on entering the pulpit, gave the members a very hearty welcome to St. Nicholas. He told them that since they last met there (three years ago), the London County Council had condemned the church as not being safe, which had caused them restoring it at a cost of £5,000, and when it was reopened £4,000 of this had been raised. He told them of the noted people who had worshipped in, and were buried in and around the church; also of donations he had received from nearly all over the world for the restoration of the Mother church of Deptford—the cradle of the British Empire. He also gave the members a few stirring words on Faith.

An adjournment was then made to the Albany Institute where a splendid meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was awaiting them. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Six new members were elected. The district representative then gave his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the same. St. Margaret's, Lee, was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, the last Saturday in April. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's Benevolent Fund scheme was then discussed and approved.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the Vicar (with musical honours), for granting the use of the bells, for his address, for providing the tea, and presiding at the meeting. The Vicar, replying, thanked them for the way they had received his name; it had been a great pleasure to him, and as he celebrated his ten year's vicariate the day before, they had been keeping it up, as he always felt at home amongst ringers.

STOKE D'ABERNON CHURCH, SURREY,

A large clock is to be placed in the parish church in memory of the late Sir Howard Vincent, the gift of Sir Edgar Vincent, and it will strike the hours upon a new bell, and shew time on one dial facing north. The work has been placed in the hands of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the large clocks at Abinger Hammer and Abinger Hall, also in Surrey.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 30th, at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Jackson, S. Winstanley, F. Welham, J. Welham, W. W. Wolstencroft, H. Manns. First 720 of Kent by the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Guildford District of this Guild held a meeting at Farnham on Saturday last, and notwithstanding bitterly cold weather there was an attendance of about sixty members, representatives being present from Ewhurst, Blackmoor and intermediate towers. At a service held in the parish church the Rector, the Rev. Neville Lovett, preached a practical sermon, in the course of which he pointed out that if the members had a cracked bell, or a bell out of tune in their tower, they would do their utmost either to restore or recast the offending bell. He urged it upon his hearers to adopt the same course with members whose reputations were cracked, and either restore or recast them. He was afraid that 100 years ago things were said and done both in belfry and pulpit which were far from being right, but he was very thankful to say that the Church of England had put her house in order, and things were vastly different now. Speaking of his own body of ringers he said he would not wish to have a better set of church workers.

Subsequently the Rector presided at the tea which was held afterwards at Watts' restaurant, and attended by several ladies, including Mrs. and Miss Sloman, who had previously presided at the organ during the church service.

In welcoming the visitors to Farnham Mr. Lovett explained that owing to the inclement weather and his many engagements the Bishop of Winchester was not able to be present amongst them, although he thoroughly sympathised with the objects of the Guild.

The Rev. E. J. Pizey, of St. Nicholas' Guildford, presided at the business meeting, and was elected with ten others as a probationer, two full members also being enrolled. It was decided to hold meetings for combined practices at Frensham on March 9th, and Cranleigh on March 16th.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, of Woking, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for having arranged the service, and to Miss Sloman for her assistance at the organ, and congratulated the District on the position the Guild had taken in the Analysis. Largely owing to the efforts of Mr. A. H. Pulling and the Guildford men, for the first time in the history of ringing, the Winchester Guild stood in the proud position of being first in all England in the number and quality of peals which had been rung.

In responding, the Rector thanked the members for their kindness in inviting Mrs. and Miss Sloman to partake of their hospitality, and expressing good wishes for the Guild, he said there was no other diocesan institution more vigorous or one that showed greater unity and heartiness in its work. He only hoped that all kinds of church-workers would hold together as well as the ringers did.

RUMNEY, NEAR CARDIFF.

On Saturday evening, February 3rd, the third annual dinner in connection with the local ringers was held at The Rompney Castle, Rumney. The Vicar presided, and after the usual loyal toasts the remainder of the evening was spent in conviviality. Previous to the dinner a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the parish church. F. Marshall conductor, D. Morgan, W. Stanaway, H. Giles, A. Cossam, G. Woodlands.

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

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

After a lapse of many years we are again able to chronicle a visit to the old cathedral city of Ely, the headquarters of the Association and home of its founder.

On Saturday, January 27th, a district meeting for the Isle of Ely District was held. In spite of the bad weather, which had prevailed during the week, a good attendance was secured, ringers attending from Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Littleport, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, and the local ringers. During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's were set going to touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, R. Lathbury, Newmarket, conducting. At 5 p.m. the company numbering twenty-two adjourned to The Minster tavern, where an excellent tea was provided. Here we were met by our hon. treasurer and founder of the Association, the Rev. K. H. Smith, who addressed the meeting in a few well chosen remarks, urging the members to show their appreciation of the Association and its officers by recruiting new members and aiming at the highest standard of ringing.

The report of the last district meeting at Newmarket was then read and carried. The election of new members was proceeded with, Messrs. W. Scott, G. Atkin, H. Vail, jun., F. Pilgrim (Ely), E. W. Cattell, G. Few, R. Pinch (Sutton), G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell and H. Sharp (Wilburton), being elected new members. The place of the next meeting was then discussed, and it was finally decided to select Chatteris for the summer meeting.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed to the Rector, Dr. Punchard, for the use of the bells the meeting terminated. A move was then made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were indulged in, several taking part for the first time in seven and eight-bell methods, Mr. R. Lathbury again taking charge of the conducting. Ely and district contains some promising ringers, and it is hoped that progress will be made in change-ringing, and the higher methods practised.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Canterbury district of the above held a meeting at Elham on February 3rd, and forty-five members sat down to a tea very kindly provided by the local ringers. After tea six new members were elected, and a letter was read re the restoration of the bells of Shoreditch parish church. Mr. W. E. Pitman at once offered to collect, and raised a small sum for that purpose. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore briefly explained his ideas respecting a Benevolent Fund, which he hopes to bring forward in the near future. Amidst much applause he very appropriately thanked the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the room and bells, and the local ringers for so magnificently providing refreshments.

The Vicar suitably replied, remarking he considered himself a ringer, though not a practical one, and was always ready to help in any way he could.

The tower was again visited and touches in the four standard methods and in Double Norwich were successfully accomplished.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

On Sunday, January 28th, in the evening, at St. Mary Abbots church, Kensington, 1263 Stedman Caters. F. Edwards, A. Cutmore, J. Hayward, G. B. Edser, A. B. Bennett, A. E. Bradley, W. A. Garrard, C. Charge conductor, W. E. Garrard, E. G. Stibbons,

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The February meeting of the above Society was held at Woodchurch on Saturday last in wintry conditions, which somewhat affected the attendance. Representatives attended from Appledore, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and the local tower. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung a 720 of the latter method being rung by Messrs. A. Johnson, G. Billenness, A. Daw, G. J. Youngs, G. Johnson, C. W. Playle.

The Master, Mr. G. Billenness, presided at the business meeting, at which the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Randall) was present. On the proposition of Mr. G. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, it was decided to hold the next meeting at New Romney on the first Saturday in March. Mr. G. Johnson also proposed, and Mr. A. Daw seconded that a peal of Grandsire Triples be attempted at Rolvenden on Saturday, the 17th inst. This was agreed to.

The Chairman, in a brief speech, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells. Mr. C. W. Player seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Rector, in reply, expressed what a great pleasure it afforded him in granting permission to them to come and ring at his church. Bellringing was very interesting. He had done a little of it, but they were what might be termed professionals, while he was quite an amateur in the matter. He hoped to learn more about it and understand the various intricacies and departments of change-ringing, which he considered was far superior to round ringing. They had only a few change-ringers in Woodchurch, but he hoped to convene a meeting of his ringers with a view to them joining the Kent County Association. He hoped they would fall in with the idea. As regarded the vote of thanks, he thought he should be grateful to the Guild coming to assist the Woodchurch ringers that evening instead of them thanking him. He was very much obliged to them for coming, and hoped the Guild would assemble again at Woodchurch when it was convenient for them to do so.

The proceedings terminated soon after 8 o'clock by lowering the bells in peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade and District branch was held at Sandy on Thursday, February 1st, when seventeen attended from the following towers: Potton, Clifton, Everton, and the local band, also Mr. A. Lowe, one of the local churchwardens, and who was elected chairman of the meeting. Four new members were elected from Sandy, including the chairman as an hon. member; also four from Everton, making the total members of this new branch 16 performing members, 2 probationers, and 1 hon. member, and also several local gentlemen as hon. members.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman for coming among them, and taking so much interest in the branch, and helping the members to make it a success, the members again adjourned to the tower for more ringing, until time for getting homeward, all having been pleased with the result of the first meeting, and trust all the future ones will be the same.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Sandy for granting the use of the bells, and also the room to hold the meeting in, and for his kindness in coming to the meeting, and wishing the branch every success.

W. G. R.—We shall be pleased to accede to your request, but send at once.

RYE, SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Rye society was held at the vicarage on Friday, February 2nd. The chairman (Rev. A. P. Howes) presided, and the following were present: Messrs. G. Youngs (captain), G. Billenness (conductor), C. Price, W. Bennett, E. Whiteman, H. Ticehurst, and A. Cobon (hon. sec.). Messrs. Seers and J. Bennett were unavoidably absent.

The collectors (Messrs. Billenness and Youngs), reported that the amount collected was a slight increase on the previous year. Through removals and other causes they have lost several subscribers, but they had approached some of the new comers to the town, who had made a liberal response to their appeal; also a few of the old contributors had enlarged their donations, hence they had more money at their disposal than had been the case for several years. The task had not been as many would have imagined, an unthankful office, but, on the other hand they were well received by their patrons, who seemed to give with the greatest of pleasure.

After the distribution of the money, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "The Rye ringers beg to tender their grateful thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who kindly contributed to their annual appeal."

Mr. G. Billenness (conductor), presented a short review of the past year, which taken on a whole had been very satisfactory. They still upheld their reputation in being able to ring the various methods that they could at the corresponding period of last year, and, although they had not introduced any fresh ones, an advancement and great improvement had been wrought by the fact that they had given their attention to their probationers (P. Giles, D. Martin and D. Craig) who had made an excellent commencement, and who would, if they still continued to take the same keen interest in the Art as they did at the present time, would be useful change-ringers in the near future. Their Captain (Mr. G. J. Youngs) had a very serious illness in the summer, and they were all very glad when he recovered, and was able to join them again. Had they not had that calamity fallen on them, they might have initiated themselves into more intricate methods, but, however, in the circumstances it was eminently satisfactory that their beginners had been drilled into the rudiments of the art of change-ringing. As regards visitors to the tower, in March last they were favoured by the presence of that most skilful and efficient six-bell ringer in the person of the Rev. C. Sturton, who rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major with them, and who also rang a 720 of Bob Minor at Iden on the same day. Their other visitors were their Iden neighbours, who by frequently coming had gained a knowledge of eight-bell ringing, inasmuch that one of them rang a peal of Grandsire Triples recently. That was a very hopeful sign, and he thought they might look forward to great achievements between Rye and Iden during the present year.

(To be continued.)

From time immemorial a small piece of land has been in the hands of the parish authorities of West Rasen, in Lincolnshire, called "Ding-Dong Piece, and at the enclosure an acre and a half was conveyed to the Rector and churchwardens in accordance with the original grant on condition that one of the church bells should be rung every night during the winter months. The name of the donor is unknown.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27th, the annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Burnham, some twenty-three members being present. The following towers were represented: Burnham, Berrow, Brent, Knoll, East Brent, Congresbury, Weston-super-Mare, and Huntspill. Service was held in St. Andrew's church at 4 p.m., and was conducted by the Rev. D. S. Gillmore, and a capital address was given by the Rev. G. Thwaites. Following the service tea was partaken of at The Clarence hotel, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. D. Gillmore being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Two honorary and twelve performing members were duly elected. The balance-sheet was accepted as read, shewing a balance of £3. A letter was read from the Rev. H. Thompson, tendering his resignation as chairman of the Branch, and was received with much regret, having held the position since the formation of the branch. The Rev. G. H. Lewis was elected chairman. Mr. A. H. Davies, the untiring hon. local secretary, also tendered his resignation, to the regret of all, he too having been Secretary since the formation of the branch. Mr. J. Harris was electee hon. local secretary, and Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected on the general committee.

Churchill was chosen as the next place of meeting, and Berrow for the intermediate meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells; the Rev. D. Gillmore for arranging the service, and the Rev. G. Thwaites for his able address.

The Rev. D. Gillmore suitably responded. The bells were kept going till late in the evening with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Akers, H. Mansfield, H. Gray, W. Irons conductor, V. Neale, A. Creasey, G. Gray, A. Akers. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, and tenor. First as conductor. All the ringers are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the safe home-coming of their Majesties the King and Queen.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER.

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BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 13th, the ringers had their annual supper at The Royal Clarence hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Champion (churchwarden), and the vice-chair by Mr. W. Crandon, captain of the ringers. The Rev. D. S. Gillmore, the newly-appointed curate, was also present. Letters of inability to be present were read from the Vicar, the Rev. C. Dupuis, the Rev. —. Lewis, the Rev. —. Austen, the Rev. —. Thompson, and others. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided by host and hostess Pruen, the remainder of the evening was spent in the usual way with toasts, and some capital songs by some of the company. The party broke up just before 11 o'clock with Auld Lang-Syne, after having had a jolly time.

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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. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 15th, and 29th; at St. John's Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place to-day, Sat., February 10th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15. Business meeting to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible. The tower will be open for ringing from 6 to 7.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.
34, Guildford Road South Lambeth.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cobitt Town, to-day, Sat., February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d. at 5.30. Nearest stations, Poplar (North London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.) from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

C. T. COLLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Shifnal to-day, Sat., February 10th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

REV. H. B. BECZWITZ, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxtourne to-day, Sat., February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open till tea time. Those of Broxbourne after. Tea at The Salisbury Arms at 5.30, 6d. to members, others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Sat., February 10th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale parish church to-day, Sat., Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.

H. WAKLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Win-

chester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton to-day, Sat., February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d per head at The Bull inn at 5.30. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

H. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

G. PINCOTT, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th. Francis Edward Dawe, esq. in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

1912 STEDMAN CATERERS.

By R. O. STREET.

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Rounds by bobs 1, 6, 11, 19, 25.

It is said that a lady being benighted, and finding her way home by the sound of the bells of Langham Church, Rutland, left an endowment for the future ringing of a bell, but none such is now known.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

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LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By the same Author,

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This composition has the 4th her extent in 6ths place, the 5th her extent at home, and the 6th her extent in 5-6. First rung by the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, and the Midland Counties Association, on November 16th, 1910, conducted by Mr. Joseph Griffin.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK PERRIN* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2.	*ISAAC EMERY 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3.	*ALFRED E. GRIMES 7.
FRANK HAIRS* 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.
Tenor 53 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ALBERT W. COLES 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
REUBEN SANDERS 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
FREDK. G. TEGG* 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
KEITH HART 3.	*JOHN E. MILLER 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HOUNSLOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WATSON* .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2.	FREDK. G. GODDARD 6.
CHARLES S. BIRD† 3.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
JAMES CHAVE† 4.	*DAVID G. ARCHER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. †First peal away from the treble. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Eyton Jones.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble.	*GEORGE IRVINE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	*THOMAS FAULKNER 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE* 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor.

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

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

The Provinces.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOOPER* Treble.	ERNEST W. MARSH 5.
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6.
WARREN HOLMBROOK† .. 3.	GEORGE R. STROUD 7.
REGINALD DOBSON 4.	FRANCIS W. PURSE Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

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

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor.

SOLOMON MOULE Treble.	CHARLES CHINERY 4.
OLIVER BULLMAN 2.	GEORGE BAILEY 5.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS).

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	CHARLES L. SADLER 7.
JOHN WIGMORE 2.	WILLIAM HALE 8.
JESSE GILLET 3.	THOMAS BALDWIN 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM STAITE 10.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	WILLIAM HASTINGS 11.
ALBERT WRIGHT 6.	FRANK COLE Tenor.

Composed by J. MOTTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

WASHEBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEO. ROBERTS 5.
JOHN JENNINGS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES WAIGHMAN .. 3.	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM .. 7.
GEO. PARSONS 4.	JAS. REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

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

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON Treble.	FRED BEACE 4.
HARRY PRICE 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
ALFRED DAVIES 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
ARTHUR CHAPLIN† 2.	†REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	†JOHN DALE 7.
ALFRED PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH).

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one 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.

JAMES W. WILKINS .. Treble.	BENJAMIN PAGE 5.
FRED HAYES 2.	RALPH COLES 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4.	*ARTHUR J. HOING Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Treble.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 5.
WILLIAM C. PARKER .. 2.	*LEONARD STILWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM HENLEY* .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. 7.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4.	WILLIAM WELLING .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by W. WELLING.

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	*E. HOBART SMITH .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 2.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 7.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4.	PETER LAFLIN Tenor.

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

*First peal of Treble Bob.

DENVER, NORFOLK

STOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently, Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN MOORE Treble.	PORTER PECKITT .. 4.
HENRY ROBINSON .. 2.	HARRY STEVEN COLE .. 5.
JOHN DOUGHTY .. 3.	EDWARD BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST LEIGH Treble.	HERBERT MARKWELL .. 5.
JAMES HEASMAN* .. 2.	GEORGE MALYAN .. 6.
EDWIN SEAL† .. 3.	ALBERT BELTON .. 7.
WILLIAM LEIGH .. 4.	EDWARD LEIGH .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs. in G sharp.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

This is the conductor's 100th peal of Double Norwich.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	FRED H. DEXTER .. 5.
LOUIS E. ALLEN .. 2.	ERNEST MORRIS .. 6.
J. LEONARD ALLEN .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
ARTHUR PETTIT .. 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung muffled for the late Duke of Fife.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE CLARK Treble.	†FRANCIS BEARDSMORE .. 4.
REV. A. REYS JAMES .. 2.	*FREDK. CLARK .. 5.
HENRY WOODHOUSE* .. 3.	*HENRY TROUT .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CLARK.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAYTON PARNELL .. Treble.	FRANCIS NAUNTON .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. 2.	JOHN O'NEILL .. 6.
FREDK. CHANDLER .. 3.	JOHN LARER .. 7.
WM. H. FUSSELL .. 4.	THOMAS KING .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by H. BARTON.

Arranged for W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble.	GEORGE PINCOTT .. 5.
FRED ABBOTT* .. 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
JOSEPH OGDEN* .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. 7.
JOHN WELSBY .. 4.	ROBERT ALLRED .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

*First peal. Arranged for J. Ogden, of Moorside, Oldham.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	JOHN LUGREY .. 5.
G. F. MARGITSON .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. 6.
WALTER HOBBS .. 3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

JAMES PARKER Treble.	WILLIAM ALPS 5.
GEORGE RADLEY 2.	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 6.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
GEORGE PAICE 4.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

First peal on the bells which have been augmented to eight, and rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the "go" of them is excellent. The ringers of the 5th and 6th were elected members previous to starting.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST DORSET BRANCH),

On Saturday, February 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 20 lbs. in F.

FREDK. PHILLIPS Treble.	*FREDK. S. CASE 5.
FRED. FORSYTH 2.	ELI WATERS 6.
CHARLES R. FORPITT .. 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
GEORGE H. JAMES† .. 4.	ALFRED OSMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. This was the quarterly peal of the above branch.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S NO. 2. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs.

EDGAR T. SMITH Treble.	BERT HORTON 5.
EDWIN J. TYLER 2.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6.
THOMAS HILL 3.	ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 7.
GEORGE PEATE 4.	HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. WALLATER.

First peal in the method by all the band, also in the method as conductor. First peal of Erin Triples by the society, and in the county of Staffordshire. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble.	ALBERT HARMAN 5.
FREDK. W. RICE 2.	JOHN RICE 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL 4.	ARTHUR THORNTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

STONE (Staffordshire).—On January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., W. Dawson, first 504, E. Cope, F. Chell, jun., first 504, T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston conductor, J. Abberley.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble.	JOHN S. DANIELLS 5.
WALTER S. WISE 2.	SYDNEY R. ROPER 6.
LOUIS ATTWATER 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7.
ALFRED T. JONES 4.	HENRY J. RUMBLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HORACE W. KIMBLE* .. Treble.	ALBERT HUMPHREY 5.
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH 3.	ALFRED JAMES 7.
SPENCER MARSHALL .. 4.	HARRY DURLING Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal. Rang in honour of the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR CHURCH† Treble.	†JAMES WALDEN 4.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	*WILLIAM ALLEN 5.
PERCY LETCH* 3.	*JOHN WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

†First peal. *First peal in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the safe return of their Majesties from their visit to India.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Being two 720s of Oxford, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER MAXTED* Treble.	JABEZ WALTER 4.
HARRISON SMITH 2.	SIDNEY WALTER 5.
WILLIAM WOOD 3.	STANLEY WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen from India.

Handbell Peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

REGGIE CHAPMAN* .. 1-2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 5-6.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	ALBERT V. INNS .. 7-8.

Composed by FREDK. DEXTER, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

*Aged 13; first peal of Major. Witness—Mrs. Chapman.

**PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At 52, Shirland Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS* .. 1-2.	GEORGE B. EDGER .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FREDK. G. WOODISS .. 7-8.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal on handbells. This composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6ths place.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

ANSDELL (Lytham).—On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Joseph's (R.C.) church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being the last 1912 changes of peal No. 70 C.C. Collection. C. H. Kerr, R. Johnson, R. Cardwell, W. Gillett, F. Gillett, W. Cardwell, W. Tomlinson, G. Maries conductor. This is a new ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, and were rung for the first time on December 13th last, when a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering was rung by C. H. Kerr, R. Johnson, R. Cardwell, W. Gillett, W. Cardwell, G. Maries conductor, F. Gillett, D. Gibbons. On the back six a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Maries conductor, R. Johnson, C. H. Kerr, W. Gillett, F. Gillett, W. Cardwell. And 224 Plain Bob Major. C. H. Kerr, R. Johnson, R. Cardwell, W. Gillett, F. Gillett, D. Gibbons, W. Cardwell, G. Maries conductor. The go of the bells is very fine, and are a great credit to the firm.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Saturday, January 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., composed by H. Warnett. P. Cox first quarter-peal, E. Cox, J. Harris, E. B. Crowder first quarter-peal as conductor, G. Chamberlain, W. Worgan, G. Pruett, E. Reed.

KEWSTOKE (Somerset).—On Wednesday, January 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. J. White, A. B. Badcock, J. Weakley, W. Thomas, A. Thomas

conductor, C. Thomas. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. N. Day, Court Farm, Worle, and Miss Amy Bragg, of Milton Farm.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. T. Gowllett, W. Smith, J. Milner, J. B. Lovell first quarter-peal in the method, F. J. Hardy, F. J. King.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1269 changes). D. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle conductor, F. Free-stone. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Monday, February 5th, at St. Peter's church, a peal of Grandsire Triples, Parker's 12-part, was attempted, in celebration of His Majesty King George's safe return from India, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. it was brought round at 2688 changes, owing to a change course. J. T. Goodwin, S. G. Hodges, C. F. Uphill, T. Page, T. Woolley, C. B. Hurst, G. T. White conductor, W. J. Benger.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Saunders, H. Percival, G. Walker, P. Hadfield, J. Cadle conductor, G. Griffin, H. Powdrill, H. Cornford. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Bailey, who was interred in Hugglescote Cemetery the same day. The ringing was also continued on Sunday, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Tuesday following coming to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. P. Hadfield, H. Percival, G. Walker, J. Cadle, G. Griffin, Rev. R. P. Farrow H. Powdrill, H. Cornford.

