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APOLOGY,

We respectfully apologise to our Readers for the delay in this issue. "The Bellringer" has just passed a serious crisis, but has emerged as stated above. We will explain more fully in our next.

Yours, in the work,

W. C. H. W. W.



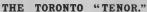
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HE conjunction of Church and Stage has of late formed a theme of profound thought for those who desire the well-being of the former. We have seen many forms of attraction to places of worship—more recently the doubtful taste of an incumbent who permitted a well-known actress

to give an exhibition of dramatic elecution from the chanceland it may be urged with some truth that the end justifies the means. Far be it from us to play the prude or the Puritan, but the stage as a vehicle of moral or religious influence should be judged by the fare it provides. The origin of the drama in England undoubtedly arose in religious representation. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the monks endeavoured to place before the people in a vivid form of sacred dialogue, well-known Bible narratives. This kind of play is still maintained in obscure parts of the Continent, the passion play of Ober-Ammergaw being the principal. The rise and fall of the stage is unpleasant history. After Shakespeare had sought "that bourne from whence no traveller returns," came a group of dramatic writers, including Congreve, who stripped the last vestige of decency from the playhouse. Of Congreve, Charles Lamb wrote: - "He has spread a privation of moral light I will call it—rather than by the ugly name of palpable darkness-over his creations. No decent character is to be found!" It has taken from then until now to purge the stage of undesirable delineations, and not altogether with success. Noble men and women have trodden the boards with a single thought-that of uplifting the drama-and that, no less than their genius, has graved their names on the scroll of histrionic fame. When we think of the lives and pourtrayals of Mrs. Siddons, Wilson Barrett and Henry Irving, it is with a consciousness that they did not live in vain. Given a pure stage, it must be conceded that character impersonations showing how virtue is triumphant and vice is discomfited make for good. Who shall say how many have been led to think of their own misdeeds on witnessing a repetition of their own heart's secret? Not only is all the world a stage, but in a measure we are all Hamlets.

So far so good, but we are in danger of a second fall. We cannot view with equanimity everything that is served up behind the footlights for the public entertainment. From the theatre to the music hall is but a short step, but whether it appear on either stage, the performance of what is known as "living statuary" is a subject for serious consideration. Anything may be hidden behind the excuse that such an exhibition is "Art." Anybody can exclaim "Honi soit qui mal y pense," but that does not alter the fact that evil exists. Art is like Charity—it may be made to cover a multitude of sins. The question of exposing the human form almost in puris naturalibus is answered instantly. For those who desire Art for its own sake the galleries are open. For the vulgar herd the motif is only too apparent. No father with any respect for himself would permit his wife or daughter to pose for the gaping crowd. It is not for Art that these people flock to see "living statuary." We heartily endorse the opinions of the Bishop of Manchester, Lincoln, and Llandaff, who concur that these exhibitions are not only degrading, but a menace to the religious life of the public. Perhaps the views of Sir Luke Fildes, R.A., condenses those of the most eminent academicians:-" The palpable object of the entertainment being what it is, there can be no doubt that the exhibition is degrading in its tendencies." The Bishop of London is heading a movement for the suppression of "living statuary" as at present exhibited, and we earnestly wish that movement success. Had such statuary taken the form of the tableau vivant of days gone by, no voice of dissent would have been heard, but in its present innovation the purity of the youth of this country stands before anything else in importance, and every man, religious or sceptic,

churchman or nonconformist, will be remis in his duty if he yields one jot on such a question as this. We have witnessed these exhibitions ourselves and diagnosed, we think correctly, the objective of many; and we are emphatically and uncompromisingly on the side of the Bishops who hold that such shows provide a series of stepping-stones to depravity.

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It is a remarkable fact that the Central Council is slow to act. Not only that, but it cannot be claimed by its strongest adherent that it is any too prolific in ideas. (We are quite aware that we are committing lesse majesty by these remarks and cheerfully invite the penalty.) Possibly the reason is because ringers as a body are very conservative themselves. The present system of life-membership would in any other sphere have been taken in hand and placed upon a vastly different footing. When a ringer goes for a holiday it sometimes occurs that opportunity offers for a peal. he starts to ring, however, he is saddled with a levy of five shillings in order to become a "life-member." How many working men ringers have crown pieces to spare, especially after train fare is paid? He has no rights to exercise in the He is an alien except for peal-ringing. Association. should he be taxed so heavily by a society of no use to him and which he may never visit again? Is there no other way? We submit that there is. Through the machinery of the Central Council it is possible for all societies to offer equal facilities to ringers by a general

Affiliation Scheme.

To bring this to pass it would be necessary for the Council to issue to all its component societies affiliation cards of membership annually. Every ringer could, who wished to do so, obtain from the secretary of his particular society his card at a cost of say one shilling per year. Its possession would entitle him to the ordinary privilege of peal-ringing anywhere for the current year. The names of the affiliated societies could be printed upon the card, and that would be his ringing passport wherever he might travel. We believe all societies concerned would benefit materially by such a scheme as this. At present only a limited number can afford the luxury (?) of life-membership, but affiliation opens up a field of ringing to thousands otherwise unable to explore it. He would not expect the ordinary privileges of a local member, viz., certificate, report, and the right to vote; the latter being of no use to him, but the two former could be purchased at the proper price. The income from the sale of affiliation cards would be divided per ratio among the societies combined.

It may be asked "would not certain societies suffer from lack of ordinary life-membership?" We answer: That might be so, but the aggregation of affiliation fees would counter-balance and more than compensate. Moreover, the

main object is not the benefit of any particular society, but the well-being and the advantages gained by the whole.

Would ordinary members let their yearly subscriptions lapse in favour of the affiliation clause? We answer, No, because only financial members of any society would be able to obtain their cards. Although we are quite prepared to do so, it is scarcely within our province in this particular place to produce an elaborate scheme in all its details. Suffice to say that although the launching of it would of course entail some little extra work upon the officers of the "C. C.", once the organization was complete, the affiliation scheme would virtually work itself. We are aware that it is too late for any expression of opinion to be given at the Council meeting this year, but we throw out the idea in the hope that our readers and ringers generally will discuss it among themselves.

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The disorderly meeting at the Church House, Westminster, on the 13th ult., when his Grace of Canterbury presided in aid of a monk's college at Leeds, will be read with mixed feelings. We give the extract from the daily press on another page. When the last word has been said in favour of the High Church party we must confess that it is time the line of demarcation was drawn between the churches of England and Rome. Reference to the Tablet—the Roman Catholic organ—proves that the "Oxford movement", as represented by the extreme Ritualists, is producing more converts to Rome than any other sect.

Many churchmen have held their peace in the past rather than cause strife in their own parish church. They have sought fresh places of worship, leaving the church of their fathers because of the innovations of their priest. The old forms of earnest devotion has been converted into mysticism both unreal and almost absurd. Time was when pure English was good enough to describe the daily religious services. Now Latin is the only wear. Morning Prayer is now "Matins." The sweet name of Holy Communion is turned into the "Eucharist." That emblem of purity—the white surplice of the minister—is superseded by "vestments." We know the leaders of the Ritual are earnest men, and living among them for some years has taught us another thing, and it is this: that the theatrical form of service is the attraction that draws the public more than devotion. We regret to place on record our firm conviction that the church we love is in danger more from the Romish practices of certain of her priests than from all the alleged grievances of the Nonconformists or the iconoclasts into whose hands the true churchman is being betrayed. There may be among our brother ringers diverse opinions regarding what is known as Ritualism, but with the advent of the mass and Church of England monks we think that straight speaking from within the ranks is preferable to slanders from without.





TE were munching our supper of bread and cheese, my private chaplain and I. He had been reading to me about the Colonial Conference and the banquets. Not too much conference but banquet ad lib. He reckoned up how many square meals the Premiers had negotiated and found it totalled out at about seventeen banquets and fourteen "luncheons off the joint." On the joint would be more correct. While he was reading the Menu and all the good things they had incorporated I nibbled his cheese because it was Friday night—and Friday night in a-ahem! poet's garret is an appropriate time for a cheese-paring policy. One journal vaguely hinted that when the Premiers returned home, it would resemble a parade of fat stock from Islington. My reverend friend had got down the list past the *entrees* into the jellies when he must have heard me groan in spirit. My frenzied eye was rolling, and I was at the final banquet. I could see the mountains of meat and noticed that the New Zealander's daughter Mary had a little Lamb. Knowing from experience that the Muse was projecting me into a state of poetic clairvoyance my friend got himself under the bed with pencil and notebook and "took off" the following :-

The Premiers were going home, the Conference was o'er, Colonials were shaking hands the Briton and the Boer; The time had come for parting and they looked a sorry crew, Their heads had swelled, their hearts were full, likewise their stomachs too.

John Bull, he slapped them on the back to shake their pensive mood.

And cried, "My boys, you all have had a Preference on Food! We've done our best to entertain, and every means devised, Altho' I fear, when you return, you won't be recognised.

So here is something to beguile the hours on board so dull; Receive it as a souvenir—a present from J. Bull." Sir Robert Bond was rather fond of good old Rhenish wine, Yet on his toast he hoped his host would toe the fiscal Lyne.

Said Doctor Jim, "We've copied him, tho' not so extra stout, What ales us is the motherland will take some knocking out. Sir Wilfred Laurier said no warrior ought to pipe his eye; And Sir Joseph Ward to climb on board declared he wouldn't

So Botha grabbed them botha t once, and Dr. Jim he felt A grim reminder of that grip he once had on the veldt; Mr. Deakin tried to sneak in to the cabin down below, But the crew upon the gangway cried, "Room for the Royal show." *

Next day they suffered mal de mer, and white about the gills, They opened "souvenirs" and found—a box of pills!

(And for events that never happened after they set sail Are they not faithfully recorded—in Ye Daily Mail?)

These little trifles your humble servant can jerk off upon an empty stomach, and yet critics are asking who is liked to be the next poet laureate! As if they didn't know. Let Milton's voice be heard no more. Rest Byron in thy oblong tomb. Get Shakespear! get behind the door and give the

* This space to be let for an advertisement.

ringing poet room. My readers have read the writings of all these defunct folk, especially those of the Gent of Stratford, whose christian name was like mine. You have read them I say, and you have read ME. I am not jealous, not I; but there's no comparison, though I say it. Pooh! Bah! and likewise Pshaw!! nothing more need be said.

Talking of Shakespear reminds me that there are numbers of everyday sayings that are ascribed either to the Bible or to the Bard. While not making any pretence of being a walking encyclopædia, yours truly delights in unearthing quaint sayings. How many people who use these sayings know their origin? It is Sir Philip Sydney in "Arcadia" who describes his wife as "my better half." That old copybook motto "Procrastination is the thief of Time" is found in Young's "Night Thoughts." Shakespear is responsible for a great many, among them being the following:—
"That is neither here nor there."—Отнешьо.