NORWICH.—On Monday, January 29th, at the church of St. John de Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264) in the titmuss. B. Fry, A. Hubbard composer and conductor, W. Hempel, W. Goodbourne, J. Freeman, W. Mayers, W. Curtis, G. Cross.

AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

BELLS AND THEIR INSCRIPTIONS.

It is usual for bells to bear inscriptions, be it only the date or name of the maker: but few who have not actually examined bells for themselves may have discovered that they are often richly or effectively decorated. We do not as a rule find them as highly ornamented as foreign bells, which often have every available space covered with inscriptions, figures and devices, or borders of ornament; but to some the greater soberness of the English method may seem preferable. Nor is this practice of ornamenting bells confined to the more artistic age before the Reformation. Some of our most richly decorated bells belong to the seventeenth century or even later;

and it is only the character of the ornamentation which is changed.

In point of fact the earliest bells are usually the plainest, and the mediæval craftsman contented himself with devoting his skill to producing elegant and artistic lettering, beautiful initial crosses, or ingenious foundry marks. The latter were introduced about the end of the fourteenth century, when, the guild of braziers or "belleyeteres" were more readily organised. In the west and north of England such devices are rarer; but badges, such as the Bristol ship, or the Worcester Royal Heads, take their place. One or two of the London founders use the symbols of the four Evangelists. A favourite device is the merchant's mark, a kind of monogram, or the

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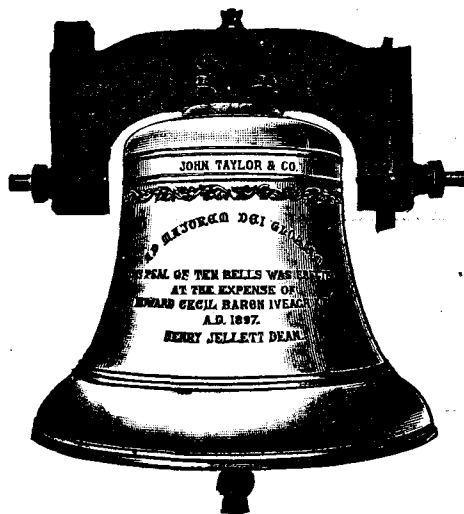
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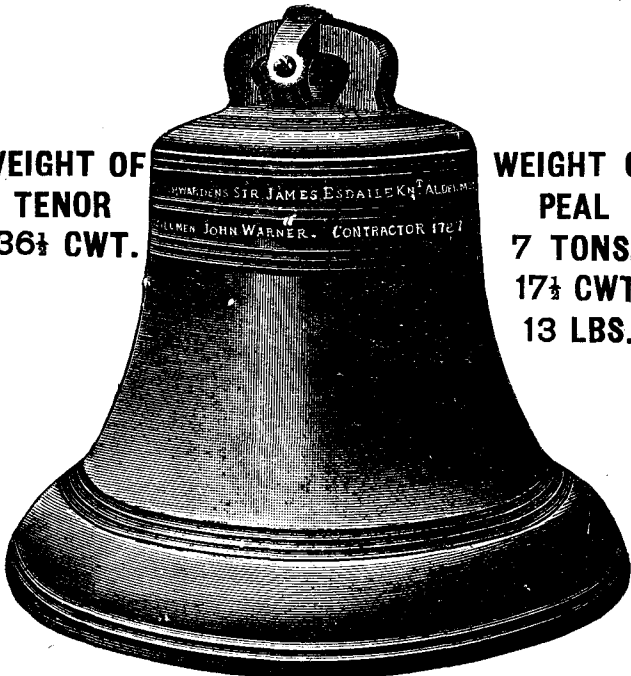
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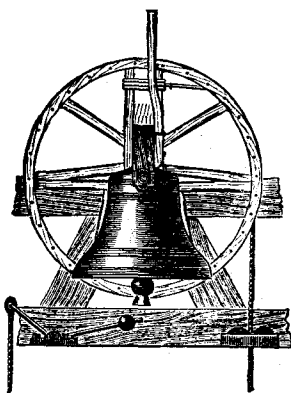
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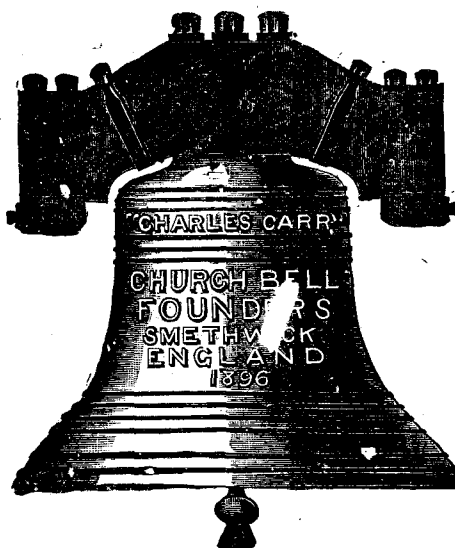
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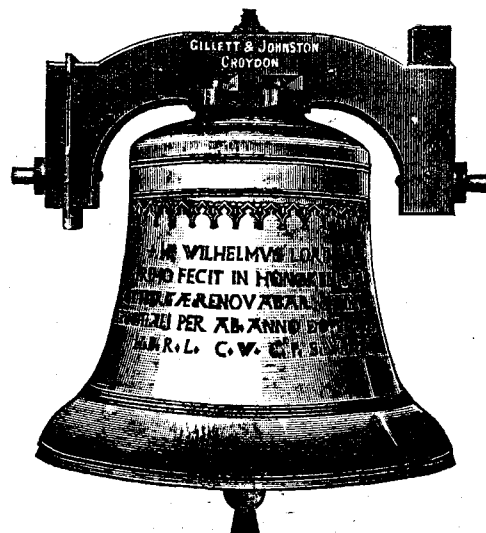
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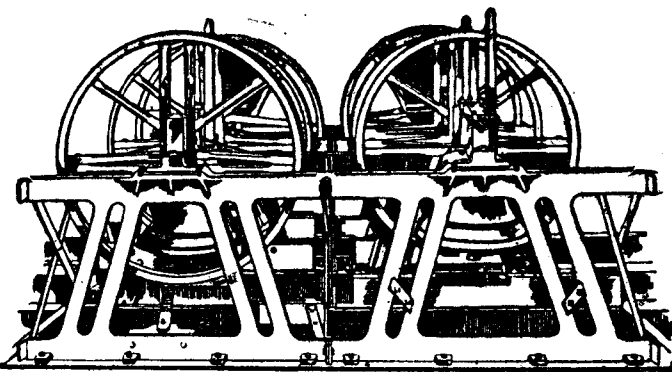
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A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the western branch was held at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd, about forty members being present, representing nearly every town in the district, and including the clerical secretary, the Rev. Sidney Phillips, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, and the Master, Mr. T. J. Salter. At 4 p.m. the usual service was held, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Waugh. A most enjoyable tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Waugh, was then partaken of, after which the Vicar, owing to pressure of work, was obliged to leave, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded him and Mrs. Waugh for their kindness.

At the business meeting the Rev. S. Phillips took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the election of a branch secretary then took place, as the one appointed at the last meeting was unable to accept the office. Two names were brought forward, Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, being elected by a large majority. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Martley on July 6th, an invitation from Strensham being held over for consideration then. As usual the quarterly peal was arranged to be rung at the tower at which the meeting was held, and Mr. R. G. Knowles was appointed conductor. Several new members were elected, including the Strensham ringers, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, organist and the Rev. and Mrs. Waugh.

The bells, a ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., originally cast by R. Sanders, of Bromsgrove, in 1707, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various Minor and Double methods.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this Association took place on Saturday, February 10th, about forty members being present. Owing to the late attendance of members the tower was unfortunately not used to its fullest advantage, the ringing not being commenced until three quarters of an hour after scheduled time. At 6.15 a move was made to the parish house, where an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, after which the business meeting was held, the Master, Mr. G. R. Fardon, presiding. The minutes were read and confirmed, three new members were elected, and the district officers were ratified. The auditors presented the balance sheet, shewing a satisfactory balance in hand on the year's working of £3 6s. 8½d., but owing to the coming expense of having new rule books no money will be placed in the bank. The Secretary read his report for the year, which shewed most satisfactory progress. During the year the Society had increased its activity by dividing into two districts, thereby giving more meetings and having more direct influence among its members. Fourteen new members had been elected. A most successful concert was held in October; a record number of

tickets were sold, and a satisfactory balance added to the funds. Twenty-six peals had been rung, seven more than the preceding year, and eleven more than the year previous to that. The report was accepted, and the election of officers followed. Mr. H. S. Ellis was elected Master; Mr. C. F. Winney retained the office of Treasurer, and Mr. Hardy that of Secretary; Messrs. A. E. Young and F. Wells were elected stewards for the year, and Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. T. H. Taffender trustees; the Rev. Pennington Bickford was elected Chaplain; four members were nominated for representation on the Central Council, Mr. A. E. Young and Mr. H. Ellis being elected. A vote of thanks was proposed to the outgoing officers for the way in which they had discharged their duties; to the Rector for the use of the bells, the room to hold the meeting in, and for so kindly entertaining them to tea, also for the tower room and the safe for the better security of the Society's property.

The Rector replied that it was a great pleasure to him to be able to meet the Society, and hoped it would continue to prosper in the future as it had done in the past.

The evening closed with a touch of Stedman Caters on the handbells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Winchester District held a quarterly meeting at Alton on Saturday, November 10th. Members attended from Winchester, Twyford, North Stoneham, Bishop Sutton and Farnham. Touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Alton church has a good ring of eight bells, but they do not go well.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, general secretary of the Guild, presided at the tea which was held in the church room. The district secretary mentioned the subject of a Ringers' Central Benevolent Fund, and the members present were unanimous in the opinion that it is desirable to start such a fund. Mr. Edwards (Farnham) hoped the Guild would be able to give some help towards the improvement of the bells at Bentley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. C. Elvin) was seconded by Mr. G. Williams and carried. The Rev. Canon Stenning, Rev. Canon Martin and Rev. Canon Smith have recently become honorary members of the Guild.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Charles R. Millway, of the Dover St. Mary's band, will be sorry to learn that he was taken suddenly ill on Thursday last, and had to undergo a serious operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, where he now lies progressing as well as can be expected.

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ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

The annual supper of the above took place in the parish hall on Wednesday, January 31st. The Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather, presided, supported by Mr. W. E. Garrard, Mr. A. B. Bennett, and Mr. R. A. Daniell. Those present to the number of thirty-one having done justice to an excellent repast, the Vicar called upon Mr. Garrard to present his annual report for 1911, in which he stated that:—

The condition of the Guild may be regarded as satisfactory; the attendances on Sundays and at the practices throughout the year had been good; the quality of the ringing had never reached a higher standard; and owing to the fact that nineteen of the twenty-four members are Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal ringers, it is but very rare that the ten bells are not rung on Sundays. Most of their younger members have made good progress, and although they had a large membership it proved none to many, as it was often difficult to get sufficient ringers at Easter, Whitsuntide, and during the summer holidays. He proceeded to give some interesting figures as to the attendance of the members. Only two peals had been attempted at St. Mary Abbots during the year, both of which were successful; the first a peal of Stedman Caters on Coronation Day, was the one of which they were most proud, being in commemoration of such a historical event in the history of our country. Although several peals were attempted in London on that day only two had proved successful, that at St. Mary Abbots, and the other at Greenwich. The second peal was rung in September—Kent Treble Bob Royal—which was the first of its kind for four of the members. Referring to the annual outing they had pleasant memories of their visit to Exeter, the privilege of being allowed to ring on the famous Cathedral bells was much appreciated. During the year the tower had been visited by forty ringers from various parts, amongst them being the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, etc. Speaking of new members they were pleased to welcome Mr. Holloway as honorary and Mr. Robert Warner and Dr. Flaxman as ordinary members. During the past year it had been necessary to call in the bellhanger to do a few repairs, the clapper stays had been put in order and are now in use, thus preventing a great deal of noise in raising and falling the bells. He was glad to say that anything required to be done was at once put in hand by the authorities.

The Vicar then rose and remarked that they had heard an able and interesting report from their leader (Mr. Garrard), and he agreed with him that the plan as now used would help to remove what they thought affected people most, the raising and lowering of the bells, and he ventured to say that this was more disturbing to a sleeper than any ringing. He had noticed it so repeatedly during the past twenty-five years. There must of course be practices, but none of them wanted to create a nuisance to people, and he hoped that this year they would have an un-interrupted course of ringing. He was pleased to note that during the past year they had managed to ring two peals, St. Mary Abbots being the only London church which was successful on Coronation Day, as he would hardly consider Greenwich as part of London. He congratulated them as a Guild upon their strength, and especially welcomed the younger recruits. It was to these that they must look to for the continuance of their work. It was a most healthy sign, and he was sure the older members would help and encourage the younger recruits.

Looking back over the past year he congratulated the Guild. He was extremely grateful, and hoped they would continue their services. Speaking on behalf of the churchwarden, he was sure they would help them in the necessary repairs of which their leader had spoken. He thought they were free to set aside any money for that purpose. He must express his sincere thankfulness to Mr. Garrard personally for all he had done in the past year, the leader was the secret of their success. He was glad also to welcome such old friends as Mr. Daniell and Mr. Bennett. Once again he begged them to accept his thanks for the splendid manner in which they had carried out their duties during the past twelve months.

Mr. Daniell, in responding, said he thanked them for the privilege of being present once again. He was also pleased to see Mr. Dains with them, at whose side he worked thirty years ago. Though he could not lay claim to anything great accomplished, yet he was certain in those days they had done all in their power. He was sure it was a work which needed much patience as to details, of striving to continue in spite of failures. It was not only an education, it was more, as it combined education with physical exercise.

Mr. Garrard, in expressing the best thanks of the Guild for the kind interest shown towards them, said he looked forward to the day when they might have a peal of bells more worthy of St. Mary Abbots church. Judging from its importance the church might be called the Cathedral of West London. As they knew quite well there was an excellent peal of twelve in Southwark Cathedral, and he hoped they might have a similar peal. The bearings and gudgeons of some of the bells were getting in a bad way, and no doubt before very long something would have to be done. He ventured to say the best thing to do was to put the present bells into the melting pot and have a peal of twelve, which would be more fitting to their beautiful church. He certainly believed, if the matter was taken up, they would receive the support of the parishioners. He mentioned letters of regret from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. M. A. Wood, J. A. Trollope, W. G. Matthews and S. A. Godfrey; they were also sorry Mr. Cockerill was unable to be with them that evening, but they heartily welcomed Mr. Brundle of Ipswich.

A musical evening followed, those taking part including violin solos by Mr. Daubney, songs by Messrs. Bennett, Mackman, Daniell, Symonds, Holloway, Harris, Miles and Selby. Mr. S. A. Wright very ably presided at the piano, and a course of Stedman Triples and tunes on the handbells were given by members of the Guild.

Mr. Mackman proposed the toast of The Visitors, to which Messrs. Brundle and Dains responded. A pleasant evening closed with the singing of Auld lang syne and the National Anthem.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. C. Edwards, Dr. T. E. Harwood, A. Smith, G. Upshall, F. A. Barnett, G. Williams, T. Upshall conductor, H. Kimber.

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RYE, SUSSEX.

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The Hon. Secretary in presenting his report, reminded them that for various reasons there was no outing last year, but they hoped a repetition would not occur this year. The past year was marked with many varied events, for which their services were called. Some of their engagements recorded joyous ceremonies, the chief of which was the Coronation, and they also rang in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. Fawcus, the Vicar's stepson, and Miss Dawes, daughter of Mr. Walter Dawes, the Town Clerk of Rye. On the other hand they rang in muffled tones to mark the passing away of two gentlemen of sterling character, both coming with very painful suddenness. One in that of the late Captain Edward John Cory, D.S.O., of whom it could be said he truly bore out the words of Shakespeare—"Here was a man." They who knew him so well had and still had much reason to regret the loss of such a one. The other in that of the late Mr. E. H. Liddell, a man in whose hands wealth was rightly placed, for he gave freely to the glory of Him who is the source of all wealth, and realised moreover his position with regard to the wealth entrusted to him in relation to the needs of his fellow-creatures. They both possessed equal virtues of high value, and left large gaps hard to fill both in public and religious duties. He made reference to the ever-blessed memory of those two noble-hearted men, because of their close association with that body of which they were members.

The reports were sanctioned, and ordered to be entered in the minute book.

It was decided to keep the tower in union with the Sussex County Association, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the annual subscription, £1 is.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; Conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.

The Vicar and Mrs. Howes subsequently entertained the party to supper, after which various amusements were indulged in.

Mr. C. Price proposed, and Mr. G. Youngs seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Howes for their hospitality, also to the Vicar for presiding at the business meeting. The rev. gentleman briefly responded, and the company dispersed.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Saturday, February 10th, when a good number of ringers attended from Edmonton, including Miss E. K. Parker, Bishops Stortford, Harlow Common, Hammersmith, Stansted, Camberwell, besides the members of the local bands of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. Tea was prepared at The Salisbury Arms at 5.30, the business meeting following, Miss E. K. Parker presiding. Several new members were elected, and the usual votes of thanks were passed. Some very good ringing was done in most of the Standard methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise, until train time, when each had to leave for their numerous destinations, after having spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The total number of 720s rang during 1911 by the Little Munden society and visiting friends was 70 in thirteen methods, and again as for several years rang for both services on Sunday throughout the year.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, February 3rd, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, the workmen were entertained by Mr. John W. Taylor, to celebrate the coming of age on the previous Sunday of his third son, Mr. Pryce Taylor, the grandson of the late Mr. John W. Taylor. Sixty-two sat down to a substantial meat tea in the large tuning shop, which was decorated with flags, etc. After tea an enjoyable concert was given. Mrs. John W. Taylor, accompanied on the piano by Miss Taylor, rendered a solo, and the programme included songs by Messrs. Horace and George Lowe, also several of the workmen, viz., Mr. G. Edmonds, G. Bent, jun., E. Ward, and others. Selections by Mr. A. Street's string band were also given at intervals. During the evening Mr. John W. Taylor proposed "The King and the Church." The birthday present, a dressing-case suitably inscribed, from the employees, was handed to the recipient by Mr. Wm. Street. Mr. R. F. Lane then proposed, and Mr. F. W. Glenn seconded, the health of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who expressed in terms of appreciation his thanks for the present, and good wishes of the workmen. In addition to the employees, the following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Miss Josephine Taylor, Mr. Arnold B. Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. Stuart Taylor, Mr. Owen J. Taylor, Mrs. Lea and Miss Lea, mother and sister of Mrs. J. W. Taylor (Manchester), also several friends of the guest of the evening, including Mr. Gerald Page, and Mr. Richard Hodson. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor for their cordial hospitality, proposed by Mr. Samuel Wheatley on behalf of his fellow-workmen, and enthusiastically accorded with musical honours.

PRESENTATION.

A very interesting presentation took place in the ringing room at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, February 10th, when P.C. Scraggs was presented with a pretty silver flower stand, with the following inscription on it: "Presented to P.C. A. Scraggs as a mark of esteem by his comrades on his retirement after twenty-six year's service, by the members of the Manchester City Police Town Hall Bellringers, February 10th, 1912." On making the presentation, the conductor, Sergeant Wm. Cartwright, spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs attention to his ringing during the twenty-five years he had been attached to the ringers; also to his always being willing to assist young learners in the art of change-ringing. Other members spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs, who replied in a few well-chosen words, thanking one and all for their kindness and good fellowship which had always existed amongst them, and he would always treasure it. After wishing him long life on his retirement, the proceedings terminated with a handshake all round.

PUTNEY.—On Wednesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Herbert, A. Hubbard, W. Honeyball, H. Cook, C. Hunt, T. Bolton, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, H. Whanslaw. On Sunday, February 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Collis, jun., J. Kent, S. Jones, W. Honeyball, G. W. Honeyball, T. Bolton, J. Herbert conductor, H. Whanslaw.

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.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

The annual dinner of the local company was held at The Bell inn on Wednesday in last week. The Rev. G. Lockington Bates presided, supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. Reeve and Nash.

After everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the excellent repast, the Chairman submitted "The Health of the King," and remarked that he was in London on the previous day, when bells could be heard ringing from all directions in honour of the safe return of their Majesties from India.

The second toast was that of "The Subscribers." An appeal is made annually on behalf of the ringers, whose services are voluntary. The Chairman, in proposing the toast, thanked the subscribers for kindly contributing, and was sure the ringers were well pleased at what had been done for them. Addressing the ringers, he said that they had got on very well together in the past, and he hoped they would go on as well for many years to come. He was pleased that both the churchwardens were present that evening, and begged to couple the name of Mr. John Nash with the toast.

Mr. Nash briefly replied on behalf of the subscribers.

The toast of "The Chairman" was submitted by Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye. In addressing the company, the speaker said he would like to place before them a few remarks upon change-ringing in the village. His association with the Iden ringers had always been of a very pleasant character. They seemed to perfectly understand one another, and he hoped that his relations with them would always remain as cordial as they were at the present day. When he commenced visiting their tower, change-ringing was merely a tender plant. It had only just commenced to grow, and on examination it struck one that it would wither away, unless it received nourishment. They all fully recognised the gravity of the situation, and by tending it carefully, they had raised it from a small spinally plant into a tree with several branches, represented by the various methods of change-ringing now rung in the tower. Even the fowls of the air could come and lodge in the branches, or, in other words, if a visitor came along he had several methods to select from, and could take part in which branch he was desirous of ringing. They had made most satisfactory progress, but the tree of change-ringing in the parish was far from being fully developed. It was still in need of fertilization, so that the trunk might be firm and its branches numerous. They had given it their undivided attention in the past, and he was sure they would continue to do so, in order to keep up the rapid progress that was going on at present.

He had a motto to give them that evening, which was as follows: "Look not into the past, it comes not back: wisely improve the present, that is thine; go forth to meet the future without fear, and with manly hearts." He knew he had dwelt upon the past, and thought his message would be more suitable if it read, "don't worry about the past," for one could not help occasionally referring to bygone days. The second and third sentences were worthy of recommendation to every human being. If everyone were to strive to improve their present position, and meet the future without fear, he ventured to say the whole world would be the better for it. Therefore if they applied it to their change-ringing they would always be in possession of a respectable tree that would bear the minutest examination of any gardeners of change-ringing that might visit their tower. But to return to the toast. In the chairman they had a gentleman who took as deep

an interest in change-ringing as any of the clergy in the neighbourhood. The Rev. Bates was frequently in the tower encouraging his ringers in their work. He managed the affairs of the belfry in a very satisfactory manner. They were all pleased to see him there that evening. He had made an admirable chairman, and they thanked him for attending.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and accorded musical honours.

The chairman, in response, thanked them for the manner in which they had received his name, and announced the fact that Mr. Cloke and himself had been connected with ringing in Iden for the past twenty-two years.

During the evening songs were rendered by the chairman, Messrs. Wood (2), Wells, Richards, Mills (2), Dive, Swift, and Heath. The Iden Glee Singers contributed several glees.

The concluding toast was that of "The Host and Hostess," submitted by the chairman.

Host Swift suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A small headstone in the churchyard at Scothorne, has the following epitaph, which is now almost illegible:—

Alas poor John
Is dead and gone
Who often tolled the bell
And with a spade
Dug many a grave
And said Amen as well.

"Poor John" was John Blackburn, who had served the office of parish clerk for a period of nearly fifty years. He died January 9th, 1739-40.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Monday, February 5th, at St. Peter's church, a peal of Grandsire Triples, Parker's 12-part, was attempted, in celebration of His Majesty King George's safe return from India, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. it was brought round at 2688 changes, owing to a change course. J. T. Goodwin, S. G. Hodges, C. F. Uphill, T. Page, T. Woolley, C. B. Hurst, G. T. White conductor, W. J. Bengier.

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. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 29th; at St. John's Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
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The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Homchurch to-day, Sat., February 17th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Bull inn at 5.30. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

H. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane to-day, Sat., February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.
G. PINCOTT, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.
W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th. Francis Edward Dawe, esq. in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Fadiham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.
F. W. RICHARDSON.

J. H. R.—Write to Mr. W. Gordon, of Celtic Lane, Stockport, whose announcements will be found in our advertisement columns.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
MAXIMUS.

By H. DAINS.

5280.

23456 M W H

52436 -

63425 - - -

42635 - -

36524 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

23564 - -

62534 - -

35426 - -

23456 - -

An old friend has pointed out an error in the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Royal you published for me in your issue for January 20th, "which gives a 5040 of Maximus." This of course is impossible, except the tenors are parted. The above is the peal alluded to in that footnote, given in full.

Re the 5056 of Bristol Surprise in two parts you published for me in last week's issue. Let me say the calling of the last course of each part is 2w, and that it contains the 6th the extent in all positions at six course-ends each way in 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
ROYAL.

By the same Author.

6480.

23456 M W H

43652 -

56234 - -

23564 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

25463 - -

45362 - -

63254 - -

52436 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

54326 - -

34625 -

26543 - -

35642 - -

65243 - -

34256 - -

23456 - -

This composition has the 6th bell

at five course-ends in 5ths, and the extent at six course-ends home. By omitting the three ws and hs bracketed, changes are reduced to 5040.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

5023.

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14325678x90 - s -

5342 - -

2354 - -

5423 - -

3452 - -

5234 - -

4253 - -

3245 - -

4532 - -

2543 - -

3524 - -

2435 - -

Repeat the above, except the bob at 1, produce—

12345678x90

152347698xo A

4253 - -

5342 - -

2354 - -

5423 - -

3452 - -

2435 - -

3425 - s -

5432 - -

2453 - -

5324 - -

4352 - -

5243 - -

3254 - -

Start a quick six.

A 1, 2, 4, 5, 7s, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 18s, 22.

This peal has the 6th at home the full twenty-four courses without a bob on the large bells in the tittums position, and also fourteen courses in the handstroke home position, with the six course-ends of 5-6-7-8 at hand; treble a treble bell. Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 14th, 1909, conducted by J. E. Groves.

Mr. Carter writes:—The calling of the peal of Stedman Caters published on February 3rd, for the middle course should be 11 instead of 10 six, and the main calling of the latter half 2, 3, 9, 14, 15, instead of 3, 4, 10, 15, 16; and also omit bobs at 15 in the 9th and 11th courses after the single.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1912.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
 A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY* Treble.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
ALFRED GRIMES 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
 *First peal of Cambridge Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
 A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PYE Treble.	BERTEAM PREWETT 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
WILLIAM J. KEMP* 3.	*ALBERT W. COLES 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
 *First peal in the method away from the treble.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, after evening service,
 a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1269 changes). D. Chaplin, A.
 Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle conductor, F. Free-
 stone. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect
 to the late Duke of Fife.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. JOLLY* Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ALBERT W. COLES 2.	THOMAS H. HAWKINS 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
HAROLD W. CLARK 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S PEAL. WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

F. SYMONDS Treble.	A. H. SNOW 5.
E. SHEPHERD 2.	W. HAYMAN 6.
J. M. SKINNER 3.	J. R. HAYMAN 7.
J. A. SNOW 4.	*O. GATTERS Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

*First peal. This is supposed to be the first Friendly Society peal by members of the above Guild.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Annable's London, Cambridge and Netherseale Surprise, Evening Star, Sandi-acre Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDK. MANSER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSER.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT Treble.	THOMAS KING 4.
HARRY BARTON 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5.
FRANCIS NAUNTON 3.	JOHN LAETER Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung in honour of the return of the King and Queen.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

GEO. B. BOLLAND Treble.	ERNEST MANN 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS 2.	REV. R. P. FARROW 6.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 3.	J. CECIL BOOTH 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM JEAVONS Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5.
ARTHUR BAKER 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
WALTER GRINSELL 3.	RICHARD DUNN 7.
SAMUEL PEARCE 4.	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor.

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

First peal of Major by all except the ringers of the 5th, 6th, and tenor. First peal of Major by an entirely local band. Rung in honour of the return from India of their Majesties the King and Queen.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble.	FREDK. ROOPE 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	ERNEST WHITING 6.
HENRY GARNHAM 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BACKER 4.	CHARLES BRICE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLOWAY Treble.	GEORGE BOLLAND 4.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 2.	EDWARD ODDY 5.
REV. R. P. FARROW 3.	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT* Treble.	GERALD W. ARNOLD 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	HENRY F. ELLIOTT 6.
EDWARD C. ELLIOTT 3.	SAMUEL CLARKE 7.
JAMES E. FIGGURES* 4.	*CECIL G. MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	SIDNEY BARRON 5.
HAROLD BROWN 2.	*REV. R. P. FARROW 6.
SMITH COLLINSON 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
JAMES COTTRELL 4.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. R. P. FARROW.

*First peal as conductor.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Reing three 720s of Plain Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

REV. B. H. T. DRAKE .. Treble.	HENEY REEVES.. .. 4.
ERNEST RANDALL 2.	*HARRY HOLLOCK 5.
J. T. HULL 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal of Minor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-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.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
WILLIAM WELLING 3.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 7.
WILLIAM HENLEY* 4.	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 2.	WILLIAM BURGESS 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 9 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH .. Treble.	FREDK. MANSEER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEER.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

HERRERT J. BAKER .. Treble.	SIDNEY FOX 5.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 2.	HORACE GILBERT 6.
CLARENCE HADLOW 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL 7.
ALFRED T. W. BONES .. 4.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EDWIN .. Treble.	CHARLES HALFORD 4.
HARRY COLLIE 2.	HUBERT SALISBURY 5.
JAMES HEMMING 3.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

First peal on the bells, and first by the ringers of the 4th and tenor. Messrs. Halford and Bennett were proposed members before starting.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER 9.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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 9 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER* .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS LADD 4.
JOHN C. TINKER† 2.	WILLIAM DICKENSON 5.
FREDK. S. W. BUTLER† .. 3.	WALTER AYRE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Dickenson, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

JAMES DUFFIELD* .. Treble.	*FRANK COPEMAN 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
FREDERICK ROOPE 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. C. BURTON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal. The ringer of the treble is eleven years of age.

THORVERTON. DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, February 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.**

J. EDWORTHY* Treble.	A. W. SEARLE 5.
A. MONKLEY 2.	*J. RIDLER 6.
F. J. MILFORD 3.	F. J. DAVEY 7.
F. GARDNER 4.	R. B. FORD Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. DAVEY.

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

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

GEORGE DAVIS.. .. Treble.	JAMES CLARKE 5.
HERBERT LUDKIN 2.	*FREDE. CRYER 6.
FREDE. TATE 3.	THOS. SMITH 7.
MARK TATE 4.	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor.

Conducted by H. LDDKIN.

*First peal.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, February 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt.**

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE .. Treble.	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 5.
JOSEPH BANKS 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6.
JOHN MCWILTON 3.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 7.
JOSEPH WOODS 4.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect for the late Joseph Foster, who was interred at the above church on Thursday, February 8th, and who was for many years a ringer with the local company.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Liverpool Branch.)

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

JOHN ALLEN Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE 6.
THOMAS GILMODR* 3.	WALTER HUGHES 7.
HENRY FYLES* 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

*First peal in the method.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE COOPER Treble.	HARRY TYSON 4.
HERBERT SHARP 2.	EDWARD WHITE 5.
JOHN W. BARKER 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. WILD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 5.
JOHN BULLEN 2.	CHARLES GREEDY 6.
SAMUEL JONES 3.	JOHN W. JONES 7.
FRANK MORGAN 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK MORGAN.

First peal as conductor, and was rung at the second attempt. This peal was arranged specially as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who to the regret of all the band is leaving Newport to take up an appointment at Swansea, the band wishing him every success.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.**

ALBERT CLEGG Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
HARRY HAMPSON 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOKE .. 3.	HARRY PAGE 7.
JAMES LEES 4.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.**

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HARRY BOTTRILL 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4.	HARRY SMALE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLAY, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

JOHN WYATT Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	THOMAS TUTT 6.
GEORGE COOK* 3.	RICHARD KENDALL 7.
JOHN CRAWFORD 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Crawford, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Crawford; also to George Cook.

Handbell Peal.**CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.***On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	*REGINALD O. STREET .. 5-6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3-4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7-8.
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal of Royal. Umpire—F. R. White.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 973 Stedman Caters. R. Coles, F. Hayes, G. White, F. Biggs, E. Markham, J. Gransbury, G. F. Williams, J. W. Wilkins, conductor, B. Page, W. Hoing, longest touch.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Wednesday, January 17th. 720 College Single Minor. H. C. Mulford, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 5th and tenor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. V. Morgan (aged 14, first quarter-peal), A. E. Morgan, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, F. Morgan (first quarter-peal as conductor), S. Baiss.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at St. John's church, ten 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles, 6-4-8 covering. R. Fosdike, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. G. Bennington, C. Block, F. W. Richardson, W. Daynes, J. Law, C. H. Macklin. This is the last ringing on the bells previous to re-hanging.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, J. Dale, W. Watson conductor, C. Barlow. Composed by A. J. Perkins. First quarter peal by the treble and tenor men.

HOLLOWAY.—On Thursday, February 8th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part, in 45 mins. W. G. Darlington, E. Brett, A. Barkus, C. G. Jane, W. Bottrill, C. Charge conductor, G. Charge, A. G. Crane. All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. T. Gowllett, W. Smith, J. Milner, J. B. Lovell first quarter-peal in the method, F. J. Hardy, F. J. King.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. REEVES.

We regret to announce the death of the above, which took place on Saturday, February 3rd after four years of painful suffering from that dreadful disease, cancer, at the age of 53. Mr. Reeves was a good ringer, having rung upwards of thirty peals in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. The last time he took a rope was in a course of Superlative Surprise. The funeral took place on Saturday, February 10th, at Caversham Cemetery, where a large number of ringers had assembled to pay their last respect to one beloved by all. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, impressively read the service. After the body was lowered to its last resting place a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by C. R. Lilley, 1-2; W. A. Webb, 3-4; C. Giles, 5-6; A. W. Osborne, 7-8. During the evening touches were rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Giles' and St. Mary's churches, Reading.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the treble ringer in the peal of Grandsire rung at Cbislehurst, and reported in our last issue, should read Horace W. Humble, not Kimble—The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Treble Bob Major at Brierley Hill should be Victor White, and not Victor Hill as published in the issue of February 3rd.

RINGER'S GATHERING AT MARPLE.

An attempt for a date touch was made at the parish church on Saturday, February 10th, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1552 changes. T. Wood, F. Goodwin, H. Langley, J. Fernley conductor, T. Hodgkinson, J. W. Hartley. After the ringing an adjournment was made to The Ring of Bells, where a splendid table was laid for the ringers and friends, who did full justice to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The dinner being concluded, a raid was made on the concert room, and the occasion was made a farewell party to Mr. Smith, who is leaving the district. After a few kinn words on this matter by the chairman, songs and recitations were rendered by members of the local company, and a pleasant and jovial evening was spent. It is worthy of note that it is the longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 5th.

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Repeated.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Saunders, H. Percival, G. Walker, P. Hadfield, J. Cadle conductor, G. Griffin, H. Powdrill, H. Cornford. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Bailey, who was interred in Hugglescote Cemetery the same day. The ringing was also continued on Sunday, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Tuesday following coming to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. P. Hadfield, H. Percival, G. Walker, J. Cadle, G. Griffin, Rev. R. P. Farrow H. Powdrill, H. Cornford.

NORWICH.—On Monday, January 29th, at the church of St. John de Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264) in the tittums. B. Fry, A. Hubbard composer and conductor, W. Hempel, W. Goodbourne, J. Freeman, W. Mayers, W. Curtis, G. Cross.

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o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, on the 14th day of May in every year, being the anniversary wedding-day: and also the anniversary of my decease, to ring a grand bob major and many mirthful peals unmuffled, during the same space of time, and allowing the same intervals as above-mentioned, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness, and for the full, strict, and due performance of such conditions, they the said ringers, are to receive the sum of £50 per annum, in two payments of £25 each, on those respective days of my marriage and decease. And now that dear divine man (to use Mrs. Nash's own words), the Rev. ———, of ———, may resume his

amatory labours, without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection. I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for the first time only) the very next day following after my interment, and to receive £25, one half year's dividend for so doing. Written with my hand, the 14th day of May, 1813. Thomas Nash."

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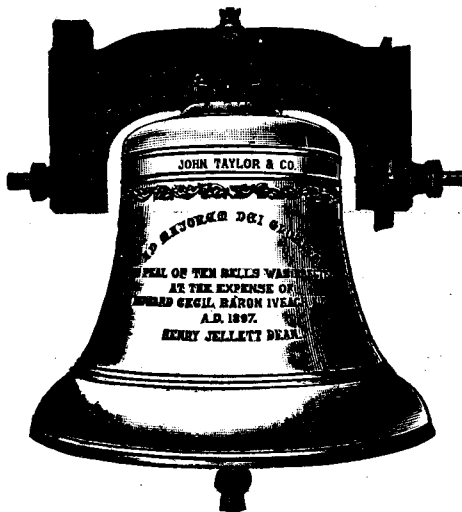
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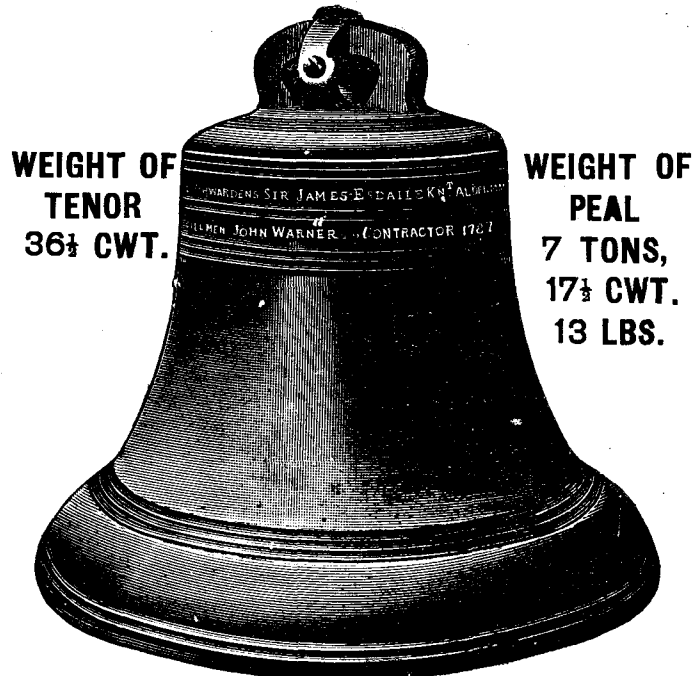
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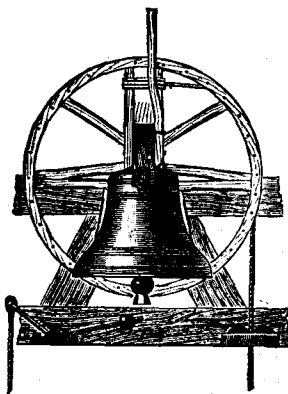
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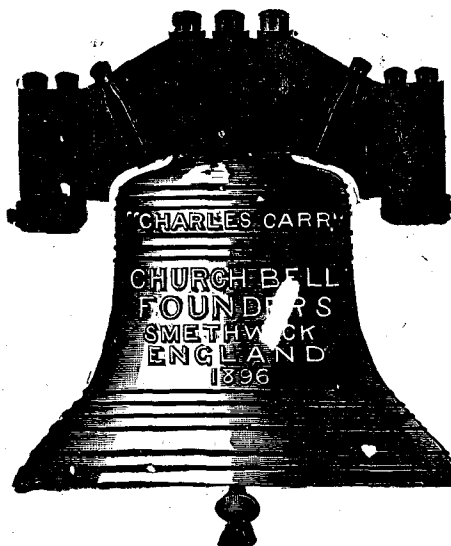
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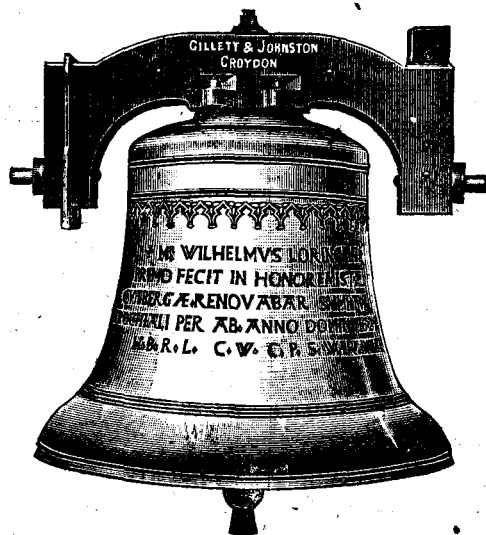
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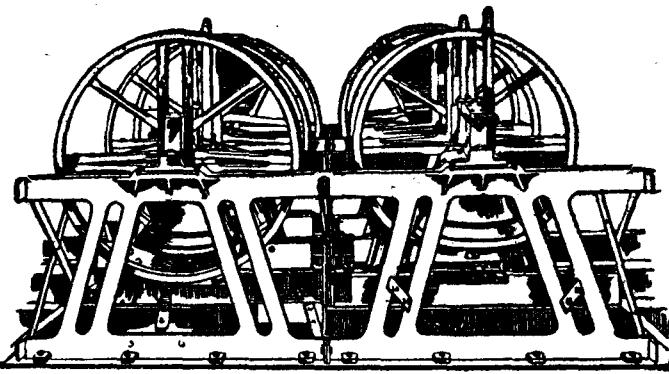
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Chiddingstone, and was well attended, nearly every tower in the district being represented. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The committee meeting was held at The Castle inn at 4.15, when over thirty new members and probationers (including the Cowden band) were elected. The Rectors of Cowden and Chiddingstone and Miss M. E. Wilkinson, of Seal Chart, were elected hon. members. It was decided (subject to the approval of the members at the general meeting) that the meetings for the ensuing year be held as follows: spring meeting at Staplehurst, summer meeting at Seal Chart, autumn meeting at Penshurst, and the annual district meeting at Edenbridge.

At 5 o'clock the members attended a special service in church. The prayers were read by the curate (the Rev. E. Hayter Cox), the lesson was read by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne), the Rector's wife (Mrs. Salmon) presided at the organ, and there was a good muster of the choir present. The address was given by the Rector, who took as his text 1 Corinthians 10-3. "Do all to the glory of God." The Rector said he gladly welcomed the ringers that afternoon as workers together for God's glory, and the very fact of their beginning their proceedings that afternoon with a service in the church shewed that they wished to keep before their minds a high ideal. The rev. gentleman then proceeded to point out that change-ringing was a great Art, and required patience and skill, and urged his hearers to be regular and punctual at the ringing for Sunday services at their respective churches. He thought that nothing sounded worse than to hear only a few bells ringing instead of the whole peal, and it gave the congregation an idea that there was slackness or indifference of the ringers. A little arrangement beforehand would prevent this.

Service over the members adjourned to The Castle inn, where an excellent meat tea was soon being discussed. After tea the general meeting was held, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber and L. Walters, esq., hon. members. The District Secretary read letters of apology for non attendance from Col. H. Streatfield and P. C. C. Francis, esq., hon. members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The District Secretary then read his annual report, in which he congratulated the members on the flourishing condition of the district. It was with the deepest regret that he had to record the loss the district had sustained by the deaths of Mr. H. S. Ward and the Rev. J. Langhorne, and also by the removal of their friends from Speldhurst rectory.

Mr. W. Latter was unanimously re-elected district secretary, with the thanks of the members for past services. Mr. Latter briefly returned thanks for his re-election, and announced that Mr. D. Wright, late of Westerham, had left the county, and was therefore not eligible for re-election as district representative on the central committee. Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, was unanimously elected to that office. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's Benevolent Scheme was then discussed, and

several suggestions made, and it was decided unanimously to support the scheme. The secretary reported on the testimonial fund to Miss Leny, saying that it was suggested that they could not let Miss Leny leave Speldhurst without shewing some slight token of their esteem and appreciation of the many kindnesses they had received at Speldhurst for so many years past, and he was glad to say that nearly all the bands in the district had contributed to the fund. The present, which consisted of a gold bar brooch with eight miniature bells attached, was handed round for inspection and much admired. Great regret was expressed that Miss Leny was unable to be present owing to her being seriously ill, and the brooch will be forwarded to her, and hopes were expressed of her speedy recovery.

It was decided that the meetings for the ensuing year should be held as suggested by the committee, and that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Edenbridge, method Treble Bob, conductor the secretary. The district secretary reported on the central committee meeting held at Canterbury on November 18th last. There being no other business hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all those at Chiddingstone who had assisted at the service, and had otherwise made the meeting such a success. This was seconded by Mr. A. Laurence (Tonbridge), and carried unanimously. The Rector and Mr. L. Walter briefly replied, and the Rector undertook to convey their thanks to his wife and the choir.

This terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

The ring of six bells in the parish church of Northiam, East Sussex, are sadly in need of restoration, and the church folk are endeavouring to secure the necessary money to have the work carried out. Two grand entertainments were given in The Six Bells hotel assembly room on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week, the proceeds being devoted to the bells repair fund and the Northiam Boy Scouts. The hall is a fairly large building, and at both performances was packed to its utmost capacity, both objects receiving substantial sums as a result of the undertaking. This programme consisted of very classical music, which was greatly appreciated. Amateur theatricals were also included, and those who took part in that portion of the proceedings acquitted themselves in excellent style.

HERNE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 17th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 48 mins. T. Stone, F. Jones, W. Sorrell, C. Holman, E. Hartop, E. Slingsby. Conducted by F. Jones.

FOR SALE.—Church Bells of Devon, £1 1s.; Buckingham, 10s. 6d.; Suffolk, 8s.; Wilts, 3s. 6d.; Cambridge, 3s. 6d.; Cornwall, 3s. 6d.; and several other counties.—E. E. W., 6, Spencer Road, Cottenham Park, Wimbledon, S.W.

AN UNMUSICAL DOG.