"I know a trick worth two of that."—HENRY IV.

"We have seen better days."—Timon of Athens.
"Every inch a King."—King Lear.
"Frailty thy name is woman."—Hamlet.
"Something rotten in the state of Denmark."—Hamlet.

"In my mind's eye."—HAMLET. "Brevity is the soul of wit."—HAMLET.

"Throw physic to the dogs."-MACBETH. "Stand not on the order of your going but go at once."-

"Fallen into the sere the yellow leaf."-MACBETH. Many other distinguished authors have coined famous phrases for which William of Stratford has got the credit. It was Bacon who asserted that "Knowledge is power." Those well-known sayings, "Distance lends enchantment to the view," and "Like angel visits, few and far between," are to be found in T. Campbell's poem, "The Pleasure of Hope." Another one of his, "Coming events cast their shadows before," is in the poem, "Lochiel's Warning."

Very few of my readers would accept my statement that

"I escaped by the skin of my teeth" is found in the Bible, but so it is—see Book of Job. There are well-known proverbs that do not come from Scripture. For instance, "To err is human—to forgive, divine," is by Pope, who also produced "A little learning is a dangerous thing," and "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread" (Essay on "Criticism"). The old sailor who said in a storm that "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" would be staggered to know that it is not in the Bible at all, but in STERNE's "Sentimental Journey."

Dean Swift, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, was the first to declare that "Bread is the staff of life." It was Congreve who coined the phrase, "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." There are many other sayings some of them invented by writers with little else to hand their names down to posterity. The humorous quotation, "Care will kill a cat," is attributed to one Withers, while Thomas a Kempis is responsible for "Man proposes but God disposes." Most fathers of a family feel sure that Scripture says "Spare the rod and spoil the child, but the saying is in reality taken from Butler's "Hudibras," As may be expected, many modern writers incorporate these household words sometimes unconsciously, in fact they are so apt and fitting for everyday life that it is almost impossible to avoid or to vary them. There is one saying I cannot fathom, viz.: "As sound as a bell of brass." Does any reader know whence it emanates?

The group portrait of the Guildford ringers shewed us a few fresh faces. Group pictures are valuable to the exercise if only to introduce us to men about whom we have read perhaps a good deal, but whom we have never had an opportunity of meeting personally. Messrs. Steer, Radford, Jones, and Hunt, are well-known performers down Winchester way. The latter gentleman, Mr. James Hunt, is the one who makes and writes peal-boards. We on this paper have nothing to gain or loose by flattery or misrepresentation, and in saying what we are about to say about Mr. Hunt we only speak of him as we found him, and particularly so because he does not advertise with us. Some years ago, the writer ordered a peal tablet written in gold. That peal-board is as good to-day as when it was put up. The cost was remarkably reasonable. The work done under honest trade conditions and with a solidarity that will stand for hundreds of years. I don't think anyone will be disappointed with the work entrusted to James Hunt, of Guildford.

Our next issue recommences Weekly, and we mean business.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EXETER.

A true report of what took place at the Central Council Meeting.

By the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held in the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral, on Tuesday, May 21st, under the presidency of Sir Arthur Heywood (Midland Counties), the following being amongst

those present:

F. E. Robinson, Oxford Diocesan Guild; G. F. Coleridge, Oxford Diocesan Guild; C. H. Hattersley, Yorkshire Association; W. Snowdon, Yorkshire Association; R. A. Daniel, Cumberland Youths; H. Davies, Cumberland Youths; G. T. Altree, Sussex; Joseph Griffin, Midland Counties' Association; Herbert A. Cockey, Gloucester and Bristol Association; R. S. Story, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; Arthur B. Carpenter, Surrey Association; Rowland Cartwright, Stafford Archdeaconry Association; Samuel Reeves, Stafford Archdeaconry Association; Richard Ridyard, Lancashire; John Aspinwall, Liverpool and Lancashire; W. J. Nevard, Essex Association; W. Baker, Bedfordshire Association; W. H. Godden, S. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; J. Waghorn, Middlesex; John Bradney, Salop Archideaconal Guild; C. Tompkins, Sussex; H. Chapman, Manchester; R. T. Holding, Crewe; H. E. Bapsett, Salisbury Diocesan Guild; H. J. Elsee, Lancashire Association; Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Sec.; C. W. Jenkyn, Oxford Diocesan; Arthur Hughes, College Youths; Martland Kelly, Devonshire Guild; Henry White, Winchester Diocesan Guild; John W. Taylor, Midland Counties' Association; H. Drake, Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Charles Dean, Surrey Association; R. Richardson, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; George Williams, Hon. Member; Fred Wilford, Central Northamptonshire Association; G. Watson, Sussex; H. Lane James, Lincoln Diocesan; E. Barnett, Kent County Association; J. Clark, Hereford Diocesan; F. Bennett, Sussex County; F. G. May, Gloucester and Bristol; B.

Prewett, Herefordshire; Arthur T. King, Middlesex County; A. F. Martin Stewart, Wimborne; J. Parker, Cumberland

Youths; F. Hilmore, Kent County Association.

The President said that seeing the critical state of things that still supervened in regard to their Church, he did not think that he should be justified in passing over all reference to what had taken place during the past year. At their last meeting in London last year he pointed out, when speaking on the education question, how vitally that question affected the well-being of the Church itself, and he also ventured to point out that it was only the beginning of a great campaign against the Church. He wished to direct their attention to the fact that within the present session of Parliament a resolution had been carried by a very large majority in the House of Commons affirming the desirability of the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England. Therefore, he thought he might fairly remind them that he was not wrong in connecting the Education Bill of last year with the welfare of the Church. They had also the intimation from the Government that during the next session a Bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Welsh Church would be brought forward. They would realise that if such a Bill became law it would be an instalment of the disendowment of the Church of England, and they also had to remember that this year the House of Commons had before it, as yet undecided, the Bill of Mr. McKenna for obliging the managers of voluntary schools to pay for the time of the teachers as was devoted to denominational teaching—the Religious Instruction Bill—or Religious Destruction Bill it

might be more properly called. (Applause.)

The objections to the Bill were, first, that the owners or managers of voluntary schools already contributed very largely in the provision of buildings and in the annual outlay on their repair, and they would also realise that that being the case, if they also had to pay one-thirteenth or onefifteenth, or whatever might be decided as the quota of the salaries of the teachers which was considered to be corresponding to the time spent by them in denominational teaching, they would see that they would practically have to pay a sum in the large towns which would be a matter of very grave importance, more particularly in the northern counties, and principally in the diocese of Manchester, where the number of children educated in the voluntary schools were 72 per cent. of the whole. There was also to be remembered the fact that while the Church was called upon under the Bill to pay for the religious instruction of its children in the faith of the Church, Churchmen at the same time were not relieved from the necessity of paying for the undenominational teaching of which they did not approve. (Applause.) One fact remained, as Mr. Balfour pointed out, that, in effect, if Mr. McKenna's Bill were to pass into law they would practically be paying three times over for their religious education. They did not want anything but fair treatment; they asked for nothing more than that equality of interest and equality of treatment. Of course, at the present moment there was very great doubt whether Mr. McKenna's Bill would become an Act of Parliament, but it did not become them to relax their effort, to see that justice was done to their schools and to their Church. He need not remind them how vitally the position of the Church in the country affected their interests as ringers, nor was he prepared to say to what an extent the ringers of this country contributed by their efforts—and he knew many of them did make great efforts—to the very great victory that was won by the Church last year in preserving its voluntary schools. He could only suggest to them, and it was worth their while, it was their duty, no less than their interest, to try during the stirring times that were before them in regard to Church matters to continue to do their very best for the Church. (Applause.)

(To be continued.)

THE

SOUTHOVER CHURCH BELLRINGERS' GUILD,

LEWES, SUSSEX.



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BACK ROW (reading from left to right):—
W. Pelling, G. Tyler, R. Horstcraft, E. Kenwood (Sexton at Wivelsfield Church where Photo. was taken), J. S. Goldsmith, C. Errry, E. J. Pannett, Keith Hart.

MIDDLE Row:-

R. J. DAWE, A. J. TUHNER (Capt.), H. H. EBRALL (Hon. Sec.), J. R. LUSTED (Churchwarden), J. T. RICKMAN, Esq., M.A., J. T. GLANDFIELD (Vice-President), A. S. LANGRIDGE (Dept. Capt. and Steeple Keeper), F. S. STURT (Assistant Hon. Sec.).

FRONT ROW:—

G. H. STURT, G. RICHARDSON (Collector).

HE Guild of Bellringers at Lewes, Sussex, is fortunate along with one other tower only in the county in possessing a ten-bell ring. Previous to 1906, Southover was an eight-bell tower, but mainly through the liberality and zeal of J. T. Rickman, Esq., himself an excellent ringer, two new bells were added, and the other eight re-hung and entirely restored, the Dedication and Re-dedication Service taking place on February 22nd, 1906. Notwithstanding the added interest which ten bells gives to the members of a Guild or a Society of Ringers, and the possession of such a powerful means of harmony, a great deal of excellent ringing was done on the former peal of eight bells, and a great many fine ringers, local and distant, have on them found their stepping-stones to after repute and honour. Indeed, Southover always remains a favourite place for ringers from all parts of the county and especially from Brighton, which, owing to its short distance of but eight miles, is readily accessible to the ringers from that larger town; and if a meeting of the Central Division of the County Association to

which, of course, Southover Guild is affiliated is ever announced, then the grand old tower of Southover Church, or rather its bell-ringing chamber, is sure to be crowded with enthusiasts from all parts of the county, and the business meeting sure to be a record one. All honour, therefore, to the old ring of eight bells, and at the same time the Guild is certainly wishful for further distinction in the future on the present magnificent peal of ten bells.

Turning from the foregoing matters which relate to the bells themselves, the Guild is admirably conducted as regards its administration, and it prides itself that nowhere else do the church authorities co-operate along with members in such a helpful and earnest manner, or where such a keen interest is displayed by them in the various social and other functions arranged by the Guild. This all tends to harmony, in the maintenance of which the Rector and President of the Guild, the Rev. Harcourt S. Anson, the whole of the Vice-Presidents, and members, alike unite to promote.

& EDITOR'S POST BAG. KO.

Sir.—In one of your earliest numbers Mr. James Hunt asked if any one could tell him of a 5040 in seven minor methods having been rung in a parish of less than 300 inhabitants by men who were resident in the parish. I enclose particulars of such a peal rung at Burnsall, Yorkshire, in 1878, and which was recorded in Church Bells at the time. Burnsall is an extremely pretty village of about 100 inhabitants, chiefly employed in agriculture. The men who rang this peal were those who, year in year out, rang for the Sunday services of this church, and were all resident on the spot. The conductor was, and still is, the respected sexton of the parish, while some of the others were, and I believe still are, members of the choir. "On Saturday, October 12th, 1878, at St. Wilfred's, Burnsall, 5040 changes in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, in 3 hours 13 minutes. The methods were: College Treble, 1; Craven Delight, 2; Kent, 3; Duke of York, 4; New London Pleasure, 5; Oxford, 6; Violet, 7. J. Binns, 1; W. Whitaker, 2; J. Thompson, 3; C. Inman, 4; T. Thompson, 5; J. P. Birch (conductor), 6.

WEST RIDING.

DEAR SIR.—The peal of superlative 5248 changes published in your issue of April 1st under the name of Mr. Inglesant, is the composition of Mr. John Thorpe, and published October 10th, 1885. The 5088 by Mr. Inglesant is but a slight variation of the same number by Mr. J. S. Mallaby, published September 5th, 1885, the difference being two H's omitted in each part. Both compositions are amongst the list of Surprise compositions by the late Jasper Snowden, Esq.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Southampton.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Dear Sir.—In your last issue appears three peals of Grandsire Triples by John Aspinwall. I beg to say that No. 1 as given was composed by me, and published on August 15th, 1896. Wishing the Bellringer long life.

Wakefield.

Yours, John W. Moorhouse.

We have examined this claim and find it quite correct. The peal was published as stated.—ED.

DEAR SIR.—The date "Touch of Grandsire Caters" appearing in your last issue, by J. P. Bradley is false. Yours truly,

ARTHUR KNIGHT.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Longton, Staffordshire, was rung on Tuesday, April 9th, and not Saturday, 13th.

REVOLUTION IN COMPOSITION.

In our next number we commence a series of instructions how to obtain thousands of peals. We shall give first "Circuits of Stedman Cinques," by John Carter, of Birmingham, who has gone to the root of the subject. Stedman Caters and Treble Bob will follow by the same author.

The peal of Bob Minor (720) published in our May issue should have appeared under the heading of the Ely Diocesan Association and not the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Westerham, Kent, practice will in future be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays, commencing from May 21st. George B. Selby, Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Arthur Craven has removed to 3, Hague Avenue, Renishaw, near Chesterfield.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF PEAL-TABLET AT BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sunday, 28th April, after evening service a handsome marble tablet recording a peal of Bob Major rang by the local company prior to the induction by the Bishop of Southwell of the Rev. B. S. Batty to the living of Bolsover, was dedicated by the vicar. The vicar was accompanied to the belfry by the ringers and the choir when prayer was said, the whole of the congregation remaining in the church. A recessional hymn was then sung. As the congregation was leaving the church a short touch of Grandsire Triples was The cost of the tablet and other improvements (£22), was raised by public subscription collected by the ringers. The improvements referred to above consists of matchboarding the walls six feet high, a useful cupboard, chairs substituted for the plank forms, belfry relighted, and floor covered with cork line. The church clock having been out of repair for a period of some four or five months, the ringers also undertook to have this thoroughly cleaned and repaired at the same time. The whole of the improvements have now been completed and has made the belfry far more comfortable than heretofore, and any ringers visiting in this district will be welcomed to Bolsover, where there is a good peal of bells and a comfortable belfry to ring in.

The tablet is the work of Mr. D. Brearley, of Deepcar, a ringer. The clock repaired by Messrs. Smith & Sons, Derby. The remainder being done by the ringers and local tradesmen

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOUDHURST BELLS.

There has lately been an inauguration of change ringing at Goudhurst Parish Church. And this we see has been made possible by the fact that this grand old peal has once more been put in proper ringing order.

The work of re-hanging and quarter turning the whole peal of eight was begun, early in the present year, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The tenor is a D bell, and weighs 28 cwt., and on Satur-

day, April 13th, a strong muster of ringers from the surrounding district, including the towers of Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst, Tenterden, &c, marshalled together for the occasion by Mr. E. C. Lambert, met to ring the first changes on the bells, and, with the exception of an hour for tea and smokes, the bells were kept going strong from 3-30 in the afternoon till 9-30 at night to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob, whilst the ringers present all expressed their approval of the "go" of the bells, and particularly of the heavier bells in the peal.

Mr. A. A. Johnston, of Croydon, and Mr. C. F. Johnston were also present for the occasion and took part in the

We understand that the Croydon firm are very busy at the present time in the way of founding and hanging; amongst other jobs on hand they are now under contract to remove the peals of Leek Parish Church, Staffordshire; Wool Church, Dorset; and Twyford, Bucks, to their foundry for additions, tuning, &c., and re-hanging in new steel and iron frames on the most modern principles.

Rev. J. E. ELSEE, M.A.,

VICAR OF S. GEORGE'S, BOLTON, PRESIDENT OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.



HE subject of our sketch was born at Rugby, in 1863. In his early days he was educated at the Grammar School of that town, where his father was assistant master. At the age of nineteen he entered S. John's College, Cambridge, where he remained until 1887. He was ordained at Ely Cathedral that year as Priest, and after a year's curacy at Horningsea, near Cambridge, he left for S. Andrew's, Ancoats, Manchester. Ancoats is the slum of Manchester—the Whitechapel of Cottonopolis. Here, as a Curate, he did good work among the poor population, and was greatly missed when in 1896 he was appointed Vicar of S. George's, Bolton, on the recommendation of the present Bishop of Southwell, then Vicar of Bolton.

As a ringer his name is familar to our readers. He learnt to pull a bell on the old five at Rugby. The foothpath through Rugby churchyard went by the belfry door, and seeing the sexton ringing the "curfew bell," young Elsee ventured inside and thenceforth became a ringer. It may be mentioned that Rugby now possesses two rings of bells—the old five and the noble ring of eight in the new tower and spire. At Cambridge Mr. Elsee joined the University Guild of Change Ringers, and got his first chance to ring on the ten bells of S. Mary the Great.

His first 5000 peal was Grandsire Caters, rung at Manchester Cathedral in 1888. Since then he has taken part in upwards of thirty peals, but the ceaseless work of a large parish in a manufacturing town naturally prevents his peal-ringing proclivities. In a recent issue of the Bolton Chronicle an historical sketch of S. George's, Bolton, its bells, and various vicars was given. From that article we cull the following:—

One of the characteristics, and, indeed, one of the greatest sources of strength of S. George's has been the large body of laity who have taken an interest in and identified themselves in its work. This has marked the whole course of its history, and equally obtains to-day under the Vicariate of Mr. Elsee, between whom and his congregation the happiest relations subsist. He has also had an able and helpful coadjutor in the

Rev. C. E. Davies. With the continuance of this reciprocal good feeling between the workers generally there need be no fear as to the future success of this well organised and active parish.

In addition to the various offices devolving upon him as a Vicar, Mr. Elsee is a member of the Bolton Infirmary Board, President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers (and himself a skilled ringer), one of the Chaplains of the Bolton Infantry Volunteers, and also of the Church Lade' Brigade. Mr. Elsee's career is thus epitomised in Crockford: Educated at S. John's College, Cambridge, graduating B.A. in 1885 and M.A. in 1889. He was ordained Deacon in 1886 and Priest in 1887 at Ely, became Curate at Horningsea (1886-7) and afterwards (1887-96) of S. Andrew's, Ancoats, Manchester, from whence he was preferred to the living of S. George's, Bolton, in 1896. The net value of the living is set down at £315 and house, and the patronage is vested in the Vicar of Bolton. The population of the parish is 6555.

THE CHURCH BELLS.

The fact that they formed the first complete octave hung in Bolton lends some interest to the bells of S. George's. They vary in weight from 5 cwt. to 19 cwt., were founded by John Rudhall, of Gloucester, at a cost of £750, and were given to the church by the following in 1806:—Joseph Grisdale, Rev. R. Snape, William and Betty Cocker, the Bolton Volunteer Cavalry, Joseph Horrocks (Chamber Hall), P. Ainsworth and D. Bentley, Thomas and Betty Ainsworth, and Peter Ainsworth (Halliwell). It may be parenthetically mentioned that the oldest bell in this district hangs in the old tower at Bradshaw, and bears the inscription "X Ava Maria gracia plena." It is probably about 500 years old. The S. George's bells were re-hung a few years ago by Mr. R. B. Crompton in memory of his father, Mr. R. Crompton, who had had a long association with S. George's Church. The present Vicar is himself an expert campanologist, and takes an interest in both the ringers and the ringing in the belfry.



Church House Scene.

VIGOROUS PROTEST BY KENSITITES.

Scenes of disorder and violent indignation were witnessed at the Church House, Westminster, May 14th, at a meeting in support of the Mirfield Monks' College at Leeds. The institution is regarded by some as extremely ritualistic.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided, and was supported by the Dean of Westminster, Lord Hugh Cecil, and other prominent Churchmen. When the Primate walked on to the platform Mr. Kensit rose in the body of the crowded meeting, and, gesticulating violently, protested against the Archbishop presiding at such a Romanising gathering. He was supported by others, who shouted at his Grace, "You ought to go to Rome!" "Traitor to the Church!" "Your conduct is disgraceful!" and "What do you get fifteen thousand a year for?"

Quiet was restored upon the Archbishop promising that the interruptors should address the meeting towards its close.

The Archbishop, in addressing the meeting, said the students at the college must conform to the doctrine and gospel of the Church. There were shouts of "No Popery!" and "Destroy their Popish books, then!" Mr. Kensit afterwards spoke, but there was no further disturbance.

OBJECT OF THE MOVEMENT.

In the course of his speech explanatory of the work of the Mirfield College, the Primate said the aim was to provide in Leeds a hostel in connection with Leeds University, whereby those who were being trained for holy orders under the guidance of the Community of the Resurrection should have the advantage of a complete university course in secular instruction, leading up to a university degree.

It was evident from letters that he had received that many people misunderstood what it was that they were trying to do, why they were trying to do it, and how they proposed it should be done.

He did not deny that he should prefer that such colleges or teaching places should be set upon lines of teaching and usages no narrower, no more restricted, than the comprehensive lines of the Church of England. But if they could not always secure that, then he was ready to welcome any weighty and competent endeavour, whether from the distinctively High Church or the distinctively Low Church side, to do in their own way the thing that wanted doing rather than to leave it undone.

He had referred to his willingness to further any genuine endeavour provided its promoters were in their teaching and usages honestly and consistently loyal to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England. Letters and protests which had appeared in the pressurged that such was not the case with the Community of the Resurrection.

New Rector of Holy Trinity, Guildford.

APPOINTMENT OF THE REV. E. C. KIRWAN.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Vicar of Camberley, to the living of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Guildford, in succession to Canon Grant.

The announcement was made to the congregations of the two churches on Sunday by means of the following letter, posted in the porches.