Is it not strange, that the dog, which is the most intelligent of quadrupeds, should be most affected by music? Whether his emotion is caused by a melancholy disposition or created by some vague instinct of a time when the world was fair, and his ancestors enjoyed the freedom of the woods, or music speaks to him as Richter tells us, "of those things we have never found in our lives, and shall not find," cannot be determined. It is at least a metaphysical problem. Was it not Plato who banished music from his republic? And is it not a fact that some of the most remarkable men of genius have looked upon it with disfavour, or treated music with the greatest indifference? Ask a change-ringer what is music, he may probably point to the bells. Ask the Highlander, and he tells you the bag-pipes. A mother, and she will say the voice of her own child. The poet Congreve wrote:—

"Music has charms to soothe a savage breast,
To soften rocks and bend a knotted oak."

But there is a dog on the farm close to our caravansary who goes into convulsions at the sound of our village bells, which reminds one of a certain journalist who would have all our throats severed. The name of the brute is Growser. His master finds him with free board and lodgings in a neat little gabled one-storied house, to which he is attached by a chain. The dog's sole duties are to warn his master and the farm of the approach of any suspicious characters, such as poachers or itinerant purloiners of claimed property. He is always on the scent for nuisances, and apparently our weekly serenading at the church tower, peeping through the trees on to his lair, is one of his grievances.

Mind you Growser never barks at those he fears, such as the farmer, from whom is the source of his sustenance. Like the newspaper critic he will not cavil at Mother Grundy. He wags his tail at those in power, but the "insignificant nobodies" are a particular mark for his displeasure. The other night when the sun had sunk behind the western skies, there was quite a tumult at the farm, Growser was frantic with rage and storm. It was not the bellringers this time. It was the hooting of an owl, which had perched himself on the ridge of the barn close to Growser's freehold. He was completing semi-circles around his kennel as fast as we make changes on the bells. I listened, and interpreted their languages, thus learning the cause of the hullabaloo. Owl. What ho! What ho! Dog. Art thou a ghost or goblin doomed to make the night hideous with thy screams? Owl. With music I cheer the earth for the loss of the sun. Dog. Wretch that thou art, what music is there in thy dolorous notes? Get the begone or my master, with his gun, shall lay thee low for thy pains.

Owl. What ho! What ho! It is for thee, mad dog, to escape the source of thy sufferings. I do not complain of thee.

Dog. Don't you see this chain about my neck? How can I relinquish society?

Owl. Then pay the penalty of thy follies with resignation. They who complain do but exhibit the measure of their ignorance. What ho! Good night. G. F. M.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 14th, as a welcome to the Rev. E. W. Mitchell, on being inducted to the living of Bolney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Vincent, T. Gasson, W. Wheeler, F. Stoner, W. H. Packham, G. Lewry, W. Walder conductor, G. Packham,

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The death of Mr. George Walder took place on Monday, February 12th, at his residence at Bolney Street after a short illness, in his 89th year. The deceased was connected with the choir and ringers at the parish church for upwards of sixty-five years. In the forties the Bolney ringers were famed throughout the county for their excellent striking, in fact their pride in that respect eventually proved their downfall. In the early forties Mr. Walder, with several other young men, were anxious to learn something about ringing, but owing to the conservatism of the older men they never had a chance to do anything beyond raising the bells or ringing a few rounds. In 1847 the churchwardens granted the young men a separate practice night, and requested the older men not to molest them. Soon after this however the leader of the young men, with other members, joined the Mormon movement, eventually going to Salt Lake City; and the hand of death was also busy among the older men, three being removed in one year. Ringing at Bolney sank to a very low ebb for many years, but Mr. Walder stuck to the bells and obtained all the ringing that was possible. The present Bolney ringers' society was formed in 1886, and provision made for regular practice, but it was not until 1894 that the first peal, Grandsire Triples, was achieved. This was Mr. Walder's first and only peal, and was the first by a local band for upwards of forty-nine years. He was then in his 72nd year. On his 80th birthday his brother-ringers presented him with a grandfather's chair, fitted with a book rest, and on his 85th birthday he assisted in ringing a 504 of Grandsire Triples in which three generations of the Walder family took part. He was appointed parish clerk in March, 1862, and held the office until October, 1902 (46½ years) when advancing years compelled him to resign. Owing to the generosity of the late Vicar (the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft) and other leading gentlemen of the parish, he was enabled to end his days in comparative ease and comfort. He was twice married and celebrated two silver weddings. He leaves a widow and four sons and two daughters by his first marriage. The interment took place at the parish church on Saturday, the 17th, amid every token of sympathy and respect. The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Mitchell) officiated. The coffin, which bore the following inscription—"George Walder, died February 12th, age 88 years"—was borne from the house to the church and from thence to the grave by four of his brother ringers, and was lowered into its final resting place by three sons and three grandsons. After the funeral the ringers engaged in ringing the bells half-muffled as a token of their respect and esteem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by W. Vincent being brought round, also 504 and 168 in the same method.

Mr. C. Ridyard, of Worsley, near Manchester, writes: "I regret to have to inform you of the death of my brother Richard Ridyard. The funeral will be at St. Mark's church, Worsley, on Saturday, February 24th, at three o'clock."

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Reading branch held their annual meeting at Reading on Tuesday, February 10th. The proceedings were marred by the funeral of one of its members, namely, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of Caversham, who was interred in Caversham cemetery in the afternoon, and which naturally cast a gloom over all. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches, Reading, were rung half-muffled. The whole pull and stand was rung at St. Giles. Service was held at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. The sermon was preached by the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, after which the meeting was held in St. Giles's hall, Mr. W. P. Routh being in the chair. The minutes and balance-sheet of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and passed as satisfactory. Mr. W. P. Routh was re-elected President of the branch, and Mr. A. W. Osborne as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. W. Appleby, of Henley-on-Thames, was elected to serve on the Committee. The foremen of the respective towers gave their report of the year's work, all with one exception being very satisfactory. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis also gave some very interesting information as to the progress of the General Guild, compared with twenty-one years ago. Members were present from Checkendon, Henley, Binfield, Caversham, and the three Reading towers, regret being expressed by Mr. Routh on the decease of their brother-ringer. He asked them to postpone their smoker and musical part of the evening on that account. It was proposed to do so, and hold the same at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, April 20th. The members then dispersed and went to the three towers in the town, where ringing was indulged in till 9 p.m.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Pre-Lent meeting of this Association was held at Whickham on the 14th inst., and on this occasion a departure from the general rule was made, and the meeting held on a Wednesday instead of the usual Saturday. The change of day proved quite a success, as it enabled many members to attend who are not engaged on Saturdays, and now that the precedent has been established, no doubt at least one Wednesday meeting will be arranged each year.

It is a long continuous climb from Swalwell or Duntun to the village of Whickham, which stands on an eminence overlooking the Tyne, but the hearty welcome given by the Rev. Arthur Allwork, removed any tired feeling, and those who attended spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

At 5 p.m. the members were entertained to tea at the rectory in a kindly manner, when amongst those present were Mr. J. T. Atkinson (churchwarden), Messrs. Routledge, Stuart, Ferry, Rev. B. Jealous, and members from Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, North Shields, and Gateshead, and the Hon. Secretary. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Allwork for their hospitality, the President, Mr. Routledge, mentioned that this was the first occasion upon which the Association had been so entertained at any of their meetings.

Mr. Allwork, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it was to himself and Mrs. Allwork to have the ringers there that day, as it was many years since there had been a meeting at Whickham.

The President announced that owing to pressure of

business the Secretary had asked for some assistance in his duties, and Mr. R. Stephenson, of Wast Hartlepool, had been appointed Hon. Treasurer pro tem.

The ringers at Hexham Abbey, and the new ringers at St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, were elected members of the Association in addition to a new band at Wylam-on-Tyne.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, February 14th, in honour of the wedding of Miss L. A. Dowding, of Cromer, to Mr. C. Newdick, of Walsingham, the following touches were rung: 360 Bob Minor. J. Godfrey, G. Soame, E. Sufiling, J. Moy, F. Elliott, G. Moy. And 120 with E. King on 4th A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was lost in the last part. J. Moy, G. Soame, J. Godfrey, F. Elliott, E. King, G. Moy. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Godfrey, G. Soame, E. Sufiling, F. Elliott, E. King, G. Moy conductor. The bells are a nice ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., but owing to opposition from one or two who do not like bells, are allowed to remain un-rung, except for chiming. The last occasion upon which they were rung was at the relief of Mafeking, excepting a not very successful attempt to ring for a wedding about five years ago, when the whole of the ropes came down once, at least, during the ringing. The band on the present occasion was got together by Mr. J. Godfrey, formerly of Great Yarmouth, the other ringers being Messrs. J. and G. Moy, of Aylsham, G. Soame and E. Sufiling, of Marsham, and E. King and F. Elliott, of Overstrand. The bells are in good order, apart from the ropes, and it is hoped that it will be possible to get permission for a local band to be formed, and the bells rung properly in the near future, there being practically a band of change-ringers in the neighbourhood.

OVERSTRAND CHURCH, NORFOLK.

At a recent vestry meeting it was unanimously decided to apply for a faculty for the restoration and enlargement of the old parish church of Overstrand, which has stood in ruins for many years. Already the growth of ivy has been stripped from the walls and tower, and the masonry has been found to be in far better condition than was anticipated. The removal of the ivy has disclosed four corbels in the chancel with carved faces, all in a very good state of preservation. The church contains the tomb of the late Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart. His son, who died in 1858, also lies buried in the chancel. The ruins of the old church date from the time of Richard II., before which a former building had been undermined by the sea. Standing in the midst of charming scenery, with the sea in full view, the ruins of Overstrand church present a picturesque appearance.

PUTNEY.—On Wednesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Herbert, A. Hubbard, W. Honeyball, H. Cook, C. Hunt, T. Bolton, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, H. Whanslaw. On Sunday, February 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Collis, jun., J. Kent, S. Jones, W. Honeyball, G. W. Honeyball, T. Bolton, J. Herbert conductor, H. Whanslaw.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Monday, February 5th, at St. Peter's church, a peal of Grandsire Triples, Parker's 12-part, was attempted, in celebration of His Majesty King George's safe return from India, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. it was brought round at 2688 changes, owing to a change course. J. T. Goodwin, S. G. Hodges, C. F. Uphill, T. Page, T. Woolley, C. B. Hurst, G. T. White conductor, W. J. Benger.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

An attempt for a date touch was made at the parish church on Saturday, February 10th, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1552 changes. T. Wood, F. Goodwin, H. Langley, J. Fernley conductor, T. Hodgkinson, J. W. Hartley. After the ringing an adjournment was made to The Ring of Bells, where a splendid table was laid for the ringers and friends, who did full justice to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The dinner being concluded, a raid was made on the concert room, and the occasion was made a farewell party to Mr. Smith, who is leaving the district. After a few kind words on this matter by the chairman, songs and recitations were rendered by members of the local company, and a pleasant and jovial evening was spent. It is worthy of note that it is the longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 5th.

SOWTON, DEVON.

You don't see such a thing every day at Sowton. Yes, it was two year's ago the last wedding took place in St. Michael's church, but this one has brought everyone to the church, for "Charlie" is well known in the village, having taken part in most things that goes on in the parish, being one of the choir as well as a ringer. The Rector (Rev. C. R. Patey), performed the nuptial rite, the service being choral, Mr. J. Seager acting as best man. Presents were received from the Rev. and Mrs. Patey, and from the choir and ringers, the latter ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the event, and to cheer the wedded couple on their new start in life, it being the fervent wish that Mr. and Mrs. C. Scoble be favoured with a full share of this world's blessings the remainder of their lives.

LLANBADARN FAWR, RADNORSHIRE.

The Bishop of Swansea dedicated on the 14th inst., a peal of bells at the above church, which completes the restoration of this ancient and interesting church. The sacred edifice was practically rebuilt by the late Misses Severn, of Penybout Hall in 1870, and in 1905 Miss A. Severn gave the organ and built a new vestry. The peal of bells was given by Mr. J. Greenway, the High Sheriff of the county, and the Rector, the Rev. Albert Jordan.

ELY CATHEDRAL.

It is well known that the lantern of Ely Cathedral, which makes it unique in England, and was the conception of the talented Prior, Alan of Walsingham, was due to the fall of the central tower. The disaster happened on February 22nd, 1322, just 500 years ago, and is graphically described in a little book on Ely, written by Dr. Stubbs, the retiring Bishop of Truro, who was, as Dean of Ely, a successor to Prior Alan of Walsingham, whom he greatly admired.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 973 Stedman Caters. R. Coles, F. Hayes, G. White, F. Biggs, E. Markham, J. Gransbury, G. F. Williams, J. W. Wilkins, conductor, B. Page, W. Hoing, longest touch.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER.

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3452	-	-	-	-	-	-
2435	-	-	-	-	-	-
5423	-	-	-	-	-	-
4532	-	-	-	-	-	-
2543	-	-	-	-	-	-
3524	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2543	-	-	-	-	-	-
3524	-	-	-	-	-	-
4532	-	-	-	-	-	-
5423	-	-	-	-	-	-
3452	-	-	-	-	-	-
2435	-	-	-	-	-	-
4253	-	-	-	-	-	-

3425 - - - - S

Repeat the last eleven courses completes the peal.

A 1, 7s, 8, 9, 11, 13s, 14, 15, 16s.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home both in the tittums and handstroke home position, with 100 8-9s, and sixty-nine 6-8s.

5077.

Call the middle turning course 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17 instead of the above, cuts away one course.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By A. B. CARPENTER.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

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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 February 29th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at The Queen's Head at 8 p.m.
F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under Lyne, to-day, Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.
W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, to-day, Sat., February 24th. Francis Edward Dawe, esq. in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 2nd. Please notify Mr. H. Stanley, Tower Secretary, 8, Berdmore Street, Fenton, of how many intend to be present on or before February 29th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 9th. The parish church bells (10), available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the school at 5 p.m.

WM. ROBINSON, Br. Sec.]

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2s. allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY H. DAINS.

10,440.

23456 M W H

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56234 - -
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52364 -
35264 -

25463 -
45362 -
63254 - -
52436 - -
34625 - -
26543 - -
35642 - -
63542 -
56342 -

Thrice repeat the calling of the five first courses, and complete the composition. It contains the full extent of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th bells at six course-ends in 6ths place, and the 6th the full extent at six course-ends each way in 5-6.

It will be noticed that I have lengthened Middleton's celebrated composition up to 29 courses. Of course it will lengthen in any part, but the qualities mentioned could not otherwise hold up. As thus extended, the composition runs up in Maximus to 15,312 changes. In my opinion, ere long, the talented young men of the present day will not be satisfied with 5000 of this method, That being so, we here have something more for accomplishment.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter writes to say that the peal of Double Norwich Major by H. Price, published this week on page 586 of "THE BELL NEWS," is false, as the 4th lead of the first course is repeated in the 5th course.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By the same Author.

6120.

23456 M W H

52436 - -
64235 - -
36245 - -
42563 - -

56423 - -
45623 - -
36524 - -

52364 - -
35264 - -
25463 -
45362 -
23594 - -

62534 -
35426 - -
42356 - -
34256 -
23456 -

This composition has the 6th the full extent in 5ths at six course-ends, and at five course-ends at home. All the 6-4s and 5-6s.

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS.

BY H. PRICE.

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34625 -
23645 -

62534 - -
36524 -
52364 - -
35264 -
23564 -

45236 - - -
24536 - -
52436 - -
43526 - -
54326 - -
32546 - -
53246 - -
25346 - -
42356 - -
35426 - -
23456 -

Mr. F. Knights, of 15, Helgham Street, Norwich, asks through the medium of this paper, if Mr. Shaw, of the firm of James Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford, Bellfounders, will communicate with him, as his letter has been returned through the Dead Letter Office.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1912.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

Two new treble bells to complete the ring of six, were dedicated by the Bishop of St. Germans last week. For many years the church tower contained three cracked bells, and for more than half a century these bells were not rung. In 1905 the Vicar (Rev. W. Whittle), and his wardens turned their attention to the bells, the result being that the old bells were recast, and a fourth added, at a cost of £200. A few months ago it was thought that the time had come when an effort should be made to complete the peal of six, which has now been accomplished, at a further cost of £80. The whole of the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL JONES, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	PERCY H. SMITH 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
ARTHUR L. SMITH 4.	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Arranged for A. L. Smith, of Fenton, Staffordshire.

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STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED CLARK Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
HERBERT J. TUCKER* .. 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor, First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells; also the first by a local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN R. D. FENWICK .. Treble.	FREDK. HAYES 4.
JOHN BURLS 2.	RICHARD A. CONSTANT .. 5.
GUY R. AMBROSE 3.	FREDK. M. MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.

First peal in seven methods by the band, and on the bells, and first peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 4th.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN.* .. Treble.	†JAMES L. WRIGHT 5.
FRED TRAVIS 2.	†EDWIN BLACKWELL 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM BLACKWELL .. 7.
THOMAS WHITE† 4.	*GEORGE COOKE Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

SOWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOWE† Treble.	*JOHN TOTTERDELL 4.
JOE GOODING 2.	FRANK DAVEY 5.
WILLIAM VICERY* 3.	HENRY SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOWE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Charles Scoble, a member of the Sowton branch.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and first in seven methods by all except the conductor.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. WILLISFORD .. Treble.	E. ROBERTS 5.
J. RICHARDSON 2.	*W. LUNN 6.
S. J. KYNERSLEY 3.	C. SMITH 7.
A. P. COPE 4.	E. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by S. J. KYNERSLEY.

*First peal. First peal with a bob bell, and first as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALLEN F. BAILEY* .. Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
FREDK. W. BAILEY .. 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7.
CHARLES SAMSON 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method, aged 15. First peal in the method as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

ROBERT PICKERING* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM G. HALL 7.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 8.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	HORACE BELCHER 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 4.	*JOHN C. ADAMS 10.
WILLIAM FISHER 5.	†HERBERT KNIGHT 11.
REV. E. V. COX 6.	*ISAAC PURSER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Cinques. †First peal of Cinques as conductor. First peal on the bells since being recast and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the "go" being excellent.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES .. Treble.	JOSEPH OGDEN 5.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 2.	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM 3.	HUGH REYNOLDS 7.
HARRY WHITEHEAD* .. 4.	THOMAS WELLES Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hollows who kindly entertained them.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TRIGG .. Treble.	JOHN YATES, SEN. 5.
GEORGE WILSON 2.	*JOHN OLDHAM 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
WILLIAM PERVIN 4.	*WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal of Grandsire. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the only son of the Rev. C. L. Vashon Baker, Rector of Stanford.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

SAMUEL PRARCE* Tenor.	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 2.	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7.
FRANK G. BURLINGH.. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4.	HARRY GOODMAN 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN 5.	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

*First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the churchwardens, Messrs. J. W. Naylor and J. Nichols, for their kindness in providing the ringers with a new set of bell ropes.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT MITCHELL Treble.	ALBERT HARMAN 5.
FREDK. W. RICE 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 3.	GEORGE ILLMAN 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

LIVERPOOL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 7.
HARRY BOWER 2.	SAM THOMAS 8.
GEORGE HOLMES 3.	RICHARD NEWTON 9.
JOHN THORPE 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES 10.
WILLIAM BURGAR 5.	FRED SALMONS 11.
GEORGE R. NEWTON* 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

*First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus ever rung in Liverpool by twelve men only. This composition has the 6th its extent at home without the 2nd or third being in 6ths place.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WICKENS* Treble.	FREDK. TERRY 5.
GEORGE DURLING 2.	JOHN B. LOVELL 6.
GEORGE W. CLARKE* 3.	WALTER SMITH 7.
FREDERIC KING 4.	†JOHN WINN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Terry.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK SALTER* Treble.	*ALFRED TURNER 4.
ALFRED MACRO 2.	WILLIAM STANNARD 5.
PERCY FORDHAM* 3.	THOMAS FITZJOHN Tenor.

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Mr. Stannard was proposed a member before starting.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST TIGWELL† Treble.	CHARLES PAGE 5.
JOHN FARRELL 2.	JOHN MORLEY 6.
HARRY ROBERTS 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 7.
CHARLES BISHOP 4.	*ALFRED BOWERS Tenor.

Conducted by C. BISHOP.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Rung on the sixteenth anniversary of his wedding-day. Rung as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd. Quickest peal on the bells.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERTHEM PREWETT Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3.	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7.
HENRY C. CHANDLER 4.	WILLIAM WAENE Tenor.

Conducted by ALAN R. MACDONALD.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. C. West, the new Vicar of Sunbury.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
RICHARD KENDALL 2.	THOMAS TUTT 6.
THOMAS GOFF 3.	ALLAN GOWER 7.
THOMAS MILES 4.	ROBERT ETHERINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE DYKES* Treble.	HARVEY BOWCOCK 4.
JOHN SEMPER 2.	CHARLES SEMPER 5.
EDWARD R. SEMPER 3.	FREDK. W. STOKES Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. W. STOKES.

*First peal. First peal in seven plain methods by the above Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment, and farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. V. Morgan (aged 14, first quarter-peal), A. E. Morgan, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, [F. Morgan (first quarter-peal as conductor), S. Baiss.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER WATTS Treble.	GEORGE TIPPETT 5.
ERNEST GOLDSTONE 2.	JAMES NISBETT 6.
FRANK W. MAY 3.	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 7.
MISS MARY JUKES 4.	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all the band and the first peal of Major rung on the bells by a local band.

Handbell Peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

REGGIE CHAPMAN 1-2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 5-6.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3-4.	ALBERT V. INNS 7-8.

Composed by G. H. MARTIN. and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Umpire—L. Chapmas.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society).

On Thursday, February 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	*GEORGE LEWIS 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	R. WILFRED COLLIER 7-8.

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

This is the first handbell peal to be rung in the method. *First peal in the method. Umpire—Joseph Atkin.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 720 of College Single, 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 112 of Bob Minor. J. Tapp, G. Fuller, A. Marshall, W. Marshall, J. Bailey, A. Relfe conductor.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, February 11th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Meadows, J. Matthews, H. J. Poole, W. S. Doble, T. Doble, W. Evans, E. E. Burgess conductor, W. Tarr.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Saturday, February 20th, at Holy Trinity church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but after ringing 1 hr. 50 mins. it came to grief. J. Hanley, J. Overton, H. Bailey, J. Elcock, F. S. Downing, W. Overton conductor, W. Saunders, H. Aston.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE.—On Sunday, February 18th, for Evensong at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. G. Ticehurst, L. T. H. Seers, H. F. Cobon, J. B. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billenness conductor, E. H. Whiteman.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDS MORETON.—On Sunday evening, February 4th, the bells in the parish church were rung half muffled, as a token of respect for Mrs. R. Nichols and family in their sad bereavement of the loss of Mrs. Nichols' daughter, who was interred at Maids Moreton churchyard on the previous day. At Newton Longville a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted but lost after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. The ringers of Maids Moreton shewed their sympathy for the same cause by ringing on Friday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles. A. Jones, H. Jones, H. Jones, sen., H. Stopp, E. Nichols, H. Hayden.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. T. Rawdin, C. Lamb, D. Gilden, A. Ward, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker conductor, W. Turner. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Gilden.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, J. Dale, W. Watson conductor, C. Barlow. Composed by A. J. Perkins. First quarter peal by the treble and tenor men.