My Dear People,—I am anxious that you should hear directly from myself that the Lord Chancellor has presented me to the living of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Guildford. I may add that it is the Bishop's earnest desire that I should come. He will institute me, all being well, on 10th July, at 3 p.m. Meanwhile, I should like to feel I have your prayers. Believe me, your sincere friend, E. C. Kirwan. Whitsun Eve, 1907.

The Rev. E. C. Kirwan, M.A., was ordained at Bracknell in the Oxford Diocese in 1891, and served as Curate at Bracknell for one year. Then, owing to a breakdown in health, he was forced to spend nearly a year in the South of France, returning home to be Curate of Holy Trinity, Guildford. This position he held for eight years, and was then appointed by the present Archbishop of Canterbury, to succeed the late Rev. C. P. Berryman as Vicar of Yorktown and Camberley. The induction of Mr. Kirwan to the living of Yorktown and Camberley, which is in the hands of the Archbishop, took place on August 14th, 1901, so that when the time comes for him to relinquish the position he will have held it for nearly six years.

The Tenor Bell of the late S. Peter's Church, Manchester, has now been hung in S. Andrew's Church, Eccles, and was heard on the 25th ult. for the first time. It weighs nearly a ton, and it has cost £25 to place it in its present position.

As a memorial to Sir Robert Gunter, Bart., a new peal of bells at S. Oswald's Church, Collingham, Leeds, was recently dedicated by the Bishop of Richmond. The Selby Abbey Bellringers rang the first touch, and the collection at the service was in aid of the bells restoration fund of Selby Abbey.

In the presence of a large congregation the Bishop of Truro dedicated two new bells, recently added to the restored peal of six bells at Egloshale Parish Church. A new peal of ten bells has recently been hung in the tower of All Saints Church, Hertford. The old ring was melted in the fire which destroyed the Church at Christmas, 1891.

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By a Sale of Work at S. Saviour's, Ringley, £280 has been raised for, among other purposes, the lighting of the clock in the old Church Tower, which is some distance from the church, a portion of the graveyard separating the two. Lord Derby has promised stone for increasing the height of the tower, which already constitutes a landmark in the Irwell Valley.

On the last Saturday in April, the Rev. Canon Turnbull, Vicar of Penistone, attained his eighty-first birthday, and the Parish Church bells were rung during the greater part of the afternoon and evening in honour of the event. Canon Turnbull became incumbent of the parish of Penistone on October 21st, 1855.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH .- QUARTERLY MEETING AT LONG SUTTON

At an early hour on Whit-Monday morning the ringers from Donington, Gosberton, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Fleet, Walsoken, Grimston, Walpole St. Peter and St. Andrew, Lynn, and other villages and towns began to assemble at Long Sutton for a good day's ringing. The opening 720 was rung by the Surfleet and Pinchbeck bands, and was conducted by Mr. Ladd. Then followed another 720 Plain Bob, conducted by Mr. Hill. Divine Service was at 12-15 a.m. at the Parish Church, and the attendance of ringers and others filled the nave. It was a grand sight to see and hear them singing the old Pentacostal hymns. The new vicar, the Rev. J. Dixon-Spain, gave a very helpful address, which was much appreciated. Another 720 of Double Oxford, and away to the "Bull Hotel" for dinner. Mr. C. Neaverson, our old friend and colleague in several peals, had an excellent spread in readiness, consisting of roast and boiled beef, veal, roast and boiled mutton, vegetables, pudding, sweets, and a good supply of ale, some of the very best. The chair was occupied by the President, Rev. F. F. Wayett, vicar of Pinchbeck, supported by Revs. C. J. Sturton, R. Dixon-Spain, C. W. Old, W. M. Blandford, W. G. Cross (Hon. Sec.), H. Hill, G. Ladd, W. Wright, W. Richardson, R. Mackman, R. Jarvis, and others. The course ends came up true, and at last the inner one being perfect, the Chairman gave the loyal toast of "Church and King," which was well received. The business meeting then followed, the Secretary reading the minutes which were confirmed and signed. He also reported on the conference recently held at Fleet rectory, where the members were kindly entertained to dinner and tea by Canon James. Business ended by the election of several honorary and ringing members. Thence away to the tower for more ringing, and some excellent striking was the order of the day in various methods. Our esteemed friend, the vicar of Lutton, having invited as many as could make it convenient to go to ring on his musical bells had provided an excellent tea at the "Black Horse" and, need we say, was much appreciated by all. On these lovely ring of bells our members did some excellent tapping in Steadman and Grandsire. Time was on the wing, and after bidding the vicar adieu we returned to Long Sutton for another ring. The day's proceedings ended, and our members and friends returned home well satisfied that this was our best meeting, no less than 60 members taking part in the ringing.

Casterton, near Kirkby Lonsdale, Yorkshire.

The interior of the tower of this Church is being put in good repair, and the order for a new clock with Cambridge chimes has been given to Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

The Peal at Pendleton (Man 4th).

Mr. A. E. WREAKS'S 150 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PEALS.

Method.		Peals.	Co	nduct	ted.	Including.
Grandsire Triples		44		25		
,, Major	** ** ** ***	3		3		6000
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,, Royal	** ** ** **	1				
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Duffield Major	**/ ** ** **	2		-		
Stedman Triples		8		-		
,, Caters		3		_		
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,,	Royal	11		5		
",	Maximus	1		-		
		150		79		

Rung in 33 different towers.

Mr. HARRY CHAPMAN'S 200 PEALS.

Methods.	Peals.	Conduct	ed.	Including.
Seven Minor Methods	6			
Plain Bob Triples	1			
,, Major	9			
,, Royal	1			
Grandsire Triples	10	. 1		
,, Caters	17	. 1		a 6011
,, Cinques	8			
Stedman Triples	22			
" Caters	8	,, =		
" Cinques	3	_		
Kent Treble Bob Major	59	. 24		a 6080
", ", Royal	11	2		
,, ,, Maximus	6			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1		
Royal	1			
Darlaston Bob Triples	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	8			
Superlative Surprise Major	21	13		a 9312
Cambridge ,,	1	1		
New Cambridge ,	1			
London ,,	4		8	a 14112, Record
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Rung in 61 different towers.

The Peal at Lenton, Rotts.

MR. J. FLINT'S 102 PEALS.

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COUNTRY YOKEL TO HIS PAL: "If they call that 'ere smashing abaht change-ringing, why, sez I, gimme good round-ringing fust."

"Many of these peals are humbug peals."-(Sir A. Heywood at the C.C.)

Proposed Benevolent Hund.

The Rev. H. Drake, on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, moved that a committee be appointed to discuss the practicability of a benevolent fund for ringers. He did not say it was practical or impracticable, advisable or unadvisable. At present he was quite undecided. He had discussed the matter with a great many of the Council and other ringers. He had heard many objections brought forward against such a fund, but not one of them seemed to him to hold water.

The Chairman pointed out that the matter had been dis-

cussed fully on two previous occasions.

The Rev. H. Drake said that if the matter was further discussed by a committee and they approved of the principle, it might be considered advisable to form an independent society such as the Clergy Friendly Society, or they might take the system of the National Deposit Society as an example.

Mr. Tomkins (Sussex) seconded the resolution. He said there was a good deal in the nature of freemasonry amongst ringers; they did stick together, and he believed if a society were formed it would go. At any rate the Council might give this resolution a chance and let them have a committee to thrash the matter out and see if a scheme was practicable.

Mr. King, whilst not being desirous to run down any effort to promote thrift, spoke against the resolution seeing that the matter had been discussed on two previous occasions.

Mr. Snowdon said he did not see how they could do better than the thrift societies and various friendly societies If such a society were started as that suggested the centralization would always be unpopular. He was perfeetly certain they could not centralise the thing satisfactorily and do the thing properly over the whole of England. It was a matter which ought to be in the hands of the individual associations themselves.

The Chairman said both the mover and seconder had forgotten that a generous Government were going to provide them with ample provision for their old age. (Laughter.)

The motion was lost by a large majority.

PEAL RINGING.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee (Lancashire) gave an address on the subject "Is too much strress laid upon peal ringing by ringers of the present day?" He suggested that ringers would find more enjoyment in ringing touches oftener and paid less attention to peal ringing, and at the same time they would be affording greater enjoyment to the public. He wanted to congratulate the Devonshire Guild on their success in having introduced change ringing into Devonshire. He believed that it had come to stay, because there was no method of producing the music of bells so beautifully and so effectively as their method of change ringing, but whilst congratulating the Devonshire Guild on that, might they not learn something from the old West country ringing? loved to come to ring rounds, simply giving all their skill to the time of ringing rounds and to the time of the rising and falling of the bells; and in many West country places ringers were contented to come several nights a week, if they could, simply for the enjoyment of handling the bells in that way as Might not change ringers learn skilfully as they could. something from that, and think perhaps that in aiming at peal ringing they were missing some of the enjoyment and some of the more beautiful effects of their art? They were trustees of a very beautiful art, and the art of change ringing was peculiarly an English national pastime. then using their trust in the best way, giving the greatest pleasure to the greatest number by the present way in which they were using the art themselves?

The Hon. Secretary agreed to a large extent with what Mr. Elsee had said. If they did not go about teaching others in ringing touches they would be losing ground. If they spent their life in ringing peals and nothing else they lost a great deal of the pleasure which was derived from ringing

Mr. King argued that peal ringing did influence their ringing for divine worship. Perhaps the thing was overdoing itself in a way, because having been connected with the Analysis Committee, he had found that up to last year there had been nearly every year a large increase in the number of peals rung, but last year there was a sudden drop of over 200 peals. Therefore, it seemed to him the matter was rectifying itself. Either clergymen would not lend their towers so often or else ringers were getting tired of ringing peals. On the whole, he should say that peal ringing was necessary to keep the young people interested in the work and for the older to perfect themselves more and more for that chief aim which ringers had, that they might do their duty better on a Sunday.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson defended peal ringing as being

a test in proficiency and skill, and as an object at which the young ringer could be taught to aim. It also afforded a good moral training in being punctual, in being forbearing to bad strikers, and in being patient. Further, it developed their mental powers by their application to one subject for a considerable time. Whatever way they looked at it it had its advantages. He had proved its physical advantage, for there was no better medicine in the world than three hours twice a

week at the end of a bell rope. (Laughter.)

The Chairman said he was inclined to agree that too much stress was laid upon peal ringing by ringers of the present day, because he believed a large number of the peals were "humbug" peals; they were badly struck, and many of them were things to be thoroughly ashamed of. What they wanted to emphasize was that they did not want peals unless they could get good peals, and if only ringers had the same standard of honesty inside the tower as they had when outside listening to other ringers they would have an improvement in peal ringing.

A QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION.

The Rev. H. Codey, of the Gloucester and Bristol Associations, asked the following question: "If a representative was elected to the Council by an association and during the three years of the Council's existence ceased to be a member of the association which he represented, did he cease to be a member of the Council?"

The Hon. Secretary said he was not aware that the point was exactly met in the rules, but the opinion he had always held and which he had put before correspondents, was that the members of the Council were in their position, strictly analagous to members of Parliament, and could not be deputised. Any person who was elected as a member of the Council by any Diocesan or County Association at the beginning of the term of the Council continued to be a member until the expiration of the term, unless he voluntarily resigned, no matter to what association he belonged.

The Chairman, after a perusal of the rules, expressed the opinion that if a man ceased to be a member of any recognised society he would, according to the rules, cease to be a

member of the Council.

In the course of further discussion it was pointed out that if an association were to be dissatisfied with their representative on the Council they might nullify his presence by not paying their subscription.

NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE.

The Chairman moved the adoption of a recommendation by the standing committee that the next annual meeting be held at Cambridge.

The Rev. T. E. Robinson seconded the resolution, which

was agreed to.

The Learner's Page.

FROM ROUNDS TO LONDON SURPRISE.

AVING rung the 120 of Bob Doubles and possibly the short touch of two courses of minor already given, the young ringer who desires to undertake the calling—or conducting—may proceed to the whole peal on six, viz.:

These are the treble lead-ends of one part. The peal is in six equal parts. The tenor (b) is the "observation bell" being called wrong, right and wrong. Notice the bob at wrong always comes next lead following the right. Those leads with a dash — on the left indicate that a bob is called there, and the tenor is shewn in the position it occupies at the time.

Call this part three times, and when the tenor comes right, instead of allowing the bells to run round call a "single." This will produce: Single—24356. Then repeat the whole. The part-ends of the 720 will be as follows:

The figure 1 (treble) is omitted because it is unnecessary being always in its own position at the lead-ends.

Where there are eight bells it may be reasonably assumed that the young band will want to try and ring them, therefore as the plain course of Major has already been shewn, the bob caller may use the same calling as in Minor, bearing in mind that on the higher number of bells the places of observation are proportionately higher up the octave. Here are the positions the tenor may occupy at the bobs:

2347586 "wrong" when dodging in 7-8 up.
7856342 "BEFORE" when treble takes you off lead run out at the bob.
3452867 "MIDDLE" when dodging in 5-6 down.
2345678 "RIGHT" (or HOME) when dodging in 7-8 down.

Two courses may be called same as in minor viz.: W. R.

Three courses can always be obtained by calling tenor RIGHT three times in any method. The bob caller can from these instructions pursue his own course for a time while we turn our attention to other methods.

Here is a lead of "GRANDSIRE" Doubles and Triples:

12345	1234567
21354	2135476
23145	2314567
32415	3241657
34251	3426175
43521	4362715
45312	4637251
54132	6473521
51423	6745312
15243	7654132
12534	7561423
	5716243
21543	5172634
25134	1527364
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CINQUES.

BIRMINGHAM.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

On Tuesday, May 14th, 1907, was rung in three hours and forty minutes

At the Church of S. Martin.

A Peal of Stedman Cinques, 5017 changes.

Tenor 36 cwt.

James E. Groves Treble	Edmund J. Hyland 7
Charles Dickens 2	Arthur E. Pegler 8
Frederick Dickens 3	Samuel Grove 9
John Neal 4	Alf Paddon Smith 10
Thomas Reynolds 5	William Short 11
Albert Walker 6	Sidney J. Jessop Tenor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Albert Walker.

*First peal of Cinques.

This composition has the 5th 20 times Right and 16 times Wrong, and the 6th 16 times Right and 18 times Wrong. Containing the whole of the 24 5678's and 6578's in the Tittums and Handstroke Home Positions.

ROYAL.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

The Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, March 23rd, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-eight minutes

At the Parish Church.

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5200 changes.

Tenor 25 cwt.

James Barraclough Treble	Joseph H. Brazey	7
James Cotterell 2	Thomas Pollitt	8
John E. Jenkinson 3	John McKell	9
Joseph Broadley 4	John Wm. Cundall Te	
Joe Hardcastle 5	Fred Salmons	nor
William Womersley 6		

Composed by Thomas Pollitt and conducted by James Cottrell.

*First peal of Royal.

REIGATE, SURREY.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1907, in three hours and twentynine minutes,

At the Church of S. Mary Magdalene,

A Peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5080 changes.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

aGeorge Marriner	Treble .	bFrederick Bennett		6
Rev. G. F. Colerida	ge 2	aHenry L. Garfath		7
Charles Giles .	3	aErnest C. Boniface		8
aAlfred H. Winch .	4	aFrank Blondell		9
George F. Hoad .	5	aAlfred H. Pulling	Ten	nor

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

aFirst peal of Treble Bob Royal.

bFirst peal on ten bells.

CATERS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Midland Counties Association.

On Saturday, April 13th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-two minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters, 5003 changes.

Tenor oug owe.						
Horace F. Stubbs	Tr	eble		William Pervin		6
Ernest Coulson		2		Horace W. Abbott		7
Richard F. Lane		3		Edward Reader		8
Bertram Prewett		4		Frank G. Burleigh		9
Ernest W. Cartwrig	ght	5		Joseph Powell	Te	nor

Composed by Aruhur Knights and conducted by Frank G. Burleigh This is the Conductor's 50th peal.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

On Monday, April 15th, 1907, was rung in three hours and five minutes.

At S. Michael's Church.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters, 5088 changes.

			Teno	ALCWU.			
J. Reed		T	reble	Sid Mason			6
W. Hoyle			2	C. T. Coles			7
C. Summers			3	G. Atkins			8
Samuel Maso	n		4	H. Moore			9
F. Farrant	West.	***	5	J. R. Passmo	re	$T\epsilon$	enoi
	C	L		June 1 June 11 Manager			

Composed and conducted by H. Moore. C. T. Coles hails from London and this is his first peal of Caters.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-two minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Stedman Caters, 5063 changes. Tenor 23 cwt., 3 qrs., 24 lbs

Walter E. Brittan Treble	George Hughes 6
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Christopher Wallater 2	
William Fisher 3	Frederick J. Cope 8
Herbert Knight 4	Horace Belcher 9
Alfred J. Wallater 5	James H. Gallimore Tenor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by George Hughes.

This peal has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th in the Tittums position, and the 6th 24 courses behind the 8th, with 8-6 behind at 72 sixes in the inverted home position.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Midland Counties' Association (Loughborough)

On Tuesday, April 30th, 1907, in three hours and twenty-six minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A Peal of Stedman Caters, 5079 changes. Tenor 301 cwt.

Ernest Coulson Treble	William Pervin		6
Ernest W. Cartwright 2	*Joseph Davis		7
John W. Taylor 3	Frank Burleigh		8
Rev. A. T. Beeston 4	Edward Reader		9
Ernest Abbott 5	Horace F. Stubbs	$T\epsilon$	nor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and conducted by EDWARD READER. *First peal of Stedman.

PEALS—continued.

ASTON JUXTA, BIRMINGHAM.

Midland Counties' Association.

On Saturday, May 11th, 1907, in three hours and fifteen minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Grandsire Caters, 5021 changes.

Teno	r 22 cwt.		
aW. Henry Jones Treble	bJames Hopkin	,	6
James Jones 2	Reuben Hall		7
bEdmund J. Hyland 3	William Cooper		8
William G. Ellis 4	George A. Taylor		9
John Carter 5	bFrank Bennett	$T\epsilon$	enor
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Composed and conducted by John Carter. This peal has the 5th 12 times at home in the Tittums position, also the 6th 24 times at home in the Tittums and handstroke home also the 6th 24 times as a composition, and is the first time rung. $b{
m First}$ peal of Grandsire Caters.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On Saturday, May 11th, 1907, in three hours and tifteen minutes,

At Christ Church.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters, 5075 changes.

Fred H. Troth	Tre	ble	Ernest A. Parish		6
James E. Groves	2	2	John Smith		7
Samuel Reeves	6	}	Thomas H. Reeves		8
James Hares	4	Į.	Alfred Rowley		9
Jesse Screen	5	5	William Painter	Te	nor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Thomas II. Reeves. This is W. Painter's 100th peal.

MAJOR.

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL.

The Lancashire Association (Liverpool Branch)

On Saturday, April 6th, 1907, in three hours and eight minutes,

At the Church of S. John Baptist,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes (Want Variation)

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Albert Lovell	Treble	Edward Caunce 5
John Aspinwall	2	Charles E. Stewart 6
George R. Newton		J. E. Sykes 7
W. F. Hartshorne	4	Sam W. Stewart Tenor

Composed by E. H. HATTERSLEY and conducted by SAM W. STEWART. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer who is the Tower-keeper of the above Church.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, April 20th, 1907, in four hours and two minutes,

At the Church of S. Peter,

A Peal of Bob Major, 7040 changes.

Tenor 164 cwt.

William Fleming Treble	Henry Phillips	***	ō
Charles Thompson 2	Henry Thompson		6
F. Gordon Thompson 3	William Drew	***	7
John W. Avis 4	George Hardy	$T\epsilon$	nor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and conducted by WILLIAM DREW. The longest peal on the bells and by all the band. Rang as a birthday compliment to F. G. Thompson and George Hardy.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

The Essex Association.

On Tuesday, April 23rd, 1907, (St. George's Day) in three hours and four minutes.

At the Abbey Church of S. Laurence,

Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5088 changes Tenor 193 cwts.

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George Rowe	Treble	George Radley	5
George R. Pye	2	George Carter	6
George Margetson	3	George Dent	7
George Black	4	George Lucas	Tenor

Composed by George HAYWARD and conducted by George R. Pye.

Rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

On Monday, April 22nd, 1907, in three hours and ten minutes,

At the Church of S. Andrew,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes,

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

aRobert C. Pridgeon Treble	Lazurus Payne	5
Henry Dains 2	Frank Bennett	6
George Smart 3	John Smart	7
bArthur Hutchings 4	George Gatland	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Frank Bennett.

aFirst peal of Major. b First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

On Wednesday, April 24th, 1907, was rung in three hours and seventeen minutes,

At the Church of S. S. Peter and Paul, Eye,

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes.

Tenor 24 cwt.

Ernest Poppy	Treble	Frank Cullum	5
Charles Nunn	2	Frederick Day	6
Elijah Broome	3	David Whiting	7
Alphacus Berry	4	Frederick Watling	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by FREDERICK WATLING

WEDNESBURY.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On Friday, May 31st, 1907, in three hours and twenty minutes,

At the Church of S. Bartholomew,

A Peal of Bob Major, 5376 changes,

Tenor 23 cwt., 3 qrs.