HOLLOWAY.—On Thursday, February 8th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part, in 45 mins. W. G. Darlington, E. Brett, A. Barkus, C. G. Jane, W. Bottrill, C. Charge conductor, G. Charge, A. G. Crane. All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. T. Gowllett, W. Smith, J. Milner, J. B. Lovell first quarter-peal in the method, F. J. Hardy, F. J. King.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM.—An interesting event took place on Wednesday evening, February 14th, in the Oldham parish church. The members and their wives along with the Vicar, wardens and sidesmen assembled in the tower at 7 o'clock. After a short and interesting speech from the Vicar he offered suitable prayers for the unveiling of the board, which has the following inscription: "Lancashire Association. On Easter Day, April 10th, 1911, the following members of the above Association rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5003 changes, in three hours and nineteen minutes. Ringers—Samuel Elson, treble, Samuel Stott 2, W. Newton 3, Harry Hampson 4, James H. Barker 5, Alfred Waites 6, Samuel H. Butterworth 7, Herbert E. Pulling 8, Isaac Schofield 9, James Garlick tenor. Conducted by Samuel Stott. Rev. George Perry Gore, Vicar, William Aspden, Edward Mills, Albert Cheetham, James Whitmore, Wardens, John Booth, Albert Broadbent, sidesmen." The new board is fixed next to one dated January, 1783, which goes to show that change-ringing in Oldham church is an old Art. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the Central Cafe, where an excellent repast was enjoyed. The Vicar took the chair and thanked the ringers for their services rendered to the church, and he hoped there would be many more peals to follow. Messrs. Mills, Cheetham and Aspden also expressed their thanks as wardens. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner. Songs, recitations, and courses on the handbells were given by several members of the company. The evening was brought to a close by Messrs. Booth and Broadbent on behalf of the wardens and sidesmen proposing a vote of thanks to the ringers for their hospitality, and Mr. S. Elson, on behalf of the ringers, replied by thanking the Vicar, wardens and sidesmen for their kindness in presenting the peal board. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held by the ringers of Oldham parish church.

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MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

An attempt for a date touch was made at the parish church on Saturday, February 10th, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1552 changes. T. Wood, F. Goodwin, H. Langley, J. Fernley conductor, T. Hodgkinson, J. W. Hartley. After the ringing an adjournment was made to The Ring of Bells, where a splendid table was laid for the ringers and friends, who did full justice to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The dinner being concluded, a raid was made on the concert room, and the occasion was made a farewell party to Mr. Smith, who is leaving the district. After a few kinn words on this matter by the chairman, songs and recitations were rendered by members of the local company, and a pleasant and jovial evening was spent. It is worthy of note that it is the longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 5th.

SOWTON, DEVON.

You don't see such a thing every day at Sowton. Yes, it was two year's ago the last wedding took place in St. Michael's church, but this one has brought everyone to the church, for "Charlie" is well known in the village, having taken part in most things that goes on in the parish, being one of the choir as well as a ringer. The Rector (Rev. C. R. Patey), performed the nuptial rite, the service being choral, Mr. J. Seager acting as best man. Presents were received from the Rev. and Mrs. Patey, and from the choir and ringers, the latter ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the event, and to cheer the wedded couple on their new start in life, it being the fervent wish that Mr. and Mrs. C. Scoble be favoured with a full share of this world's blessings the remainder of their lives.

LLANBADARN FAWR, RADNORSHIRE.

The Bishop of Swansea dedicated on the 14th inst., a peal of bells at the above church, which completes the restoration of this ancient and interesting church. The sacred edifice was practically rebuilt by the late Misses Severn, of Penybout Hall in 1870, and in 1905 Miss A. Severn gave the organ and built a new vestry. The peal of bells was given by Mr. J. Greenway, the High Sheriff of the county, and the Rector, the Rev. Albert Jordan.

ELY CATHEDRAL.

It is well known that the lantern of Ely Cathedral, which makes it unique in England, and was the conception of the talented Prior, Alan of Walsingham, was due to the fall of the central tower. The disaster happened on February 22nd, 1322, just 500 years ago, and is graphically described in a little book on Ely, written by Dr. Stubbs, the retiring Bishop of Truro, who was, as Dean of Ely, a successor to Prior Alan of Walsingham, whom he greatly admired.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 973 Stedman Caters. R. Coles, F. Hayes, G. White, F. Biggs, E. Markham, J. Gransbury, G. F. Williams, J. W. Wilkins, conductor, B. Page, W. Hoing, longest touch.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM.—An interesting event took place on Wednesday evening, February 14th, in the Oldham parish church. The members and their wives along with the Vicar, wardens and sidesmen assembled in the tower at 7 o'clock. After a short and interesting speech from the Vicar he offered suitable prayers for the unveiling of the board, which has the following inscription: "Lancashire Association. On Easter Day, April 10th, 1911, the following members of the above Association rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5003 changes, in three hours and nineteen minutes. Ringers—Samuel Elson, treble, Samuel Stott 2, W. Newton 3, Harry Hampson 4, James H. Barker 5, Alfred Waites 6, Samuel H. Butterworth 7, Herbert E. Pulling 8, Isaac Schofield 9, James Garlick tenor. Conducted by Samuel Stott. Rev. George Perry Gore, Vicar, William Aspden, Edward Mills, Albert Cheetham, James Whitmore, Wardens, John Booth, Albert Broadbent, sidesmen." The new board is fixed next to one dated January, 1783, which goes to show that change-ringing in Oldham church is an old Art. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the Central Cafe, where an excellent repast was enjoyed. The Vicar took the chair and thanked the ringers for their services rendered to the church, and he hoped there would be many more peals to follow. Messrs. Mills, Cheetham and Aspden also expressed their thanks as wardens. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner. Songs, recitations, and courses on the handbells were given by several members of the company. The evening was brought to a close by Messrs. Booth and Broadbent on behalf of the wardens and sidesmen proposing a vote of thanks to the ringers for their hospitality, and Mr. S. Elson, on behalf of the ringers, replied by thanking the Vicar, wardens and sidesmen for their kindness in presenting the peal board. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held by the ringers of Oldham parish church.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

The ring of six bells in the parish church of Northiam, East Sussex, are sadly in need of restoration, and the church folk are endeavouring to secure the necessary money to have the work carried out. Two grand entertainments were given in The Six Bells hotel assembly room on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week, the proceeds being devoted to the bells repair fund and the Northiam Boy Scouts. The hall is a fairly large building, and at both performances was packed to its utmost capacity, both objects receiving substantial sums as a result of the undertaking. The programme consisted of very classical music, which was greatly appreciated. Amateur theatricals were also included, and those who took part in that portion of the proceedings acquitted themselves in excellent style.

HOLLOWAY.—On Thursday, February 8th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part, in 45 mins. W. G. Darlington, E. Brett, A. Barkus, C. G. Jane, W. Bottrill, C. Charge conductor, G. Charge, A. G. Crane. All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. T. Gowllett, W. Smith, J. Milner, J. B. Lovell first quarter-peal in the method, F. J. Hardy, F. J. King.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT

The ringers and friends of the above, to the number of thirty, were entertained by the Rector and churchwardens to their annual dinner and concert on Saturday, February 17th, at the Institute, Milton. The Rector was in the chair, being ably supported by J. Russell, esq., and W. J. Champion, esq., churchwardens and vice-presidents. Ringers were present from the neighbouring towers Swanscombe, Gravesend, and Cobham. An excellent dinner was served, and great amusement was caused by the menu, as each item had been arranged in bellringing terms; roast beef being termed "London," mutton "Canterbury," pork "Kent," etc. and at times a poor waiter was looking non-plussed when a ringer asked for Canterbury, Plain Bob, and a smash up. But a way was found out of the difficulty, and ample justice was done to the various

items. One thing not receiving a bellringing name on the programme, was the refreshments that were so liberally served out, and that was promptly dubbed by the father of the Milton band, "bell oil."

After the dinner a very pleasant evening was spent, and judging from the excellent speeches delivered, perfect harmony reigns in the tower, and when there is any jangling, they are soon brought into rounds.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured as only ringers can, the President asked the company to drink to "The Milton Bellringers." He said in his experience he had never met a better lot of men than the ringers were at the church to-day. They were good fellows; had a sort of freemasonry among them; good ringers, and above all that, good honest churchmen. He remembered the day when the belfry was not considered part of the church; he had been in the tower

and seen glasses containing—not water—but he knew such a condition of affairs was now done away with, and the belfry was now recognised as part of the sacred building. He said he was proud to be the President of the band, as they had proved themselves worthy of it. Realising that new bell ropes were needed, they had taken the matter out of the wardens hands and organised a social evening in the form of a whist drive and dance, and had made it so successful that they were able to purchase new ropes without any call whatever on the church. In conclusion the President said he was pleased with the progress of the band, but what he liked best was the regular ringing on Sundays, and urged the ringers to always realise that above their ambition to rise in the art of ringing, they should consider Sunday ringing their first duty.

Mr. F. Mitchell (leader), responded for the band, and after thanking the proposer for his kind remarks, said he was pleased to report progress. This being the third year of the present band, they had rung fifty-six 720s in eight methods, viz., Grand sire Minor, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Sngle, Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Sup-rise. They had rung the first 720 of Woodbine on record on the bells, and the first peal of Minor by all except one of the band. He said they had also rung for a meeting of the Church of England Men's Society the band all being members of that body, and tapped off 720 Kent. They were at present, he said, lacking in numbers, but lacked nothing in enthusiasm. He was glad to say they were more successful in their efforts to obtain new bell ropes, and had a balance wherewith to make some other addition to the belfry.

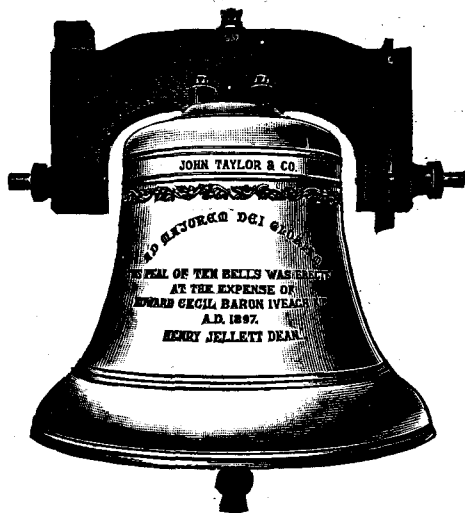
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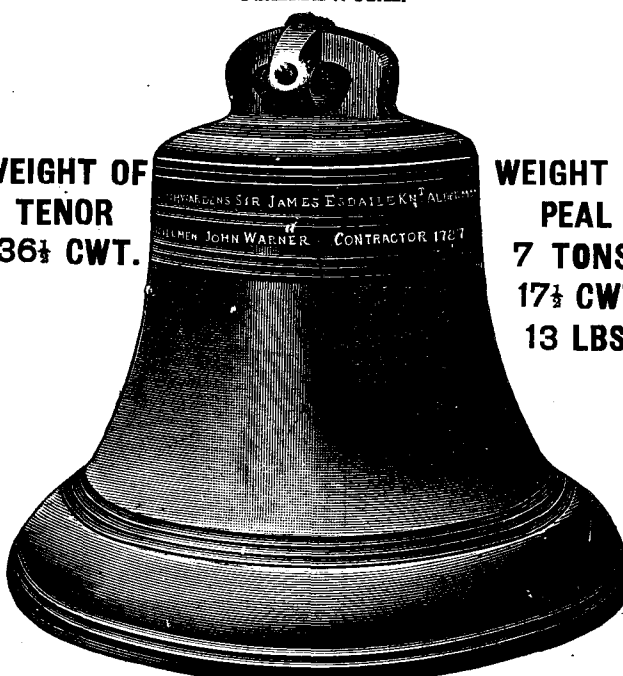
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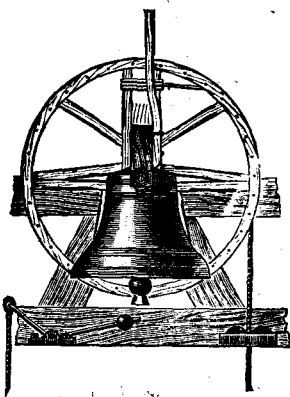
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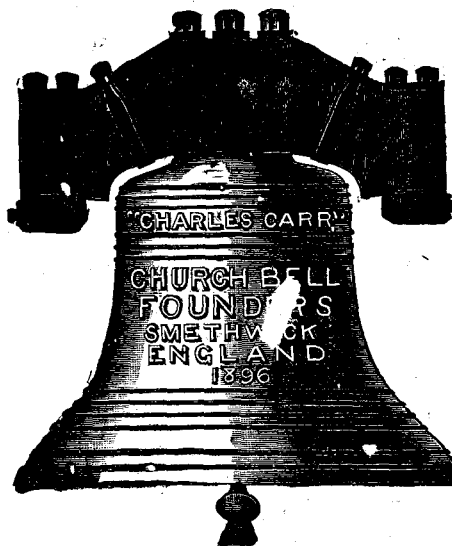
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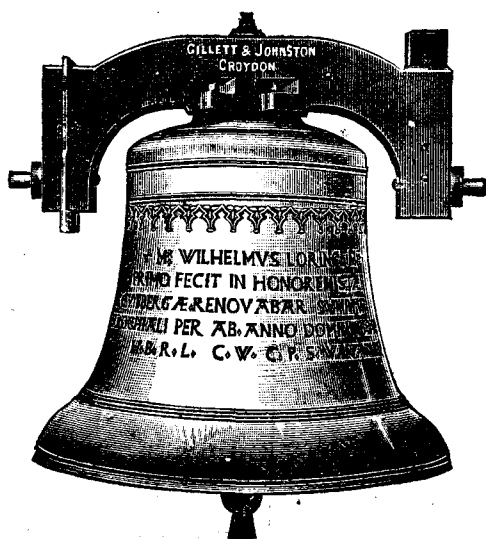
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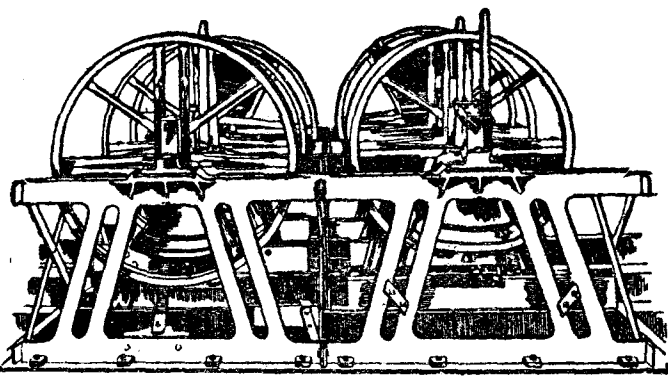
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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

This important annual event was held at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, and was, as usual, a great success. A company of over 100 sat down to an excellent spread under the able chairmanship of that most volatile personality—Francis E. Dawe, esq. Among the guests present were the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, Messrs. Arthur Wade Edge, John S. Goldsmith, Harry Mason, A. E. Parsons, Francis E. Ward, W. T. Pates, and H. Knight. Apologies were received from the Vicars of Aston, Deritend, Bishop Ryders, Erdington, and Boldmere, and the Rectors of Handsworth, and Sutton Coldfield, Canon Wheatley, of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, and Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, W. T. Cockerill, Harry Chapman, W. Pye, E. P. O'Meara, and R. A. Daniell. Mr. J. W. Taylor had accepted, but was prevented from coming by illness.

The loyal toast was duly honoured, and an interval of ten minutes announced for general conversation.

The toast of the evening—"The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," was proposed by the chairman in his own inimitable style. Mr. Dawe is one of the fortunate men who had the pleasure of knowing and ringing with the grand old veteran, and being possessed, as most ringers are aware, with an extraordinary retentive memory, and an eloquence unsurpassed, his speech was most enjoyable. He recounted many of his own unique experiences, which are many and varied, and told many anecdotes of Mr. Johnson that many Birmingham ringers had not heard before. He also took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. J. S. Pritchett on being elected an Alderman for the city of Birmingham, which is now the second city of the Empire.

"Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild" was proposed by Mr. Pritchett, who said how pleased he was to see such a large representative gathering once more on this historical occasion. The Guild was stronger numerically than ever before in its long history. He referred feelingly to the loss of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, which was indeed a very great blow to all. Mr. Reynolds was in many ways a remarkable man. He had rang more twelve-bell peals than any other man, and he had not missed a single "Johnson" dinner from the very commencement, being present at the first one, which was given to Mr. Johnson on his birthday at The Colonnade hotel. He congratulated Mr. Painter on once more being amongst them after a long and severe illness of fifteen months duration. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. P. Smith, the Secretary, who briefly responded.

"Kindred Ringing Societies" was proposed by Mr. W. H. Godden, and the "Ringing Papers" by Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. Goldsmith responding to the latter.

The health of "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. Pritchett, was drunk with musical honours, and on rising to reply, Mr. Dawe was enthusiastically cheered.

During the evening selections on the handbells were

given by Messrs. C. and E. Starkey and E. Wood, and a course of Stedman Cingues was rung by Messrs. Laffin, Russam, Carter, Miller, Groves, and Walker. Mr. H. Withers was, as usual, the "Star" with his dulcimer, on which he tapped to perfection courses of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich, and tunes galore. Two trios on the Eupho. Baritone and Piano by Messrs. F. Banks (St. Martin's tower-keeper), H. Banks, and Mrs. Tom Davies, were greatly appreciated, as were songs by Mr. Milligan.

RINGER'S OUTING TO CROYDON.

On Saturday, February 24th, by the kind invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, nine members of the Crewe society visited Croydon for the purpose of inspecting the new bells for Christ Church, Crewe. The old bells, the fittings of which had got into a very dilapidated condition, were continually breaking down, and the authorities at last determined to have them rehung in a more modern style. Three firms of repute were asked to tender, and after considering the different estimates it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to recast the old peal of eight bells, make them into a peal of ten, and rehang the whole with new frame and fittings complete. The bells are now ready for returning to Crewe, and the ringers had the opportunity of seeing and hearing them, unfortunately C. J. Cooke, esq., the London and North Western Railway Locomotive Superintendent, who is a very keen ringer, and takes a great interest in the Crewe bells and ringers, was prevented by business reasons from accompanying the party.

On arriving at Croydon about noon, the ringers went to Mr. Johnston's residence where lunch had been provided for them by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. After doing full justice to the good things provided, which a four and a half hours railway journey made very acceptable, a move was made to the works, and the ringers were soon busy inspecting the new bells and fittings. The bells which have been tuned on the Simpson's principle, were then chimed, so that they could judge of the tone, etc., and the ringers were greatly pleased with the improvement on the old bells. They also inspected the works, and saw different kinds of clocks, some finished, and others in various stages of erection, and other things of interest to ringers. Messrs. Johnston had also arranged for a bell to be cast during their visit.

At 4.30 tea was served to the visitors in the office at the works, and at 5.30 the ringers took their departure to London to spend a few hours before returning to Crewe, which was safely reached in the small hours of Sunday morning. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, also Mr. C. F. Johnston for their kind hospitality, and for the trouble they took to make the visit an enjoyable one, they being very much pleased with their day's outing.

FOR SALE.—Peal of 32 handbells. Will sell cheap Apply—W. FORSTER, 24, Hadfield Street, Northwich,

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The ringers who were responsible for the merry music with which Cheltenham was flooded after the re-dedication of the parish church bells on Sunday had a very busy day. They preluded their operations in the belfry by posing to a photographer, with them in a fine group being Mr. Hughes, of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, the firm responsible for the rehanging of the bells in their new steel and iron cage, and the casting of the two extra bells added to the top of the ring and bringing it to a total of twelve, a total only equalled by three churches in the county—St. Nicholas' (Bristol); Cirencester and Painswick, and placing Gloucestershire, it is stated, on a level with the one county (Middlesex) possessing four rings of twelve bells each. The Cheltenham ring, with its tenor of 22½ cwt., is, however, the lightest in any church tower in the country. Musicians will be interested to know that the tenor is tuned to E flat.

Few in the large congregation at the parish church on Sunday morning knew how the men in that belfry got the cue which permitted them to strike up their peal so promptly the moment the dedication had been pronounced by the Bishop. The fact was that the ringers from up their place under the steeple were actually witnesses of the ceremony, for at their wish the rector and the churchwardens had kindly had the covering of the ringing floor removed, allowing them and their visitors to see and take part in the service, in which they heartily joined.

In the opening peal the twelve bells were rung in rounds by the members of the Cheltenham and District Guild. After the service the opening touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by W. T. Pates, G. H. Phillott, A. W. Humphris, W. Yend, G. Pearce, J. Ballinger, W. Dyer, F. Musty, T. Pendry, J. Parsons, E. Dean, R. Trigg. Ringing friends of the Guild were invited from Birmingham, Bristol, Cirencester, Evesham, Gloucester, Ilfracombe, Painswick, Stroud, Streatham, Sheffield, Salisbury, Tewkesbury and Wiltshire, and the majority of these places were represented. At the second meeting of the ringers at 2.30 for the afternoon service the visitors and local ringers, including Mr. Townsend, took part in the ringing. The bells were again set in motion after service, when visitors not used to twelve-bell ringing were invited to ring rounds on the whole peal, and were not slow to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The next meeting was at 5.30 for evening service, when the bells were kept in changes until they were lowered in peal to allow the chimes to be heard during the service as arranged by the clergy. This took place after the third collect, when two rounds were chimed on the whole peal, one verse of the hymn tune "We love the place O God," and again two rounds. For this chiming the captain (Mr. Pates) was responsible. After service the bells were again raised in peal and kept going until late in the evening.

Experts say that the two trebles presented by Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham, whose generous interest thus shown is keenly appreciated, do the firm by whom they were cast great credit. The tone of the whole peal has been much improved, with the result that the beautiful quality of their harmonics is thrown out with much greater power than was the case before they were re-tuned. The ringers also speak highly of the fine workmanship of the rehanging.

Some of the uninitiated in matters of campanology have, we are told, been giving voice to the notion that the addition of two bells to the peal would render necessary a

band of more accomplished ringers. We are, however, informed that, thanks to the formation in 1892 of the Cheltenham and District Guild, even if two bands of twelve were required at the same time these could be rung by the Guild, which includes Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, Prestbury and St. Mark's. It has long been the ambition of Mr. Phillott (belfry custodian), and Mr. T. Pates (captain of the Society) that before they retired from ringing the peal at the parish church would be complete, and ringers throughout the district, as well as the public who love the silvery music of the bells, will rejoice with them that their hope has now been realised, thanks to the kindness of a much-esteemed local family, whose long association with the parish and church has already been referred to. Cheltenham has now the lightest peal of twelve in England.

The whole of the ringing on Sunday was conducted by the captain of the Cheltenham Society, Mr. W. T. Pates.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Swindon branch held their monthly practice meeting at Highworth on Saturday last. There was a small number of ringers present from Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wroughton. The bells of St. Michael's were rung at intervals during the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to Mr. W. T. Avery's refreshment rooms, where a substantial tea was thoroughly enjoyed. The business of the branch was next dealt with. Mr. Ernest Bishop occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. R. W. Hyner, branch secretary. The following gentlemen were elected honorary members: Lieut.-Col. Sir. Audley D. Neeld, Bart., C.B., M.V.O., J. I. Storrar, esq., and the Rev. C. N. Wyld. The branch was also further strengthened by the addition of five new ringing members. Corsham was selected as the place of the next meeting, which it is hoped to arrange in March. At the conclusion of the business a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Highworth, the Rev. J. F. D. Stephens, for granting permission to ring. The tower was again visited in the evening, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rang.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

RAUNDS.—On Thursday, February 8th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, R. Pendered, W. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, F. Kirk conductor, W. J. Gilbert. 360 Double Court. H. Stubbs, F. Kirk, R. Pendered, W. J. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert conductor, S. Bamford. On Sunday, February 11th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Kirk, F. Kirk, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, W. J. Gilbert, F. Stubbs, W. Gilbert conductor. On February 13th, 252 Bob Tridles. A. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, F. Kirk conductor, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert, S. Bamford. 360 Double Oxford. F. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert conductor, H. Stubbs, A. Kirk, S. Bamford. On February 20th 268 Grandsire Triples. A. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, F. Kirk, F. Stubbs, W. Gilbert conductor, S. Bamford. 224 Bob Major. A. Kirk, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Sharman. F. Kirk conductor. 128 Forward Major. H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, F. Kirk, H. Shannon, A. Kirk, W. Gilbert, conductor. On February 25th, 336 Bob Major. A. Kirk, W. Gilbert, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, F. Kirk conductor. 224 Double Norwich. A. Kirk, F. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, W. Gilbert conductor, H. Copperwheat, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

(Continued from page 599.)

Mr. Jack Fenwick proposed "Our President and Vice-Presidents." He said the band was proud to have such gentlemen at their head; with them nothing but success could crown the efforts of the ringers. On behalf of all present he thanked them for so kindly providing such an excellent dinner, and enjoyable evening. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and accorded musical honours.

The President thanked the company for the way they received his name, and said he was pleased to again meet his ringers and their friends at this function, and hoped to meet again under the same conditions.

Mr. John Russell said that who heard the bells ring, owed their gratitude to the ringers, for in these go-ahead times the sound of the pealing out reminded one of dear old England. He congratulated the band on their success, not only of ringing church bells, but handbells.

Mr. Guy Ambrose proposed "The Visitors," and said how pleased they were to have among them that evening one of the oldest and best of ringers in the county—Mr. Harper. He also thanked Mr. Constant, of Gravesend, for his ever-ready assistance to the Milton band, and was glad to see the three towers represented.

Mr. W. Harper, in responding, said he was thankful for the invitation to his colleague and himself, and urged the Milton ringers to try and get new blood, as they had not sufficient members. He urged the band to stick to their County Association, and said, speaking on the remarks of the President, the County Association had done much in the matter of belfry reform, and he was pleased to say that the state of affairs that used to exist was now abolished, and the belfry was considered by all ringers as part of the church. He congratulated the band on their progress, and said he was sorry, owing to the nature of his business, that he was unable to visit them much.

Mr. R. Hall also responded, and remarked on the great pleasure it gave him to have been one of the ringers for the C.E.M.S. band, also to have been in the present bands' first 720 of Cambridge Surprise, which was rung to commemorate the restoring of the belfry window by Mrs. Russell in memory of her husband, the late Mr. Churchwarden J. Russell, and said he hoped the present Mr. Churchwarden Russell would long be spared to support the Rector as warden.

After the toast of "The Artistes" had been duly honoured, proposed in a fluent speech by the curate, the Rev. W. Downes, the toast of "The Chairman" was enthusiastically received, and the singing of "God save the King" brought to a conclusion a pleasant evening.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Mitchell, Fenwick, Ambrose, Avis, and Sergeant. Mr. F. Axon fairly convulsed the company with his very humorous monologues, Mr. H. Champion accompanying on the piano, and selections on the handbells were given by the Milton ringers.

FOR SALE.—Church Bells of Devon, £1 1s.; Buckingham, 10s. 6d.; Suffolk, 8s.; Wilts, 3s. 6d.; Cambridge, 3s. 6d.; Cornwall, 3s. 6d.; and several other counties.—E. E. W., 6, Spencer Road, Cottenham Park, Wimbledon, S.W.

BOB MAXIMUS.

The peal of Bob Maximus in last week's "BELL NEWS" is not exactly as old as the hills, but a good deal older than any man living. Many years ago I wrote an article which you printed, in which I shewed that there is a limited number of touches with the 6th fixed, consisting of six, nine, ten and eleven courses each, and that by means of bobs at the middle you can get a very considerable number of peals, and by omitting different sets of three bobs at either or both of wrong and home you can get a large number of different lengths. Once the touches given, and once it is shewn the way to connect them up and to reduce them, there is absolutely no more any chance of an original peal on the plan. The gist of my article is contained in the Central Council Bob Major Collection. I suppose it is utterly useless to tell these young composers that original peals of Plain Bob are very very few and far between, but if they only knew how foolish they appear in the eyes of people who know, they would take a little more care before they republished so many old compositions.

The touches I referred to above are as follows:—

	W	R		W	R
(1) 45236	-	A	-	(2) 45236	-
24536	-	-	-	24526	-
53246	-	-	-	52436	-
25346	-	-	-	43526	-
34256	-	-	-	54326	A
23456	-	-	-	35426	-
				42356	-
				34256	-
				23456	-
(3) 45236	-	A	-	(4) 52436	-
24536	-	-	-	43526	-
53246	-	-	-	24536	-
25346	-	-	-	53246	-
32546	-	-	-	25346	-
54326	-	A	-	32546	-
35426	-	-	-	54326	A
34256	-	-	-	35426	-
23456	-	-	-	42356	-
				34256	-
				23456	-

Each can be reversed, putting w for r and r for w, and of course each can be started at any course-end. At the places marked A, and only there, you can call bobs at w without affecting the 2nd and 3rd, and so get a number of three-part compositions, or you can join two or more of the touches together. It would require very little time and very little knowledge for any one to sit down and write out every one of the possible peals. The 5016 of Maximus consists of two reductions of No. 1 added to No. 4.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is stated in a curious and rare little pamphlet on Catholic Miracles, published in 1823, that a band of sacrilegious robbers having broken into a monastery, proceeded out of bravado to ring the bells, when, through prayers offered up by the holy fathers, a miracle was wrought, and the robbers were unable to leave their hold on the ropes. This state of affairs was depicted by the inimitable Cruikshank.

9360 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By H. DAINS.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
23645	-	-	*
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

This composition which is in twenty-six courses, has the 6th bell her full extent at six course-ends each way in 5-6, and is the first published with the qualities in this method. By omitting to call the H bobs bracketted at A, B, and C, changes are reduced to 7,200 in number, with all mentioned qualities retained in 20 courses. Again by omitting to call the bobs H and W bracketted at D and E, changes are reduced to 5040, but a bob H must be added at * to bring up course-end 23645 from 56342.

The full composition as given contains 13,728 changes of Maximus, omitting the bobs H at B C, which reduce changes of Maximus to 10,590. The next reduction is by omitting calls at D, E, which reduces the changes to 7392. Finally, to reduce the Maximus to 5280, omit calling bracketted bobs H and W at F and G respectively.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By the same Author.

5280.

23456	W	H
45236	-	-
24536	-	-
53246	-	-
25346	-	-
32546	-	-

Repeated.

Has all the 4-6s and 5-6s at home throughout.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By the same Author.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
54652	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

This composition has the 6th extent H at twelve course-ends, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths at course-ends.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

Minutes of the seventeenth Annual Meeting, held in the Vestry of the parish church, Rugby, on Monday, February 19th. Present: Rev. H. C. Wanstall in the chair, Messrs. Brooke and Over, churchwardens, Watson, Chandler, Fenton, sen., Fenton, jun., Cole, Malins, Wheeler, Hessian and the hon. sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet was read, the adoption was proposed by Mr. Hessian, and seconded by Mr. Watson. Proposed by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Chandler, that Mr. Fenton, sen., be re-elected ringing master. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Hessian, seconded by Mr. Fenton, sen., that Mr. White be elected hon. sec. and treasurer, also a vote of thanks for his past services. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Fenton, sen., seconded by Mr. Watson, that Mr. Hessian be re-elected deputy ringing master. Proposed by Mr. Hessian, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, that the committee remain as in the preceding year, viz.: Messrs. Malins, Watson, Chandler. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Fenton, sen., that Mr. Hessian be re-elected hon. auditor. Proposed by Mr. Hessian, seconded by Mr. Fenton, sen., the following addition to rule 9:—"Should any member through prolonged sickness, excessive Sunday duty, or other reasonable cause be unable to make the necessary number of attendances, he may, at the discretion of the committee, be allowed a sufficient number of marks to enable him to take part in the distribution of the Society's annual grant." Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Over, seconded by Mr. Brooke, a vote of thanks to officers and ringing members for their loyal services to the Church. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Hessian, seconded by Mr. Fenton, sen., a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. C. Wanstall for presiding. Carried.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. V. Morgan (aged 14, first quarter-peal), A. E. Morgan, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, F. Morgan (first quarter-peal as conductor), S. Baiss.

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 5th and 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 5th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m. also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKRELL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at The Queen's Head at 8 p.m.
F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.

WILLIAM HOTEN, Hon. Sec.
42, Thornhill Road, Bainsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham to-day, Sat., March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley to-day, Sat., March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton to-day, Sat., March 2nd.

Rev. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A branch meeting of the above will be held at Everton, near Sandy, on Thursday, March 7th. Meeting at 6.30. Bells ready at 6 o'clock.

F. BLOOD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 9th. The parish church bells (10), available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the school at 5 p.m.

WM. ROBINSON, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 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 St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 6.
WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, March 16th. Meeting at The Lamb hotel at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 6 p.m. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham parish church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.
J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2s. allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hrd. Sec.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.
F. W. RICHARDSON.

SWINDON (Wilts.)—On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice at Christ Church, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Butler, A. Lawrence, G. W. Townsend, R. Hyner, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner, E. Oliver conductor, J. Brinkworth. First touch of Stedman Triples on tower bells by J. Butler. Also a p'a'ih course of Superlative Surprise Major. A. Lawrence, C. W. Townsend, R. Hyner, F. Locker, R. Thompson, E. Oliver, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner. First course in the method by Messrs. G. Lancaster and Locker.

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RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

The St. Andrew's society, with the Cambridge Street and Wood Street Mission choirs, were entertained to supper by the Rector, the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie, and the Hon. Mrs. Baillie in the Wood Street Mission Room on Tuesday, February 20th. Owing to a slight accident the Rector was unable to be present. After supper the usual loyal toasts was received by all singing the National Anthem, and then the handbells were brought into play by Messrs. Fenton, jun., Malins, Chandler, Hessian, and H. O. White. Needless to say the tune-playing, four-in-hand, is quite a novelty, and also hard work for the fingers. Great credit is due to the progress Messrs. Fenton, jun., Malins, and Chandler have made, for this was their first appearance in public.

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

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ESSERY* Treble.	FRANK A. SMITH 6.
GEORGE WATKIN† 2.	*ALBERT E. REEVES 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3.	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. 8.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	HARRY MANCE 9.
WILLIAM J. DEAN 5.	*WILLIAM A. BROOKS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by H. MANCE.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal on ten bells away from the treble.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ELSWICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY 5.
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 2.	THOMAS T. GORTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The composition was rung as a five-part. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. D. Crudas, donor of the church, tower and bells.

BODMIN, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

WARREN HORNBRICK Treble.	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH 2.	FRANK HOCKADAY 6.
REGINALD A. H. DOESON .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
WALTER H. MARSH 4.	GEORGE R. STROUD Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR 6.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	FREDERICK DAY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The ringer of the 4th has just returned to his native town from Winnipeg, but he is shortly returning, accompanied by his bride.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Primrose, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Tnlip, College Exercise, Cumberland Exercise, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID BARNES Treble.	REUBEN W. ETHERINGTON .. 4.
DAVID BRIGGS 2.	JAMES WILLIAM RATCLIFFE .. 5.
JAMES SMITH LOMAS 3.	JOHN HENRY BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,***A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DR. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART.**

PERCY COOPER Treble.	ALFRED BASSETT 5.
CHARLES MAYS 2.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6.
THOMAS SELF 3.	DANIEL SNELLING 7.
ALFRED BROWN 4.	*JOSEPH LAMPRIEL Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

*First peal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
GEORGE SPENCER 3.	*ARTHUR HARDING 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 5.	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters with a bob bell.

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

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30 cwt. 12 lbs.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble.	HARRY WRIGHT 5.
CHARLES PIDGEON 2.	DENISON HAYWARD 6.
CHARLES HARDING* 3.	FREDK. PESTELL 7.
EDWIN R. TODD 4.	WM. J. LEE Tenor.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

*First peal with a bob bell. Taken from the Clavis.

BROMLEY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT HUMPHREY Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
ALFRED JAMES 2.	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE 6.
GEORGE DURLING 3.	†SPENCER MARSHALL 7.
FREDE. SEAR* 4.	GEORGE HUXLEY Tenor.

Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entire local band for 62 years.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble.	HARRY PRICE 5.
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2.	ALBERT PRESTIDGE 6.
HARRY HILL 3.	ALFRED DAVIES 7.
WALTER PRESTIDGE 4.	RICHARD ROUND Tenor.

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and by the Association. All the above are members of the local band.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble.	HERBERT PRATT 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
JOHN O'NEILL 3.	CHARLES MOSS Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late T. C. Read, for fifty years churchwarden of Chediston church, who was interred on that day.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY Treble.	GEORGE WILSON 5.
GEORGE HARDY 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6.
FREDK. W. BAILEY 3.	JAMES M. BAILEY 7.
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4.	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by the late Rev. H. E. BULWER, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	SYDNEY R. ROPER 5.
WALTER S. WISE 2.	WILLIAM GROVES 6.
DAVID WRIGHT 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4.	JOHN S. DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. E. Horrox of London.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s: i. Double Court and Single Court, ii. Double and Single Oxford Bob, iii. Double and Single Bob, iv. College Single, v. Cambridge Surprise, vi. Kent Treble Bob, vii. Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LOED Treble.	JOHN W. LAKE 4.
REGINALD SCOTT* 2.	JAMES OSBORN 5.
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal in ten methods. First peal in ten methods as conductor. Rung on St. Matthias's Day.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

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 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY DALTON† Treble.	†BENJAMIN DALTON 5.
ANDREW JONES 2.	WILLIAM LAWLEY 6.
DANIEL JONES 3.	ALFRED FALLON 7.
JAMES H. ROWE* 4.	†JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung on St. Matthias' Day, and also as a compliment to Mr. T. Gilbert, the donor of the two new bells. †First peal in the method. *First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

Handbell Peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Osborn,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single, two 720s of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE 1-2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 3-4.
JAMES OSBORN 5-6.	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness—Mrs J. Osborn.

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NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. FRANK BENNETT, 3, HART'S LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2.	MISS ELsie L. BENNETT 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK BENNETT 7-8.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire—Frederick G. Woodiss. First peal with a bob pair by Miss Bennett, who is the first lady to ring two different pairs in any method, and is the first lady to ring 5-6 to a peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 19, CROMWELL ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER .. 1-2.	ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 5-6.
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4.	WALTER S. WISE 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire—David Wright. First peal with a bob bell by T. Groombridge, jun. First peal in hand by S. R. Roper.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA.—On Monday, February 19th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1912 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 472 of Plain Bob. C. Rose, E. Youngsi W. Clover, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, W. Rose conductor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stocking, who has been parish clerk for nearly thirty years. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a date touch, of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Ellam conductor, P. Gott, T. Cranshaw, A. North, J. Hooson, J. P. Lapish, W. Milner, J. E. Dawson, C. Grayson, F. Thorpe. Longest length by all the band and all the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

RAUNDS.—On Thursday, February 8th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, R. Pendered, W. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, F. Kirk conducted, W. J. Gilbert. 360 Double Court. H. Stubbs, F. Kirk, R. Pendered, W. J. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert conductor, S. Bamford. On Sunday, February 11th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Kirk, F. Kirk, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, W. J. Gilbert, F. Stubbs, W. Gilbert conductor. On February 13th, 252 Bob Tridles. A. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, F. Kirk conductor, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert, S. Bamford. 360 Double Oxford. F. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert conductor, H. Stubbs, A. Kirk, S. Bamford. On February 20th, 268 Grandsire Triples. At Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, F. Kirk, F. Stubbs, W. Gilbert conductor, S. Bamford. 224 Bob Major. A. Kirk, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Sharman, F. Kirk conductor. 128 Forward Major. H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, F. Kirk, H. Shannon, A. Kirk, W. Gilbert, conductor. On February 25th, 336 Bob Major. A. Kirk, W. Gilbert, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, H. Copperwheat, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, F. Kirk conductor. 224 Double Norwich. A. Kirk, F. Kirk, W. J. Gilbert, R. Pendered, W. Gilbert conductor, H. Copperwheat, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—On Saturday, February 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 51 mins. W. Payne, H. Walker, B. Wilson, B. Jarman, F. Hunt, C. Wing, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor. Rung in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties the King and Queen.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, February 18th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 588 Stedman Triples. H. Porter. A. Jarvis, S. Faithfull, G. Thompson, W. Smith, F. Laker, S. Perkins conductor, J. Muggridge. On Tuesday, February 20th, for practice, 560 Double Norwich Major. J. Muggridge, G. Thompson, W. Latter, A. H. Verralls, W. Smith, F. J. Laker, F. White, S. Perkins conductor.

TUNBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, February, February 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Thompson, A. Lawrence, F. J. Laker, W. Latter, W. Steed, F. White, S. Perkins conductor, S. Corke. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late A. H. Beeching, formerly head of the banking firm of Beeching and Co., now incorporated with Lloyd's. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for peal in the same method.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 25th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major. S. B. Weatherston, T. H. Taffender conductor, C. H. Hughes, H. W. Hibbert, E. J. Ridler (late of Bristol), J. Milner, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy.

LUTON.—On a recent Sunday, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 28 mins. W. Payne, J. Rookwood, B. Wilson, C. Wing, F. Hunt, H. Shepherd, H. Walker, A. King conductor. Longest touch in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

THORNHAM MAGNA.—On Sunday, February 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Arnold's Victory. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, W. Clover, G. Kemp, G. Cattermole conductor, L. Last.

THE LATE MR. A. W. REEVES.

FINAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Caversham	0	5	0
Mr. E. Frankum, Mapledurham	0	1	0
The Sandhurst ringers, per H. Watts	0	10	0
Rev. E. Broome, Hurst Vicarage	0	5	0
Rev. G. Blamire Rrown, Monks Risborough	1	1	0
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A. N. W., Bedford	0	5	0
Rev. B. Long, Wokingham	0	5	0
S. S., Devenport	0	2	0
Mr. A. W. Neville, Shiplake	0	2	6
Badfield ringers, per A. Parris	0	3	0
Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, Teddington	0	2	6
Mr. A. Pulling, Guildford	0	1	0
Mr. E. Thompson, Reading	0	0	6
Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Southampton	0	2	6
Mr. W. Gifford, Salisbury	0	2	6
High Wycombe ringers, per F. Hayes	1	1	0
Hampstead Norris ringers, per J. Lonsley	0	5	0
Beaconsfield ringers, per R. Buckland	0	8	0
Darlington ringers, per Mr. W. H. Porter	0	9	6
Pangbourne ringers, per J. Nicholls	0	8	0
The Brothers Bradley, Folkingham	0	3	6
A Bereaved Mother, Falham	0	2	6
Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley	0	2	0

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Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, wishes to state that the amount sent by him was from the Eye ringers. Mrs. A. W. Reeves wishes through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the above Fund, which has been such a substantial help to her in her bereavement. The above is now closed, and I wish to thank one and all for the hearty response to my appeal. A. W. OSBORNE.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.

In the belfry at Ecton there is a picture painted in colours on the plaster representing six ringers all in a row and each with his bell raised. They were attired—in the dress of a century and a quarter ago—in knee-breeches, stockings, and buckled shoes, with the shirts well opened at the necks. The central figure is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings, and a bunch of keys hanging from his "fob." On a bench to the left of the ringers stand a huge jug, a mug, and five clay pipes, with, what appears to be, a tobacco pouch. The remainder of their clothes appear on the floor.

Near Raleigh there is a valley said to have been caused by a earthquake several hundred years ago, which swallowed up a whole village, together with the church. Formerly it was the custom of the people to assemble in this valley every Christmas Day morning to listen to the ringing of the bells of the church beneath them. This, it was positively asserted, might be heard by placing the ear to the ground and listening attentively. As late as 1827 it was usual on this morning for old men and women to tell their children and young friends to go to the valley, stoop down, and hear the bells ring merrily. The villagers really heard the ringing of the bells of a neighbouring church, the sound of which was communicated by the surface of the ground, the cause being misconstrued by the ignorance and credulity of the listeners.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division of the above Association, was held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 21st. Nearly forty ringers attended from the following places: Ashford, Appledore, Biddenden, Faversham, Hawehurst, High Halden, Rolvenden, Rye, Smarden, Stone-in-Oxney, Tunbridge Wells, and the local tower. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully rung.

At 5 o'clock a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Babington), was held in the church, very appropriate prayers being used; Mr. P. Ward, one of the Rolvenden ringers, and who is organist at Rolvenden church, presiding at the organ. Service over, the company adjourned to Goldsmith's Temperance hotel, and sat down to an excellent meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided. Mr. C. Player voiced the thanks of the company to the rev. gentleman for his kind hospitality, the use of the bells, and for arranging the service.

The Vicar, in response, extended to them a hearty welcome. He offered a few words of congratulation to them on their ringing that afternoon. He had taken a walk in a direction in which the bells could be heard to the best advantage, and expressed the opinion that the ringing sounded very well. He was sorry he could not stay to their business meeting, as he had another service to attend, Lent being a very busy time.

Mr. Allen (Tenterden), was unanimously elected to preside. The following new members were admitted in the Association: Messrs. Woodgate, Milton, Hawkins (2), and Read, of High Halden; Holmes and Meadows, of Cheriton; Bottle and Ledger, of Headcorn; Prebble, of Hythe; Hope, of Folkestone; Allen, of Tenterden; Wenhams, of Stone-in-Oxney; Underdown, of Rolvenden; and Waterman, of Biddenden. The Rev. B. W. Gilpin, of High Halden, was elected an honorary member.

The next business for consideration was the proposed Benevolent Fund for the Association, outlined by the General Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and which the rev. gentleman is anticipating to bring forward at the next annual meeting of the Association.