Alfred J. Wallater Treble	Cris Wallater	5
Edwin J. Tyler 2	George Hughes	6
James Tyler 3	William Devey	+ 7
Albert Blundell 4	Horace Belcher	Tenor

Composed and conducted by George Hughes. First peal of Bob Major for Albert Blundell.

PEALS-continued.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

The Yorkshire Association & Halifax & District Association.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1907, was rung in three hours and seven minutes.

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes,

Kent Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Francis W. Bradley Treble	Albert Jagger 5
Edward Kershaw 2	Fred Whiteley 6
John Lawson 3	Francis Barker 7
George Naylor 4	Thomas H. Gelder Tenor

Composed by J. Fleming and conducted by Thomas H. Gelder.

PENDLETON.

The Lancashire Association.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1907, in three hours and fifteen minutes.

At the Church of S. Thomas,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes,

In the Kent Variation.	Tenor 18 cwt., 10 lbs in E.
George Ed. Turner Treble	William H. Shuker 5
John Smith 2	A. Edward Wreaks 6
Joseph Turner 3	Joseph Gregory 7
Joseph Winterbottom 4	Harry Chapman Tenor

Composed by Mr. S. Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and conducted by Mr. Harry Chapman.

Rung on the occasion of the Colonial Premiers visit to Manchester This is the first peal rung on the bells, since they were recast by Messrs. Taylor & Son in 1906. This is Mr. Chapman's 200th; and Mr. Wreaks's 150th Lancashire Association peal. It is also worthy of note that the last peal on the old bells was Mr. Chapman's 150th

LONDON.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1907, in three hours and fifteen minutes.

At the Church of All Saints, Edmonton,

A Peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 5056 changes, Tenor 17\frac{2}{3} cwt.

John H. Benstead	Treble	aErnest S. Poll	5
James Saxby	2	George A. Card	6
John T. Kentish	3	James Parker	7
George Radley	4	George Parce	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by James Parker. First peal in the method on the bells. aFirst peal in the method. First peal in the method with a bob bell.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

On Sunday, May 5th, 1907, in two hours and fifty-four minutes,

At the Church of S. Margaret,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes,

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas Stroud	Treble	George Watson	5
George H. Howse	2	Alfred J. Turner	6
Ernest Gower	3	John Cook	7
Frank Bennett	4	George F. Williams	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Frank Bennett.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

The Midland Counties and the Yorkshire Associations

(The Sheffield District Society)

On Wednesday, May 8th, 1907, was rung in three hours and nineteen minutes.

At S. Mary and All Saint's Church,

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes,

Tenor $24\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

George Hollis	Treble	Clement Glenn		5
James Thompson	2	John P. Tarlton		6
Joshua Milner	8	Arthur Knights		7
William J. Thyng	4	Benj. A. Knights	$T\epsilon$	enor
Composed by April	B KNIGHTS an	d conducted by Bry A	KNIGI	TTS

RYE, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

On Saturday, May, 11th, 1907, was rung in three hours and three minutes.

At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes,

Tenor 19 cwt., 27 lbs.

aV. D. Laurence 7	reble	Charles W. Player 5
bGeorge Billenness	2	c Highwood S. Humphrey 6
aEwart G. Johnson	8	aWilliam J. Thomas 7
William H. Lambert	4	Walter Franks Tenor

Composed by James George and conducted by George Billenness. aFirst peal of Major. bFirst peal of Major as conductor. cElected a member previous to starting.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, May 11th, 1907, in three hours and sixteen minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5040 changes

Tenor 18 cwt., 3 qrs.

George Marriner	Treble	George W. Challice 5
Henry L. Garfath	2	Ernest C. Boniface 6
Charles Giles	3	Rev. G. F. Coleridge 7
Alfred H. Winch	4	Alfred H. Pulling Tenor

Composed by James Hunt and conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

The Midland Counties Association

(The Sheffield District Society)

On Saturday, May 11th, was rung in three hours.

At the Church of S. Mary & Lawrence,

A Peal of Bob Major, 5088 changes, Tenor 14³/₄ cwt.

John Flint	Treble	Thomas Riley	5
William Lambert	2	Jesse Moss	6
Arthur Knights	8	George W. Moss	7
Harry Moss	4	Samuel Wesley	Tenor

Composed and conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

PEALS-continued.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

Worcestshire and Districts Association

On Saturday, May 11th, 1907, was rung in three hours and three minutes,

At the Church of S. Nicolas,

A Peal of London Surprise Major, 5088 changes,

Tenor $14\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

William Short Treble	John Withers	5
aHorace F. Street 2	aSamuel Grove	6
aArthur Chambers 3	aJames Dowler	7
aFrank Withers 4	bArthur E. Pegler	Tenor
Composed by J. W. WASHIBBOOK BA	ad conducted by ARTHUR E. P.	EGLER

aFirst peal in the method bFirst peal away from treble in method REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

The Lancashire Association.

On Thursday, May 16th,1907, in three hours and twelve minutes,

At the Church of S. Elizabeth,

A Peal of Bob Major, 5056 changes,

Tenor 121 cwt.

aAlfred Barnes	Treble	b William Eckersley	5
bArnold Booth	2	George D. Warburton	6
Wilfred J. Moss	3	Harry Chapman	7
Hiram Meakin	4	Robt. Davies Te	enor
Composed by John	R. PRITCHARD	and conducted by ALFRED BARR	NES.

aFirst peal as conductor. bFirst peal.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of A. Booth, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

HERTFORD.

The Hertfordshire Association.

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, in three hours and ten minutes,

At the Church of S. Andrew,

A Peal of London Surprise Major, 5088 changes,

Tenor 16 cwt.

aHenry S. Reeves	Treble	George H. Barker		5
John T. Kentish	2	Herbert Baker		6
George Radley	3	James Parker		7
John H. Benstead.	4	George Paice	$T\epsilon$	nor

Composed by F. Dench and conducted by James Parker. aFirst peal in method. First peal in method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

The Midland Counties and the Yorkshire Associations

(The Sheffield District Society)

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, was rung in three hours and six minutes,

At the Church of S. Lawrence,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes.

Tenor 161 cwt.

Benj. A. Knights	T_{i}	reble	William Bellamy		5
James Thompson		2	Arthur Knights		6
Rev. R. P. Farrow		8	Samuel Wesley		7
Joshua Milner		4	John P. Tarlton	$T\epsilon$	enor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by BENJ. A. KNIGHTS.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

The Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District Society.

On Monday, May 20th, 1907, in three hours and thirteen minutes,

At the Church of Holy Trinity,

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes,

Tenor 173 cwt.

George Bolland Trebl	e Thomas B. Kendall 5
Walter Popplewell 2	Joseph Broadley 6
James Cotterell 3	George McHale 7
Percy Johnson 4	Henry Oddy Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by James Cotterell. First peal of Major on the bells, and rung whilst on a short tour into the Shakesperian Country, as reported in another column.

TRIPLES.

CHISWICK, LONDON.

The London County Association

(Late The S. James' Society)

On Monday, April 1st. 1907, in two hours and fifty-five minutes,

At the Church of S. Nicholas,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

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Tion a Original.	Tenor 14 cwt.
C. Carew Cox Treble	John P. Kent 5
aCharles F. W. Hunt 2	Edward Cassell 6
aE. Ralph Machrill 3	Frank Skevington 7
hAlbert Whittington 4	George W. Coombes Tenor

Conducted by C. CAREW Cox. First peal as conductor

aFirst peal with a bob bell, bFirst peal and first attempt.

Messrs. Hunt & Whittington were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association,

On Thursday, April 11th, 1907, was rung in three hours

At the Church of S. George,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

A. Sams	v.,	T_{i}	reble	T. Elliott			5
W. Hoyle	***		2	G. Atkins			6
J. Hole	***		3	H. Moore			7
C. T. Coles			4	J. R. Passmo	re	$T\epsilon$	nor

Composed and conducted by H. Moore. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, this being his 50th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Sunday, April 14th, 1907, in two hours and fifty minutes.

At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 20 cwt

William C. Rumsey Treble	George Rowe, jun	5
William J. Groom 2	William Grimes	6
James G. Rumsey 3	James Motts	7
Lewis W. Wiffen 4	George Rowe, sen	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS

PEALS-continued.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE

Stoke Archidiaconal Association

On Tuesday, April 16th, 1907, in two hours and fifty-six minutes.

At the Church of S. Peter,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

	Taylor's.	Tenor 22 cwt
aGeorge Bloor	Treble	bAlbert Lawton 5
George Woods	2	Thomas Mountford 6
Sidney Churton	3	Thomas Austin 7
Frederick Page	4	Joseph Simister Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON

aFirst peal bFirst peal with a bob bell This peal was rung for the Bishop and Lady Stamer's Golden Wedding Day

TODMORDEN.

Lancashire Association

On Saturday, April 20th, 1907, in two hours and fifty minutes,

At the Unitarian Church,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

Parker's Five-part Tenor 14 cwt

Benjn. Midgley	Treble	Arthur Crossley		5
aErnest Sutcliffe	2	aWilliam Midgley		6
Erank Fielden	. 3	Ernest Stansfield		7
aWm. Hy. Stansfield	4	aHerbert Stevenson	Te	nor

Conducted by ARTHUR CROSSLEY

aFirst peal First peal as conductor
The above peal was rung in honour of the Marriages of Messrs.
Arthur Crossley and William Midgley

HUNSLET, LEEDS

Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, April 20th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty minutes,

At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Stedman Triples,

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part Tenor 21 cwt

Thomas Moran	T	reble	9	Joshua Woodhead		5
Percy Johnson		2		W. E. H. Ash		6
Mark Melia		3		George McHale		7
Patrick Lavan		4	,	Michael Killoran	$T\epsilon$	enor

Conducted by George McHale

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in any method by the treble ringer. First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal since 1879, and the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been re-hung

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

The Midland Counties Association

On Saturday, April 20th, 1907, in three hours and thirteen minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

Tenor 26 cwt., 2 qrs., 7 lbs.

William H. Frost	Treble	William Fox 5
William Taylor	2	Benjamin Greatorex 6
Henry Gregory	3	Henry George 7
John Siddall	4	R. M. Blackwall Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parkes and conducted by Benjamin Greatorex

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE

The Chester Diocesan Guild

(Crewe Branch)

On Saturday, April 20th, 1907, in two hours and forty-six minutes,

At S. Mary's Parish Church,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

Holt's Ten-part	Tenor 174 cwt in F
aFrank Montford Treble	Ernest Weatherly 5
aThomas W. Peake 2	William Weatherly 6
R. T. Holding, jun 3	R. T. Holding, sen 7
aWilmot Taylor 4	George Hall Tenor

Conducted by R. T. Holding, Sen. aFirst peal

Messrs. Holding belong to the Crewe Society, the others belong to the local company. Rung in honour of the Marriage of Katherine Maud Taylor, of Buntingsdale, to Henry Eardley Whitmore, Esq. of Abernant Buelth.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX

The Sussex Counties Association,

On Wednesday Evening, April 24th, 1907, in three hours and two minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

	Heywood's	s Variation	Tenor 16 cwt		
William Ma	rkwell Tr	eble	George Gatland		5
Samuel Bur	t	2	Albert Heasman		6
aErnest Lish		3	Lazarus Payne		7
George Payr	ne	4	Arthur Hodges	Te	nor

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

aFirst peal and rung at the second attempt. Rung in honour of the Marriage of Mr. E. Wakeford (only son of the Vicar of Henfield) and Miss Annie West Thornton (eldest daughter of W. W. Thornton, Esq., of the Manor House, Southwick)

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

On Wednesday, April 24th, 1907, in two hours and forty-nine minutes,

At the Church of S. Catherine,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 112 cwt.