The divisional secretary (Mr. C. Tribe), said Canon Helmore was desirous that they should answer the following questions. (1) Was the formation of a Benevolent Fund desirable? (2) If founded, by what means would the necessary contributions be supplied? (3) What persons would be eligible for relief, and who would consider their applications? (4) By what form and to what extent would relief be given? From the rev. gentleman's letter, it appeared that the finances of the Association at present are in a very flourishing condition, inasmuch that he thought, in order to work the scheme, the members annual subscriptions need not be increased. They would still pay 2s. each year, and a penny, twopence, or threepence of that, as might be arranged, would be set aside for the Benevolent Fund. By taking the membership at 900, and fixing it at 3d. annually, £11 5s. would be paid in each year. In addition to that he proposed to deduct 6d. off each honorary members contribution, and by so doing a further £2 6s. 6d. could be placed in the fund. The offertories at the annual meetings could be devoted to the object, and they would, no doubt find generous supporters making special gifts. He thought a scheme established on this basis, would produce an annual income of £15. That was without taking into consideration any interest accruing from the Post Office Savings Bank. He

hoped they would discuss the matter, and make any suggestions they deemed necessary. The members unanimously decided, without the slightest hesitation, that a Benevolent Fund was essential. As to the second question it was agreed that twopence be deducted from the members contribution. It was thought that sum would be sufficient. The third point, the management of the fund, was easily dealt with. It was resolved that a committee be appointed for each division of the Association, and one delegate be elected from each tower in unison with the society. The last question, as to the extent of the remuneration was not settled upon, the members thinking it best to leave it over until the annual meeting, when members from all parts of the county would assemble, and some solution would, no doubt, be arrived at at that meeting. It was thought advisable to hold a bye-meeting before the next quarterly meeting, and the members agreed to meet in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild at Bethersden on the last Saturday in March.

This concluded the business. The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung. The bells were lowered in peal about 8.30 p.m., and a very satisfactory meeting terminated.

We are told by the Rev. Patrick Stuart, minister of Killin parish, Perthshire, that in 1778, there was a bell belonging to the chapel of St. Fillan, that was in high reputation among the votaries of that saint in olden times. The bell seemed to be of some mixed metal. It was about a foot high, and of an oblong form. It usually laid on a gravestone in the churchyard. Mad people were brought to it to effect a cure. They were first dipped into the "Saint's Poyl," when certain ceremonies were performed, which partook of the character of Druidism and Popery. The bell was placed in the chapel, where it remained, bound with ropes, all night. Next day it was placed upon the heads of the lunatics with great solemnity, but with what results "deponent sayeth not." It was the popular opinion that if stolen, this bell would extricate itself from the hands of the thief and return home, ringing all the way. For some years the bell was locked up, to prevent its being used for superstitious purposes.

OVERSTRAND CHURCH, NORFOLK.

At a recent vestry meeting it was unanimously decided to apply for a faculty for the restoration and enlargement of the parish church of Overstrand, which has stood in ruins for many years. Already the growth of ivy has been stripped from the walls and tower, and the masonry has been found to be in far better condition than was anticipated. The removal of the ivy has disclosed four corbels in the chancel with carved faces, all in a very good state of preservation. The church contains the tomb of the late Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart. His son, who died in 1858 also lies buried in the chancel. The ruins of the old church date from the time of Richard II., before which a former building had been undermined by the sea. Standing in the midst of charming scenery, with the sea in full view, the ruins of Overstrand church present a picturesque appearance.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a date touch, of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Ellam conductor, P. Gott, T. Cranshaw, A. North, J. Hooson, J. P. Lapish, W. Milner, J. E. Dawson, C. Grayson, F. Thorpe. Longest length by all the band and all the bells.

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marks, with quasi-heraldic devices. The London foundries, however, still maintain their place at the head of the craft, and their bells are found all over England, from Northumberland to Cornwall. Two founders of the fifteenth century, Henry Jordan and John Danyell, cast between them two hundred bells still existing. They are adorned with some beautiful and curious devices, such as an elegant cross surrounded with words, and the Royal Arms surmounted by a crown. Jordan's foundry shield bears, among other devices, a bell and a laver-pot as symbolical of his trade, and a dolphin with reference to his membership of the Fishmongers Company. Thomas Bullisdon is remarkable as having cast a ring of five bells for the

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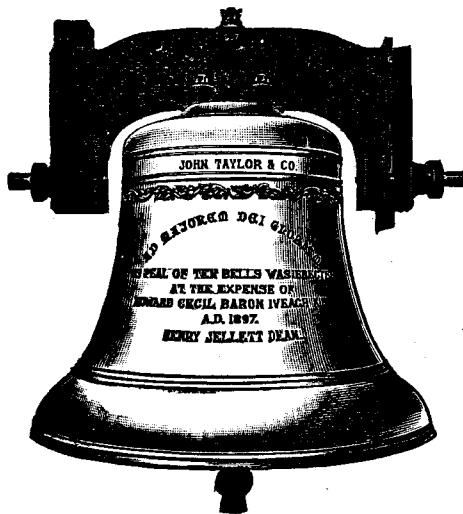
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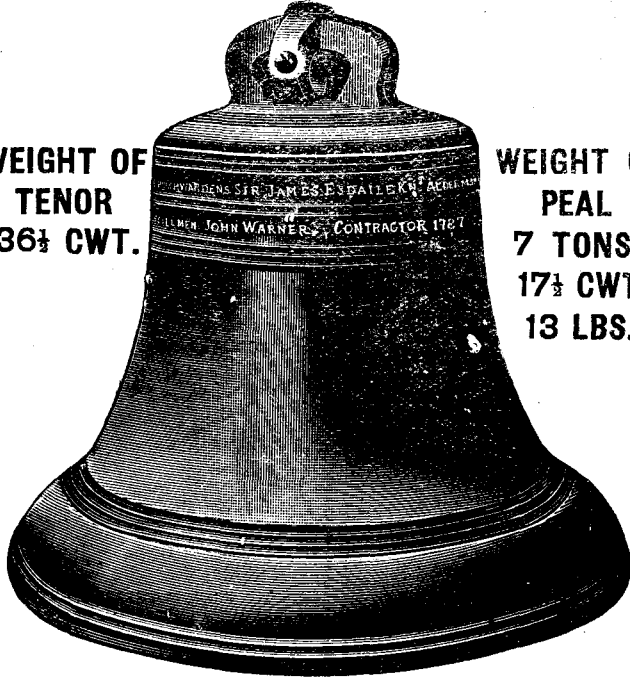
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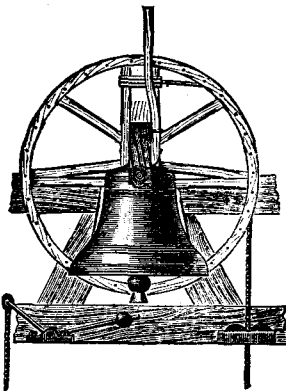
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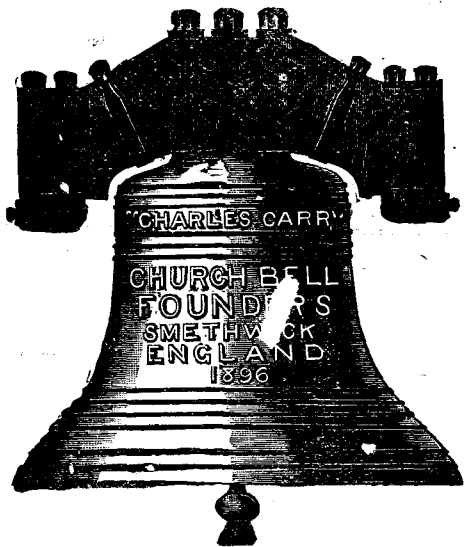
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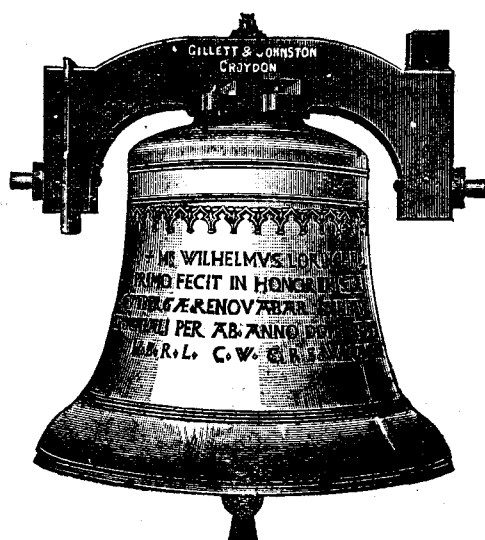
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BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

SUGGESTED PEAL OF EIGHT.

A meeting to consider the renovation and restoration of the Biggleswade church bells and clock, was held at the small Town Hall on a recent Tuesday evening. Mr. W. F. A. Fletcher presided, and amongst those present were the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin, Miss Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Franklin, Messrs. F. Gee, E. B. Winch, E. Marsh, W. Chambers, G. W. Brittain, W. Cobb, F. Blood, J. A. Brown, F. Skilliter, S. Ell, D. M. Spong, T. Wilkinson, F. Matson, C. W. Elliott, M. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blake, Messrs. L. Blake, W. Medlock, Miss Beavis, Miss N. Smith, Mrs. Sole, Mrs. Crookes, Nurse Brown, Miss Thompson, Miss Giffen, Miss Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Miss Pledger, Mrs. P. Clark, Mrs. Jeeves, Miss Chaundler, Miss Bartlett, Miss Sandon, Miss Medlock, and many others.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said he was in the chair in a way as a usurper, for Mr. H. M. Lindsell had been originally asked to preside, but owing to his absence abroad he was unable to do so. He could only say he was sorry Mr. Lindsell was not present. The object of the meeting was to consider the renovation of the parish church bells and clock. The Vicar and the churchwardens were primarily responsible for the upkeep of the church, as a whole, but their view had been, and he confessed he shared it, that the question of the church bells appealed to the interest of the parishioners as a whole. A public meeting had therefore been called. The church bells were used for the parish as a whole, on all occasions of national rejoicings, and also for national sorrow and mourning. He believed the bells were also available to any private individual for either rejoicing or mourning, the formal permission of the incumbent having been first obtained. He preferred, however, to appeal to those present to look at the matter from a broader aspect, that of the love of parishioners, for the parish, and all interesting things belonging to it. They had, therefore, called that meeting, because they considered it only right that when they were asking people to support an object, they should have the opportunity of hearing the proposals as to what was going to be done.

Continuing, Mr. Fletcher said a preliminary committee had been formed, and this would no doubt be added to, of the churchwardens and Messrs. H. Chaundler, C. Soundy, F. C. Kitchiner and himself, also F. Blood. He regretted that the other members of the Committee were unable to be present. Another gentleman who was interested in the matter was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, who was an expert ringer.

The history of the Biggleswade bells were somewhat obscure, and a great deal of it was surmised; he did not think, however, there was anyone present who could contradict it. It was believed that the four bells, leaving out the tenor bell, were cast in 1721, and it is probable they were hung in the same year, and they had hung there ever since. The chime was known as a "maiden

peal." The church tower was burnt down in 1720, and so they had strong circumstantial evidence that when the church tower was rebuilt, the next year the bells were also hung. The tenor bell was cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1895, and that name was familiar to any one connected with bells, as they were the firm responsible for the bell known as "Great Paul." So it had an interesting connection. The other four bells were inscribed "John Russell, of Wootton, made me in 1721, A.D." That was all that was known about their history. The Vicar and churchwardens had sought expert opinion on the matter of their renovation, and had two firms' advice. The gist of the two reports was that the bells were in about as bad a condition as they could be, and they had cause to congratulate themselves that no accidents had so far occurred. The first idea was that the five bells should be re-cast, and another bell added, thus making a ring of six, but it had since been suggested that the bells should be recast, and three more added, thus making a full octave. So far as the money went, in order to make a new framework and recast the present five bells, and add three new ones, the cost would be about £350. Then there was the question of the clock, the repair of which was also a necessity, and this would cost from £17 to £20.

The difference between the six bells proposed, and the eight bells would be about £75, and it seemed a pity when they had the opportunity to have a full octave and a really good peal, that they should let it slip for the sake of that small sum. Assuming they were "going the whole hog," they would want, roughly, £370. Mrs. Sarrel had most generously promised £100, as a memento to the late Mrs. Barnett, the condition being that one of the bells should be inscribed as a memorial. The members of the family of the late Mr. Charles Lindsell had also promised to become responsible for one bell, at a cost of £35 to £40 on the same conditions. In addition Mrs. H. M. Lindsell had contributed ten guineas, and a similar sum had been offered by Mr. B. Franklin and family. Another ten guineas had also been promised. They had therefore toward the fund, £166 10s. 6d. It was proposed to have a house-to-house collection, and he hoped people who could afford it would contribute handsomely, and that others would contribute their shillings.

The Vicar also spoke in support of the proposition, and said it was proposed to have Westminster chimes to the clock, and to those who lived close by that would be welcome. It was also proposed to so fix the chimes that they would be heard all over the town.

Mr. F. Gee, in moving the resolution, said he was very pleased indeed to know they had had such an excellent start. With regard to the old church bells and the old Mother church, he believed they were appreciated by the Churchmen and Nonconformists alike. The Church had stood there many years, and the bells would be still further appreciated if they rang out in more melodious tones. He hoped they would be all be at one in the parish on this matter, and if they could not give a pound, give a shilling. He had much pleasure in moving the following resolution: "That this public meeting authorises and

requests the committee to take steps for the collection of subscriptions for the recasting of the present five bells in the parish church tower, and for the addition of three other bells, and also for the renovation and restoration of the parish church clock."

This was seconded by Mr. W. Chambers and supported by Messrs. M. Bennett, C. W. Elliott, T. Wilkinson and W. Medlock.

The resolution on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and supported by Mr. H. Franklin, was also unanimously accorded.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place at headquarters on Saturday last. During the afternoon ringing took place on the famous ten bells at All Saints' church, and at 6 o'clock the company assembled for tea, which the President of the Society kindly provided for them. Tea being over the Vicar said how pleased he was to be able to meet them once more, for being unable to get into the belfry the occasion of their annual meeting was the only time when he could meet them.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, but having to hurry away in the middle of it his place was taken by Mr. J. W. Kelley, who filled the breach in a very able manner.

The Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary, who reported that four peals had been rung; one of Grandsire Triples, one of Double Norwich on tower bells, and one each of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters on handbells. The peal of Triples was conducted by Mr. J. W. Driver, and the other three by Mr. W. Shepherd. It is worthy of note to mention that the peal of Caters was rung at the Crystal Palace during the Festival of Empire, being the first ever rang there. It was also the century peal by the Society.

The balance sheet was read and adopted, and six hon. members were elected, including Miss Elsie Bennett, of New Cross. A long discussion followed with regard to the alteration of some of the rules, and at length the meeting agreed to two alterations. The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. W. Driver; Secretary, Mr. Knights; Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Troughton; Steward, Mr. Harvey, sen.; Trustees, Messrs. A. Jones and L. Attwater.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited, where more ringing was indulged in.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Padiham last Saturday, when a large number of ringers from Blackburn, Colne and Burnley met at St. Leonard's church at 3 o'clock, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours. After tea a meeting followed, Mr. Wm. Heaton (Branch President), occupying the chair. Mr. T. Redman proposed a vote of condolence be conveyed to Mrs. Ridyard and her family.

It was proposed to hold the next branch meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the local company for having all in good order. After the meeting the bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BELLS IN EARLY TIMES.

Bede mentions that there were large bells in England as early as 670.

Benedict, Abbot of Wearmouth, brought a bell from Italy for his church about 680. In the ninth century bells came into use in the east; and two centuries later in Germany and Switzerland. These were handbells. Examples of these are still in existence in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. They were made of thin plates of hammered iron, wedged-shaped. Some of the Irish examples are enclosed in costly and rich cases, elaborately decorated with designs in relief and enamel, and set with valuable stones.

Belfries did not come into use until the seventh century, when Alfred erected a tower for bells at Athelney. Bells were not always hung in one tower, or in a tower adjoining the church. Some were fixed in a frame-work in the churchyard, as at St. Helene, a sixteenth century in one of the out-of-the-way corners of Brittany.

The first tuneable peal was however not used in England until 945. Turketul, Abbot of Croyland, in Lincolnshire (who died in 975) had presented his Abbey with a great bell before this time, which he called Guthlac, to which Egelric, his successor added six other, which were named Pega, Bega, Bettelin, Bartholemew, Tatwin, and (after the Abbot), Terketul. There was an especial good reason for naming one after St. Bartholemew, for consecrated bells were believed to have had a virtue against thunder and lightning; and the identical thumb with which that apostle used to cross himself when it thundered, was among the relics of the monastery, having been presented to Turketul by the Emperor. It is not improbable that these bells were founded by the monks of Croyland, for at this period and for several centuries later, bell founding was a craft which was carried on by monks.

Ingulph places it on record that Dunstan was a skilful artificer, and presented bells to the western churches in the tenth century.

The bells of the Middle Ages were longer and narrower than those of modern make. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, a great authority on church bells, states that the oldest known dated bell in England, is at St. Chad's, Cloughton, and bears the date of 1296. Pre-reformation dated bells are of rare occurrence. We are told that the first Englishman who followed bell founding as a trade was Roger Ropeforde, of Paignton, in Devonshire, who in 1282 was employed to make four bells for the north tower of Exeter Cathedral.

On a board in the ringers' chamber of Newark parish church are the following "orders," framed about the close of the eighteenth century:—

"If you a hindrance to ye ringers be,
Twopence for it must be ye sexton's fee;
With hat or spurs on don't begin to ring;
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string;
Don't swear nor curse: shun these stumbling blocks.
The law gives twelvepence, or else go to the stocks.
Who brawls or wrangles, whom ye major part
Fines to be guilty shall pay his quart:
Who rings an hour-bell, be it night or day,
If he o'erthrows, he shall his sixpence pay."

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.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.

On Friday, March 8th, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge—the Church's oldest missionary society at home and abroad—celebrated its 215th birthday. It was founded on March 8th, 1698, by five Churchmen, Lord Guilford, Sir Humphrey Mackworth, Mr. Justice Hook, Dr. Bray, and Colonel Colchester. The first-named was the son of the celebrated Sir Francis North, afterwards first Baron Guilford; the second was an English country gentleman of some renown; the third was an Irishman and lawyer: Dr. Bray was a country clergyman: Colonel Colchester was a soldier, who had already founded a charity school. These were the five men who, in the midst of "the visible decay of religion in this kingdom," coupled with the "monstrous increase of deism, profaneness, and vice," began their humble efforts to raise the nation from its degradation. Such an anniversary should not be allowed to pass without at least recalling their names, and the debt of past and present generations to their faith, foresight, and zeal.

THE COAL STRIKE.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent the following letter to all diocesan bishops in England and Wales:

Lambeth Palace, S.E., March 7th, 1912.

"My dear Bishop,—The Archbishop of York and I agree in recommending that in the services on Sunday next the prayers of all congregations should be specially invited for a blessing upon the efforts of those who are endeavouring to bring to an end the existing industrial strife. A special character might, in this connection, be given to our ordinary services, and all will desire that we should remember in our prayers those who, without any fault of their own, are suffering acute distress in consequence of the dislocation of labour and of trade.

"Even if the controversy be brought speedily to an end, this suffering must needs be widespread, and it is difficult to over-estimate its gravity if the strike should be prolonged. In that case it may become our duty next week to issue for general use special forms of service, and possibly to set apart a day for such prayer and intercession, both public and private.

Yours very truly,
RANDALL CANTUAR."

The dedication of the new entrance gates at St. George's church, Deal, as a memorial to King Edward VII., will take place at noon on Monday. The Bishop of Dover will perform the ceremony.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday evening, March 3rd, for Divine Service, two courses of Stedman Triples, and two courses of Treble Bob Major. W. Pierce, F. Lambert, jun., C. Moss, J. O'Neill, A. H. Took, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert, A. Lee. On Tuesday evening, March 5th, for practice, six courses of Stedman Triples. W. Peirce, F. Lambert, jun., C. Moss, J. O'Neill, H. Barton (Southwold), A. Lee, F. C. Lambert, C. Barnes. Also on handbells three courses of Stedman Triples, and a course each of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. A. Lee, 1-2; H. Barton, 3-4; F. C. Lambert, 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8.

NEW TESTAMENT REVISION.

A suggestion for a fresh revision of the New Testament has been before the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop refused to take any authoritative action at the present time, but made an alternative suggestion to the committee which had put the matter before him.

The Revised New Testament was issued thirty years ago, but has never won any general popularity. Its public use in churches and chapels is still the exception. It has some enthusiastic clerical advocates, but few lay admirers. This is probably due to the fact that the public mind was too deeply saturated with the familiar phrases and cadences to accept drastic verbal alterations, recommended by however great a weight of scholarship.

This popular instinct happens to coincide with the view of an important body of critical opinion. Its contention is that the revision of the New Testament was undertaken in the wrong spirit, not confining itself to the emendation of errors, but putting forward practically a new translation, in which characteristic qualities of the Authorised Version were destroyed. The revisers of the Old Testaments, these critics urge, have shown that it is possible to correct the Authorised Version without changing the spirit of the original.

These views were set forth at Lambeth Palace by a deputation which included the Bishop of Ripon, the Dean of Norwich, Sir Henry Craik, M.P., Dr. Rendall (late head master of Charterhouse School), Dr. Field (master of Radley), Mr. Robert Somerville (Harrow School), Dr. Gow (Westminster School), Dr. A. C. Bradley, Dr. H. G. Woods (master of the Temple), Mr. F. W. Bourdillon and Mr. J. St. Loe Strachey (editor of the *Spectator*). They presented a memorial, signed by a large number of heads of colleges and public schools, and other scholars.

One suggestion made was that a committee to consider the corrections in the Revised Version should include representatives of Nonconformity.

The Archbishop said there was much of the views of the deputation which would be in complete accord with the mass of public opinion; but he criticised several statements made, especially one to the effect that the version had been altered unnecessarily, and for the worse. That was a sweeping assertion, and he did not agree with it. While he was prepared to go a long way with those who desired revision, he did not think this was an opportune moment for an authoritative endeavor to do the work suggested.

The Archbishop said he would like to see a few men of acknowledged scholarship take the books and say what should be done as between the Revised and the Authorised Versions; and then having before them such works of voluntary critics, they would be in a better position to judge whether it was desirable to seek to give the imprimatur of authority. That was the course he would prefer at the present time rather than to attempt authoritative action—which he would hesitate to do until textual criticism and research had gone much further.

VILLAGE BELLS.

Oh, merry are the village bells that sound with soothing chime

From the dim old tower, grown grey beneath the shadowy touch of Time;

They give a murmur of delight to earth, and sky and seas,
That mingles with the running stream, and floats upon the breeze.

Carrington,

ENGLISH BELLFOUNDERS.

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We can only note some interesting features of the work. The Brasyers seem to have been the most successful workers outside London, and no less than one hundred and fifty of their bells still exist in Norfolk. Their trade mark was a shield with three balls and a crown, which after the Reformation went to the Leicester foundry, and some of their inscriptions, in rhyming hexameters, are very beautiful. A Bristol founder of about 1450 used for his mark a ship, the badge of his native city. The Bury founders were also gunmakers, and place on their trade mark a bell and a cannon, with the crown and crossed arrows of St. Edmund.

Very few bells of this period are dated; but we find examples at Worcester, perhaps cast by the monks there, with the dates 1480 and 1482. For a long period very little church building was done, and it would appear that at some time during the latter half of the fifteenth or early in the sixteenth century bells were removed from some churches and distributed among others. The statement that only one bell was left in each parish church is not borne out by facts, as many churches still possess three or four mediaeval bells which must have hung untouched in their towers since before the reign of Edward VI.

Contemporaneously with the lapse of church-building there would also appear to have been a slackness in bell-founding, though this was not general; the foundries at Leicester, Nottingham, Bury St. Edmunds and Reading actually seem to have received a new lease of life, and 1560-1600 is almost their most flourishing period. This is especially the case at Leicester, where a well-known family named Newcombe were at work, succeeded by an equally celebrated founder named Hugh Watts, whose fine bells were deservedly famous. At Nottingham we have the aynasty of the Oldfields, lasting from 1550 to 1710; and at Reading a series of founders of different names ending in a succession of Knights down to 1700. The Hatches, of Ulcombe, in Kent, were another prosperous family, as were the Eldridges, of Chertsey.

At Bury St. Edmunds one Stephen Tonne reigned from 1560 to 1580. His foundry was, however, destined to yield to the sway of that at Colchester, which begins with Richard Bowler, about 1590, and reached its culmination between 1620 and 1640, under the great Miles Graye, who has been called "the prince of bell-founders." Numbers of his bells remain in Essex and Suffolk, his masterpiece being, by common consent of ringers, the tenor at Lavenham, in Suffolk. At Colchester, as in other foundries, the seven years of storm and stress—1642-1649—while the Civil War between Charles I and the Parliament raged in England, practically put an end to bell-founding. Siege and other troubles certainly hastened the end of old Miles Graye, who died in 1649, worn out by privation and bodily suffering. His grandson Miles kept on the foundry till 1686.

Turning to the West of England, we find the foundries at Bristol, Gloucester, Worcester, and Salisbury still in a flourishing condition. At Bristol, George Purdue, a native of Taunton, was followed by Roger and William Purdue in the seventeenth century; the latter migrated to Salisbury about 1655, where he carried on the work of John Wallis and John Danton. Thomas Purdue, the last of the family, died at Closworth, in Somerset, in 1711, and on his tombstone are the words:—

Here lies a Bellfounder, honest and true,
Until the Resurrection, named Purdue."

In the West of England their place was filled by the Penningtons of Exeter, the Evanses of Chepstow, and the Bilbies of Chew-stoke, Somerset. The Keenes of Bedford and Woodstock, John Palmer of Gloucester, and John Martin of Worcester, all did good work in their day, as did the Cliburys of Wellington, in Shropshire. Another important Midland firm was that of the Bagleys, of Charcombe, in Northamptonshire, whose foundry was opened in 1631, and flourished till the end of the eighteenth century; though in the latter period its owners became restless, and settled temporarily in London, Witney and other places. In the North, York was again the chief bell-founding centre, and Samuel Smith and the Sellers were famous exponents of the art; in the East of England we have, beside Miles Graye, first the Brends, of Norwich, then John Darbie of Ipswich, and Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury.

Several founders between 1560 and 1700 were mere journeyemen, who went about from place to place, doing jobs where they could. Of such was Michael Darbie, of whom it is said: "one specimen of his work seems to have been enough for a neighbourhood." At Blewbury, in Berkshire, a local man attempted to recast a bell in 1825. He failed twice, but was then successful, and placed on his work the appropriate motto, "Nil Desperandum." Apart from this it was not at all uncommon for bells to be cast on the spot, as were Great Tom of Lincoln, and the great bell of Canterbury, or at some convenient intermediate place.

In 1684 a fresh start was given to the Gloucester foundry, then fallen on bad days, by William Rudhall, perhaps the most successful founder England has known. He and his descendants cast altogether 4,521 bells down to 1830, and their fame spread all over the West of England, from Cornwall to Lancashire, and even over the seas. Most of the big rings of bells in the West Midlands are their work. The foundry finally came to an end in 1835, when the business was bought up by Mears, of London.

In London itself bell-founding seems to have come almost to an end between 1530 and 1570. But about the latter year arose one, Robert Mot, who set on foot what is now the oldest-established business of any kind in England. The foundry in the Whitechapel Road, now only a short distance removed from its original home, has always upheld its reputation throughout the 300 years and more during which it has been continuously worked. Several of Mot's bells still remain in London, and many others in Kent and Essex. In the seventeenth century the foundry was in the hands of Anthony and James Bartlet, who cast many bells for Wren's churches after the Great Fire. In the eighteenth century, under Phelps, Lester, Pack and Chapman, successively its reputation gradually increased, and in 1783 began a dynasty of Mearses, lasting down to 1870. The name is still preserved by the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, though neither a Mears nor a Stainbank now owns a share in the business.

Their great rivals, the Taylors of Loughborough, cannot emulate them in antiquity, though they can still boast a respectable pedigree, dating from Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, in 1731. After moving to St. Neots, Leicester and Oxford, the firm finally settled, in 1840, under John Taylor, at Loughborough, where his grandsons now carry on the business.

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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 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at The Queen's Head at 8 p.m. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.

WILLIAM HOTTEN, Hon. Sec.
42, Thornhill Road, Baysbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal to-day, Sat., March 9th. The parish church bells (10), available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the school at 5 p.m.

WM. ROBINSON, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, to-day, Sat., March 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 St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., March 9th. Bells ready at 6. WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, March 16th. Meeting at The Lamb hotel at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 6 p.m. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham parish church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day. J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2s. allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brockfield, Gorton, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight. Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble.	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4.
BARNARD PATMORE 2.	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5.
FRED WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

*First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 2.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3.	ARTHUR S. BOAR 9.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.	EDWARD EVANS 11.
FREDK. WATLING 6.	FREDK. DAY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Kent Maximus. W. Gillingham is shortly returning to Winnipeg, and A. Boar is leaving his native town to reside at Cheltenham. This is the first peal on the bells since their restoration.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHEED .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 4.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10.
ALFRED PADDON SMITH .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
CHARLES DICKENS 6.	HARRY DICKENS Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung on the occasion of the "Henry Johnson Celebration."

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENT'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. EADES* Treble.	*E. BISHOP 5.
G. THOMPSON 2.	*C. BRASIER 6.
F. HAMMOND* 3.	A. TURNER 7.
H. R. BUTCHER* 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major, members of the local company.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. R. WHITTINGTON .. Treble.	Cecil CHARMAN 5.
ROBERT WHITTINGTON .. 2.	THOMAS WORSFOLD .. 6.
HORACE CHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM CHARMAN .. 7.
ALWYN CHARMAN 4.	HARRY LEDGER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, and first peal by a lady resident in the district. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the wedding of the ringers of treble and 2nd. This is believed to be the first peal ever rung on tower bells with both husband and wife taking part.

FOR SALE.—Peal of 32 handbells. Will sell cheap Apply—W. FORSTER, 24, Hadfield Street, Northwich.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Violet,
Woodbine, Merchants Return, Oxford and Kent, Tenor 11½ cwt.

LUKE KILICK Treble.	*WILLIAM CHEESMAN .. 4.
FRANK HAWKINS 2.	WILLIAM BASHFORD .. 5.
FRED BASHFORD* 3.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

*First peal. First peal of Treble Bob in seven methods by all.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of York, Dnrham, Wells, London, Norwich, Cambridge, and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDK. MANSE .. 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING .. 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSE.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who wishes to thank the band for enabling him to score a peal on the beautiful ring of six at this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SEN. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
JOHN F. WILSON 2.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM STEELE 3.	GEORGE POYNTE .. 7.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BOOKER Treble.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	REUBEN BALDWIN .. 6.
FRANK GATES* 3.	WALTER SMITH .. 7.
GEORGE DURLING 4.	WILLIAM WEST Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

*First peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	FRED H. DEXTER .. 6.
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. 7.
ERNEST MORRIS 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 8.
T. LEONARD ALLEN 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. 9.
ARTHUR S. PETTITT .. 5.	*WALTER JAMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 1.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	CHARLES PARKER .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William C. Gillingham and Miss May Kathleen Fenton, of Ipswich, who are leaving England for Winnipeg, Canada; and also Mrs. Harriet Motts' 84th birthday, which she celebrated on March 5th, the mother of James and William Motts. Birthday congratulations were conveyed to Mrs. Harriet Motts, and also to the bride and bridegroom.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CRAWFORD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR MOSELEY .. Treble.	ALBERT CRAWLEY .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 6.
THOMAS TUDOR 3.	WILLIAM WEATHERBY .. 7.
THOMAS W. PEAKE 4.	GEORGE HALL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERBY.

First peal as conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WM LEATHERBARROW* .. Treble.	†EDWIN LEATHERBARROW .. 4.
GEORGE POWNALL 2.	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 5.
ARNOLD NUTTER 3.	*JAMES ORME Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Treble Bob by all the band and on the bells. All belong to the local company.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDK. G. RADLEY .. Treble.	PERCY LETCH .. 5.
ALFRED TARBUN 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. 7.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by all the band except the second man, who had previously rang the treble.

WISBECH.—On Sunday morning, March 3rd, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. R. Narborough, H. Goakes, A. Goakes, G. Piggins, C. Goakes, C. Goakes, jan., conductor, T. Haines, H. Cheesewright. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. H. Piggins, T. Haines, W. H. Freeman, H. Banham, C. Goakes, G. Piggins, R. Narborough, H. Cheesewright. Conducted by Ralph Narborough.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PBAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lbs.

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
EDWIN F. PIKE 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4.	BERTHAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTHAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ARDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble.	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4.
BARNARD PATMORE 2.	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5.
ARTHUR CARTER 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal upon the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble.	JOHN RICE 5.
ALBERT MITCHELL 2.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 6.
ALBERT HARMAN 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS 7.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.	FREDK. W. RICE Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PEARCE Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES 7.
WILLIAM T. PATES 3.	REV. CYRIL JENEYM 8.
ALFRED H. PULLING 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.	CATHERINE G. WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of the Appleton Society.

Handbell Peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 1-2.	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 3-4.	FREDK. J. CROSS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE CROSS.

Umpire—B. Fry. First handbell peal by all. This handbell company was formed in November 1911, and their average age is 19½ years.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service at the following Cathedrals and Churches, touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters were rung. St. Paul's, Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques. E. Horrex, E. Gibbs, A. B. Peck, R. French, H. Springall, E. Wallage, C. S. Burden, C. F. Winney, S. E. Joyce, H. Langdon, W. T. Cockerill, conductor, H. R. Newton. Southwark Cathedral, seven courses of Stedman Cinques. W. E. Garrard, conductor, F. G. Symonds, A. V. Selby, J. Hayward, W. A. Garrard, A. E. Bradley, W. J. Daubney, E. G. Stibbon, J. R. Mackman, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris, F. Redknap. St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, City, five courses of Stedman Caters. C. H. Hughes, C. F. Winney, T. H. Taffender conductor, R. W. Green, H. T. Gowllett, E. J. Ridler, H. Langdon, F. J. Hardy, A. D. Barker, J. Milner. Also two courses, with J. Milner, 6, and E. J. Ridler, tenor. For afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques. A. B. Peck, A. Jones, W. E. Garrard, H. R. Newton, H. Springall, E. Wallage, C. S. Burden, H. Langdon, S. Joyce, T. H. Taffender, W. T. Cockerill, conductor, W. Prime and T. Langdon.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Thursday, February 29th, for practice, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Morgan, V. Morgan, J. W. Jones, B. Millard, S. Jones, C. Greedy, F. E. B. Charles, conductor, T. Max. First quarter-peal in the method by B. Millard, and first quarter-peal as conductor in the method.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. G. Edser, sen., F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd conductor, J. Emery, A. Woodrow, A. F. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, R. J. Polley. This quarter-peal contains all odd bobs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. Miss C. Playle, E. Hawkins, G. Chaplin, F. Freestone, G. Playle, *W. Palmer. For Children's service another 720 with A. Playle 4, *F. Chaplin tenor, the rest as before. For evening service 720 College Single. Miss C. Playle, E. Hawkins, A. Playle, E. Butler, G. Playle, F. Freestone. After evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, with A. Chaplin, treble, the rest as before. All conducted by G. Playle. *First 720.

THE CHESTER GUILD.

RUNCORN.—On Tuesday, March 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Iugham, G. Meredith, H. Meredith, J. Scrutton, B. Trevitt, S. Booth, T. Mather, E. Sherlock conductor, B. Trevitt.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at Bishop Ryders, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Coley, E. Large, G. W. Taylor, A. T. Scrivena, J. T. Perry, W. H. Carrod, J. Collett first quarter-peal as conductor, T. Pearce.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the handbell peal at Bourne, reported last week, the methods should have read, "being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single, two 720s of Plain Bob, and one 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob."

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, CALTIC STREET, WOOD LANE, STOCKPORT.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Church Army has received a gift of a quantity of patent peat fuel, in response to its special coal fund appeal, and it is being distributed among poor families.

On Monday evening the Archdeacon of London inducted the Rev. Gerald Keith Stirling Marshall to the living of the city church of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria Street.

The Rev. Harold John Smith, Rector of St. Mark, West Gorton, Manchester, has accepted the offer of the living of St. Silas, Blackburn, vacant by the transferring of the Rev. E. J. Bardsley to Nottingham.

The Archbishop of York has appointed a diocesan committee to facilitate the exchange of benefices within his diocese under his Grace's advice and authority. It consists of the Archdeacons and ten other clergy and laymen, with Mr. A. V. Hudson, diocesan registrar, as secretary.

The annual reception of Colonial and Missionary Church workers by the two Archbishops, under the auspices of the Central Board of Missions, will take place on Thursday, June 6th. The Reception Committee have published a statement drawing attention to the principle on which invitations to this ceremony are issued.

The annual meeting of the Central Church Defence Committee has been fixed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to take place on Friday afternoon, April 26th, at the Church House, Westminster, and the proceedings are likely to prove of exceptional interest. It is in contemplation to hold a large popular gathering in the evening of the same day.

The Rev. E. Page, of The Birks, Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth, has died at the age of fifty-two. He graduated from Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1885, was ordained in 1886, and after serving as a curate at Battersea, was Rector of Whitchurch, Herefordshire, from 1890 till 1897, and Rector of Spridlington, Lincolnshire, from 1898 till 1910.

The observance of St. Gregory's Day, which falls on Tuesday next, has been arranged for by the Gregorian Association, and there will be a Solemn Eucharist at St. John's, Red Lion Square, at 11 o'clock, when the music will consist entirely of Plain-song, and will be rendered by the Priests' Choir of the Association without organ accompaniment. At the conclusion of the service a sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. G. Adderley, of St. Gabriel's, Birmingham.

The death has occurred suddenly at Rishangles rectory near Fye, of the Rev. Jordan Soden, incumbent since 1894. He was a scholar of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, (Junior Optime), B.A. in 1854, and M.A. in 1857. He became second master at Coventry Grammar School and curate of Binfield, passing in 1883 to the vicarage of Little Melton, Norfolk, where he remained till his transference to Rishangles. He wrote on religious and social subjects.

The Rev. H. Chittenden Rogers, Rector of Narborough, Norfolk, has died after a severe operation, at the age of sixty-five. He graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1860, proceeded M.A. in 1874, and was ordained in 1875. He had been an assistant master at Reading School, and Head Master of St. Michael's College, Tenbury. He was chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford, and Head Master of the Cathedral School from 1879 till 1884. Mr. Rogers was Rector of Wood Norton from 1884 till 1896, and Vicar of Westacre, Norfolk, from 1897 till 1899.

BISHOP GORE AND FASTING.

The Bishop of Oxford writes as follows in reference applications for dispensations from fasting: "I receive a number of applications to grant dispensations from fasting. Even where the practice of fasting is well established and well observed with a clear understanding of what it means, even so I think its observance in our time must be left mainly to the individual conscience and judgment. General dispensations seem only to promote general laxity; and particular dispensations to be given whenever they are asked for. With us it is especially true that we must appeal to the individual conscience. It seems absurd for a Bishop to grant a dispensation to an individual to modify a rule which has not been enforced for centuries. What is wanted is to promote a fresh recognition on all hands of the duty and value of fasting and abstinence. Medical opinion is a great help in this. And the clergy can make useful suggestions for its observance in detail in view of the needs of their parishes. But the circumstances of individuals vary so widely that practically the question of what can be done in detail must be mainly determined by the individual."

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1280 changes. O. J. Hunt, J. H. White, F. Smallwood, E. H. Johnson, W. T. Cox, F. Pervin, C. Freeman, A. Roberts conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and tenor; also first quarter-peal in the method in the city of Coventry by a local band.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was reported that four large stained glass windows for the chancel are being presented in memory of the Rev. R. Leicester, Sir Hordman and Lady Earle, Sir Alfred Jones and Mr. W. E. Gladstone. These are being executed by Messrs. James Powell and Son. A letter was read from Mrs. James Barrow, of Waterloo, offering to contribute a further sum of £5,000 towards the building of the organ, this generous gift making her total contributions for the purpose the sum of £15,000. Several smaller gifts were announced to the Cathedral Fund. One of these were from a lady who bequeathed her jewellery, which will be realised, and the proceeds given to the Building Fund.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINGLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WOOD* Treble.	W. HYDE INGLESANT .. 5.
CHARLES H. BRIGGS† .. 2.	†JOHN GARRATT 6.
HARRY WRIGHT† 3.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. 7.
FRED COTTON* 4.	*NUNN WALKER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKS JAMES, and
Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

At the quarterly meeting of the Council of the Bishop of St. Albans' Fund for East London "Over the Border," held under the presidency of the Bishop of Barking, the auditors' statement of accounts showed that the income for 1911 included a legacy of £5,000 from the late Rev. M. E. Welby and a donation of £1,000 from Viscount Iveagh to be used as capital. The total receipts amounted to £19,252, and the office and working expenses to £892. In view of the rapid growth of the population the Council appeal for increased support to help them to meet the spiritual needs of this vast area.

The next session of the London Diocesan Conference will be held in the Church House, Westminster, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8th and 9th. As usual the Bishop of London will preside.

A gift of £1,000 has been made by the patron of the living, Mrs. Prescott, to

augment the stipend of the vicar of Dalton, Lancashire. The Bishop of Southwell has also lately received an anonymous gift of £1,000 for various diocesan societies.

The Bishop of St. Albans expected to be at Cairo on Saturday last. From there he proposes going for a fortnight to the Holy Land. He expects to be back in London by April 3rd. He writes in excellent spirits.

Mr. Evans Griffiths, Secretary of the Southwark Diocesan C.E.T.S., has just received from an anonymous donor the sum of £200 towards the building of a new house for the Boys' Shelter Home. The old house is in so dilapidated a condition that a new building must be erected this year. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Griffiths at the Home, 134, Camberwell Road, S.E.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation held on

Tuesday, the sum of £330 was distributed amongst eighteen clergymen, nine widows, and four orphan daughters. Holiday grants amounting to £85 were also made in addition to gifts of clothing in 37 cases. The total amount distributed was £415.

The Bishop of London left Cairo on Thursday in last week for the Holy Land, via Jaffa. During his visit to Cairo he preached several times at All Saints' Church, and held a Confirmation at St. Mary's Church. During his stay he visited the aged Coptic Patriarch, with whom he conferred, emphasising the friendly ties that existed between the two Churches. The reports which appeared in one or two papers as to a breakdown in health were much exaggerated. He was laid up at Luxor for a couple of days, but the slight attack of fever soon passed off.

LLANELLY PARISH CHURCH.

A lich-gate, which was erected by Mr. Arteur D. Davies, of Goring Place, at a cost of about £500, in commemoration of the rebuilding of the parish church, was recently dedicated by the Bishop of Swansea. The design is of the Late Decorated period, and is a beautiful architectural addition to the parish church and the town of Llanelly, and in every way worthy of its purpose and of its munificent donor. Mr. Arthur Davies, who is now seventy-six years of age, has been connected with the parish church all his life, and was the largest subscriber towards the rebuilding fund. The work has been carried out by Mr. William Clarke, of Llandaff, from the designs of Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan.

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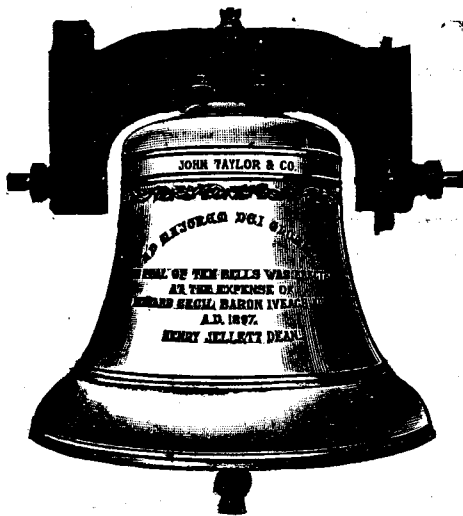
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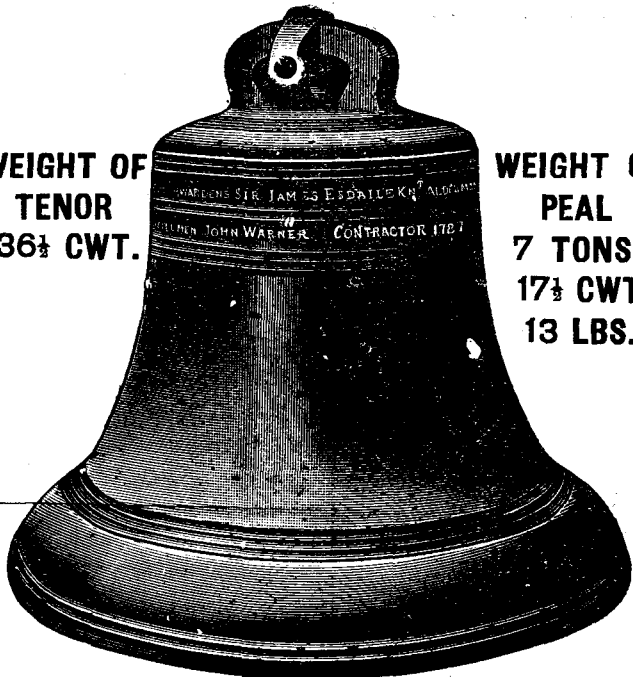
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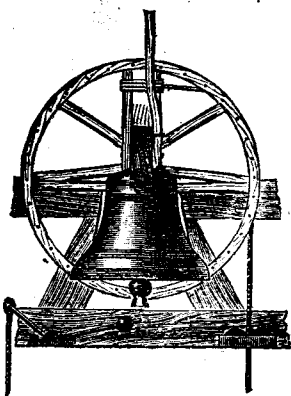
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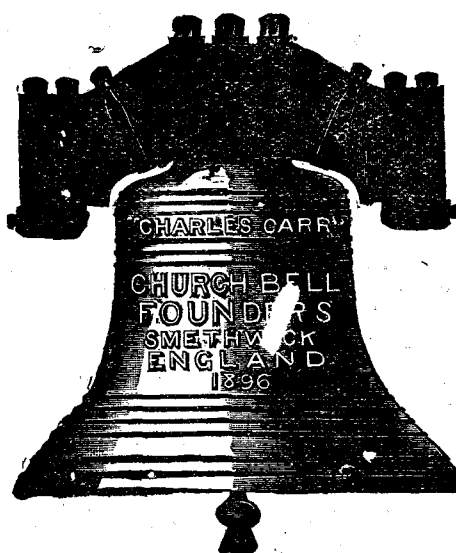
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