John R. Sharman To	reble	Thomas Beadle	14.45	5
Bertram Prewett	2	Charles T. Coles	***	6
Robert E. Stavert	3	William Pye	***	7
Frederick G. Goddard	4	James Merrick	$T\epsilon$	nor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

TRING, HERTS.

Hertfordshire Association.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, in two hours and fifty-nine minutes,

At the Church of S. S. Peter & Paul,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Hubert Eden Treble	George N. Price 5
Henry Hodgetts 2	Frederick W. Brinklow 6
Challis F. Winney 3	Edward Whitbread 7
William G. Whitehead 4	Frederick White John Wells

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

PEALS-continued.

TIPTON. STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-two minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Tenor 121 cwt.

William R. Small	Treble	James George	5
Thomas Reeves	2	Samuel Reeves	6
James E. Groves	8	aAlfred Rowley	7
John Smith	4	William Painter	Tenor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Alfred Rowley. aFirst peal of Stedman as conductor

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

On Monday, April 29th, 1907, in two hours and fifty-eight minutes,

At the Parish Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Pitstow's Variation.

George	Howse	T	reble	Frank !	Bennett		5
aArthur	Miles		2	George	Watson		6
George	Penfold		3	George	Gatland		7
Francis	A. Kenn	ett	4	Ernest	Gower	Te	nor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT. aFirst peal of Stedman.

HANLEY, STAFF.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Associational,

On Thursday, May 2nd, 1907, was rung in three hours and four minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

	Holt's Original.	Tenor 19 cwt.	
Arthur Latham	Treble	Albert Lawton	5
Harry Alcock	2	Thomas Mountford	6
George Woods	3	Stephen Sargeant	7
John Woodward	4	James Derbyshire Te	enor

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

First peal for the ringers of the 4th, 7th and Tenor. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. Arthur Latham, also as a Wedding Compliment to H. R. Cordall, one of the local band.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1907, was rung in three hours and six minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

Morris A. Turner Treble	Frederick W. Sawfoot	5
aArthur E. Payne 2	aJoseph C. Shatford	6
Robert F. Turner 3	David J. Nichols	7
aCharles W. Bird 4	aWilliam Horden Te	nor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS. aFirst peal in the method

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since being re-hung and two trebles added by Taylors, the go being excellent. The above ringers are all members of the Kettering Company, it being the first peal of Stedman ever rung by a Kettering Company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

An Sunday, May 5th, 1907, in three hours,

At the Church of S. John the Baptist.

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

N. J. Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 133 cwt.

George H. Howse	T_i	reble	Ernest Gower 5	
George Watson		2	Alfred J. Turner 6	
Arthur B. Bennett		3	George F. Williams 7	
Frank Bennett		4	Thomas Stroud Teno	r

Conducted by Frank Bennett.

HARBORNE, STAFF.

S. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

On Monday, May 6th, 1907, in two hours and forty minutes,

At the Church of S. Peter,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Tenor $10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

Frank Fay	T	reble		Henry Grosvenor		5
George Hitchman	1	2		Arthur Chambers		6
aAlbert Beacham		3		William Short		7
Samuel Grove		4		Arthur E. Pegler	Te	enor
Composed by Thom.	AS TE	URSTAN	and	conducted by WILLIAM	SHO	RT.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

The Sussex County Association.

On Thursday, April 11th, 1907, in three hours and seven minutes,

At Christ Church,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Walter Alcock	Treble	Frederick Lock	. 5
Frank Medhurst	2	Francis A. Kennett	. 6
Frank Bennett	3	George Watson	. 7
aJohn Curtis	4	Harry Denman	Tenor

Conducted by George Watson.

aFirst peal of Stedman.

BARNET.

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Monday, May 13th, 1907. in two hours and fifty-five minutes.

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 233 cwt.

Robert E. Stavert Treble	John E. Miller 5
Bertram Prewett 2	William Pickworth 6
Frank A. Milne 3	Sidney Wade 7
Norman A. Tomlinson 4	Arthur T. King Tenor

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

Quickest peal on the bells.

PEALS—continued.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

The Essex Association.

Saturday, May 18th, 1907, in three hours and seventeen minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Five-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Harry Bowers	Treble	Ernest Newman	5
bWalter Smith	2	A. Shufflebotham	6
bHarry Emery	3	bEdward Claydon	7
bJohn T. Barker	4	abHarry Smith	Tenor

Conducted by A. Shufflebotham. aFirst peal bFirst peal on eight. First peal in the method of all except conductor.

THE METROPOLIS.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, in two hours and forty-nine minutes,

At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Isle of Dogs,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt., 1 qr., 4lbs.

W. Weatherstone	Treble	Isaac G. Shade	5
Charles T. Coles	2	aAlbert W. Coles	6
John J. Lamb	3	Ernest Pye	7
Samuel J. Bird	4	Frederick Squier	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pye.

aFirst peal of Stedman away from tenor. This is the first peal on these bells which have been augmented from five to eight by Mears & Stainbank, and the whole peal hung in iron frame and the go of them is excellent.

ROCHDALE.

The Lancashire Association.

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, was rung in three hours one minute.

At S. Mary's Church, Baldlerstone,

A Maiden Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes.

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor, 12-3-20. Treble T. Clegg ... B. Buckley J. W. Matthews 2 J. Griffiths 6 F. Stansfield ... 3 J. H. Kershaw... 7 4 F. Nuttall A. Berisford Tenor

Conducted by J. H. Kershaw.

First peal on the bells since being recast by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough in November, 1906.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, in two hours and fifty: five minutes,

At the Church of S. Martin,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Thurstan's Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt., 3 qrs., 6lbs.
Challis F. Winney Treble	Robert P. Knight 5
SergtMajor A. Pye 2	Alfred B. Peck 6
Leonard Harris 3	William W. Gifford 7
George N. Price 4	Sidney Macey Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY. aFirst peal.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

On Saturday, May 18th, 1907, in three hours and ten minutes,

At the Church of S. Mary and All Saints,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

Tenor 25½ ewt.

John Bass	Treble	William Shilvock	5
James R. Newman	2	Alfred Davies	6
John Smith	3	Robert Matthews	7
Gordon Checkitts	4	John Woodberry	Tenor
Composed by J. W.	Washbrook an	d conducted by Robert	MATTHEWS

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

On Sunday, May 18th, 1907, in two hours and fifty-two minutes,

At the Church of S. James,

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes,

A Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

William Page	Treble	James Reynolds		5
John Bass	2	Gordon Checkitts		6
William Shilvock	3	Robert Matthews		7
John Smith	4	Charles Beaman	$T\epsilon$	nor

Conducted by Robert Matthews

MINOR.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

The Kent County Association.

On Monday, April 1st, 1907, was rung in two hours and thirty-five minutes,

At the Church of S. John the Baptist,

A Peal of Minor, 5040 changes,

Being two 720's each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

William Tickner	Treble	Arthur Surcock	4
George Eastman	2	Albert Eastman	6
James Nye	3	William Nye	Tenor
	Conducted by	Written Nam	

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, Near DARLINGTON,

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association

(The Holy Trinity Society, Darlington)

On Saturday, April 13th, 1907, 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 College, Pleasure, Cambridge, London and Wells Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt,

W. E. Mountford	Treble	G. James Lungley	4
William Wookey	2	Charles Todd	5
George Park	8	George W. Park	Tenor

Conducted by George W. PARK. aFirst peal of Treble Bob Minor.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor on these fine toned bells.

PEALS-continued.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, in two hours and fiftyone minutes,

At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Minor, 5040 changes,

Being 720 each of College Exertise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Alfred H. Winch	Treble	William Day	. 4
Frederick Bennett	2	Ernest C. Boniface	. 5
Thomas Streeter	3	Alfred H. Pulling	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rang in honour of the Wedding of Mr. Henry J. Chandler to
Miss Amelia C. L. Garfath, which event took place at S. Andrews
Church, Farnham, on this date.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFF.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, was rung in three hours
At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Minor, 5040 changes,

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11\frac{3}{2} \cdot cwt.

John Bass	Treble	Robert Matthe	ws		4
bAlfred Davies	2	Fred Brace			5
aHarry Price	3	Harry Jones		$T\epsilon$	nor
Co	inducted by Ro	BERT MATTHEWS.			

aFirst peal of Minor. bFirst peal in seven methods on a bob bell also first in seven methods on the bells.

DOUBLES.

TEWIN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Hutford Association.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1907, was rung in three hours and seven minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A Peal of Doubles, 5040 changes,

Being twelve six scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

aA. Wiltshire	 Treble	A.	Sylis	 4
H. Geeves	 2	J.	W. Kew	 Tenor
G. Clark	 8			
	Conducted by	, T W	Mrss	

aFirst peal and by all the band except tenor ringer in two methods.

MAJOR.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Midland Counties Association.

On Saturday, June 8th, 1907. was rung in three hours and twelve minutes.

At the Church of S. Mary,

A Peal of Treble Bob Major, 5312 changes, In the Kent Variation.

Charles H. Fowler Treble	John W. Taylor, Esq. 5
William H. Inglesant 2	Edward Reader 6
Josiah Morris 3	Horace W. Abbott 7
Fred Wilford 4	William Willson Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal is taken from E. Timbrell's longest length, viz.: 17120, reduced to the above. It is the first of Treble Bob on the bells, and

was rung on the Anniversary of the Opening Peal.

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Mr. JOHN H. BLAKISTON,

ST. HILDA'S TOWER, MIDDLESBROUGH.







HE subject of our sketch was born on the 27th November, 1861, and comes of an old and distinguished Durham County family. Educated in Darlington, he started on a commercial career, and after serving some years with a firm in that town removed to Middlesbrough, to take up an appointment with an old-established firm of estate owners and merchants, at the present time holding the important position of head cashier. It was, however, in Darlington that he was first attracted to the belfry of St. John's, then a six-bell tower, and being an apt pupil soon made rapid strides in the art, and rang his first 720 of Bob Minor in the year 1880. It was not until the year 1885 that saw him take charge of the peal of eight at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, a tower hitherto unknown to half-pull ringing. Although others had tried in vain to bring about a change, it was left to him to do this, and after twelve months' assiduous coaching, 17-720's of Bob Minor and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major had been accomplished. In the year 1888 he rang and conducted his first 5000 (Grandsire Triples) with a band of his own training, two of whom sailed for New York the following week. This was a decided set-back, but with an easy and explicit knack of bringing youngsters to the front, in quick time he was soon in evidence again, which stamped him an ideal instructor. So rapid did this band progress under his guidance that peals of Grandsire Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, were added to their repertoire, whilst touches of Cambridge and London Surprise were not unknown to them. Of a retiring disposition, with a keen sense of a ringer's duty, many are the ringers of this locality anxious to get on, who owe him a debt of gratitude for arranging and prompting them through their first 5000 in class methods. Well known in every tower in the Cleveland district, his aid and advice is often sought in ringing matters, which are most readily given for his love of the art. For three years he served with distinction as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Durham and Newcastle Association, retiring on the formation of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, in which he held the same office for six years, and of which he and the Rev. P. Wright, now of Hemingborough, were the chief promoters. He is also a life member of the Yorkshire Association. His record of peals stands at 67, of which he has conducted 43.

Our Composition Page, No. 12.

DERBY SURPRISE

A.	AJOR	No.	7.
	12345	678	
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	12346		
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	24136		
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6th Place Bob False Course "24365" This method will extend to Royal and Maximus. No adjoining places except 1-2.

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*A new method by Arthur Craven.

5088 BOB MAJOR. By W. H. Inglesant.

- 5		0	
23456	W	В	H
54236	_		S
25436			_
43256			_
62435		4	_
36425			
42365	_		-1
34265			
23465			_]

Five times repeated, bob for single at H except in 4th part. Same qualities as the 5024.

Omit bobs at H bracketted in three parts only.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

By Joseph W. Parker, Sunderland.

231456	S	Н	L	Q
625431		x	х	x
265413		x		
613452	X	X		
642153	x		x	
543162			X	x
512463				X
145623	X	x		X
243615	X			
415632	x	x		
462135	X		x	
365142			X	x
wice repeat				

9, and omitting the bobs at Q in the last course of the third part produces :-

523416	S	H	L	Q
245136	x	x		x
623145		X	x	x
564123		X	X	x
612534		X		X
654132				x
532146	X	x		
516342	x		x	
412356	X			
436152	X		X	

These last nine courses twice repeated adding single at 11 and bobs at Q in the last course of the

last part completes the peal.

First rung at the Church of St. Michael, Sunderland, on November 29th, 1906, conducted by William H. Barber, and is the first peal on the six-part plan composed with twenty-four four bob sets only.

5024 BOB MAJOR.

By W. H. Inglesant, Loughboro'

			_	
23456	W	В	M	H
54236	_			S
25436				_
43256	_			
24356				
32456				-
45326	_			-
34265		x		_
23465				-

Five times repeated with bob for single at H in first course of 4th part. 2-3 never 6ths place bells. 2nd only a one course a 5ths place bell in each part.

Note—Omit bobs at H bracketted in two parts only. If omitted in one part the peal will be 5248, if not omitted 5472.

DOUBLE NORWICH **COURT BOB MAJOR 5056**

		. 4.		
Ву	H.	Whitt	le.	
23456	1	4	5	6
53624		_		-
36524				-
65324				-
23564	-			_
35264				-
52364				=
32465	_		-	
24365				-
43265				-
45236		-	-	
52436				-
24536				-
43526	-			
25346				
53246				-
32546				-
42635	_	_		_
26435				_
64235				-
65243		-	_	
63254			_	
32654				_
63425			-	
23465	S			
Oı	nce r	epeate	ed	

DOUBLE NORWICH **COURT BOB ROYAL 5040**

	No. 3.			
	I. Wh			
23456	1	3	8	
45236	_			
52486	—.			
24536	-			
53246	_		_	
32546	-			
35246	S			
52346	_			
23546	_			
54326	S		_	
32465	_	_	_	
24365	_			
43265	_			
42365	S			
23465				
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sixth's place.

BOB MAJOR 5024.

23456	W	В	M	H
45236				-
24536				_
52436				-
43526				-
54326				_
35426				_
42356				_
34256				-
23564		х		_
52364				-
35264				_
63254	_			
25346		х	_	
32546				-
53246				
62345			_	_
36245				_
24365				_
32465				_
43265				_
64235	_			
32456	— Repe	X eated	-	s
Compos	ed by 16/3	F. A	. Ho	lden

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL 5040 No. 4.

32465 Once repeated has 5-6 only in sixth's place and contains all the 6-5 and 5-6's.

54236

23465

34265







The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.

The annual meeting of the above Society took place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 4th, upwards of sixty members being present.

The bells of the Parish Church (12) and St. Marie's (8) were at the disposal of the members from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The business meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Society at 7-30 p.m., the following towers being represented, viz.:—Barnsley, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, North Wingfield, Ronmoor, Rotherham, Treeton, and All Saints' Parish Church and St. Marie's, Sheffield. The President (Mr. Sam Thomas) occupied the chair. Messrs. J. T. Rew and G. Lewis were elected auditors, and whilst these gentlemen were inspecting the accounts, the members were regaling themselves with substantial refreshments kindly provided by the various Sheffield companies.

This part of the business having been disposed of, the minutes of the last meeting were road and duly passed.

The accounts for the past year were then read out in detail by the Hon. Secretary, and on a proposition by the Auditors they were passed as read, and placed on the table. The balance in hand was slightly less than last year, but several large items of expenditure were exceptional, and fully explained by the Hon. Secretary.

A review of the work done by the Society during the year was given by the President, which compared very favourably with the last few years, although the number of peals accomplished suffered somewhat in quantity, which, however, was not caused by any lack of interest, but by an unusual amount of bad luck. The total amounted to 42, as against 69 last year, but considerable improvement had been made by the recording of more peals in the higher methods, Grandsire Triples on the tower having fallen out altogether.

The full list is as follows:-

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Minor (four methods)	
Kent Treble Bob Major 10	
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Stedman Triples 5	
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Double Norwich Major 6	
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(Distributed over 15 towers) 37	
On handbells:—	
Grandsire Triples 3	
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With regard to the membership, the President said he was pleased to remark that great strides had been made during the last two or three years, the total now numbering

228 members, as against 186 and 158 respectively for the past two years, whilst the Society had more than doubled itself since 1904, therefore he had reason to believe that it had now become well established, and hoped it would continue so.

Respecting the recommendation from the Committee that an effort should be made to reopen the peal of eight bells at Rawmarsh, by asking for the Society to be allowed to pay a visit there on Whit-Tuesday, he was sorry to inform the meeting that the Hon. Secretary, after making a repeated application to the Vicar, had received a curt reply stating the bells were out of repair and cannot be rung.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected:—

President Mr. Sam Thomas.

Vice-President . . . Mr. James O. Dixon.

Hon. Treasurer . . . Mr. David Brearley.

Hon. Secretary . . . Mr. Sidney F. Palmer.

No advice of alteration having been received from any of the towers in union, the whole of the Committee were re-elected en bloc.

Two new rules were put to the meeting, and passed unanimously.

Considerable discussion then took place respecting the fee paid by the Society for peal recording, some members being of opinion that the figure was insufficient for the work done, and should be paid by the actual ringers; but the motion was eventually ruled out of order owing to proper notice not being given as per rule.

A vote of thanks to the Clergy and the local companies brought the meeting to a close.

Bell-Ringers at Pontefract.

VISIT BY THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS.

Ideal weather favoured the visit of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers to Pontefract on May 11th, and the outing proved a delightful one. All the local bellringers worked assiduously towards the pleasure of the visitors, Mr. Arthur Walker being indefatigable as local secretary. There were close upon 300 members in attendance, some 50 church towers being represented. Altogether the Association consists of 1250 members, and it has £200 invested in Leeds Corporation stock. The 40 honorary members include the two Vicars of Pontefract and Mr. R. D. Ryder, J.P. Many of the campanologists began to arrive in the town very early, and most of the places of interest were visited. The Vicar of St. Giles (the Rev. W. Gell, M.A.) and the Vicar of All Saints (the Rev. E. S. Hore, M.A.) had granted permission for the use of the church bells, and they were ringing most of the day, whilst a good number took advantage of Canon Atkinson's offer of the use of the Darrington bells. Among the company were three ringing clergy in the Rev. W. P. Wright (Vicar of Hemingborough), the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Almondbury, and Canon Atkinson.

The headquarters were at the Volunteer Drill Hall, and at five o'clock the large party sat down to an excellent tea in the Castle, provided by Mr. S. Heptinstall. The trayholders were: The Mayoress (Mrs. Grandidge), Mrs. W. Gell, Mrs. T. R. Ramsden, Mrs. J. Dickon Smith, Mrs. T. Butler, Mrs. O. Holmes, Mrs. G. Jessop, Mrs. W. J. Wilby, Mrs. W. Pearson, Mrs. G. Spurr, Mrs. E. S. Hore, Mrs. C. C. Moxon, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Thompson, and the Misses Lindsey, Pease, Pearson, Brook, Wilcock, Higgins, and Garlick.

Afterwards the business meeting was held in the open, Mr. W. Snowden, of Leeds, the President of the Association, presiding. Amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman G. and Mrs. Grandidge), Canon Atkinson (Darrington), the Revs. W. Gell and E. S. Hore, Alderman T. R. Ramsden, J.P., and Mr. W. J. Wilby.

The Chairman expressed the Association's indebtedness to the Mayor and Mayoress for coming amongst them and showing their sympathy with the members. Mr. Snowden also spoke in a humorous manner on the history of the Castle.

Mr. G. Bolland, of Tonge, Vice-President, also extended thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress.

Ald. Grandidge, in reply, said he would not keep the members long, for the simple reason that he did not understand bell-ringing. He was very pleased, on behalf of the town, to welcome the bell-ringers to Pontefract. He came from an old bell-ringing town—Dewsbury. There was once a bell-ringer there named Benjamin Thackeray, who was a capital campanologist, but he did not think any of those present would remember him.

An elderly member of the party, however, informed the Mayor that he rang with Thackeray some 60 years ago.

Ald. Grandidge: I did not think I should meet with anyone so old. He continued that Thackeray was very enthusiastic, and had a good band around him. The Mayor said he considered the finest-toned bells in Yorkshire were at Liversedge. After giving a little of the history of Pontefract, he said he thought less intoxicating drinks were now consumed in the town.

Lightcliffe, near Halifax, and Dewsbury were put forward as places for the meeting in September, the latter being chosen by a large majority.

Mr. Cryer, of Selby, made an appeal towards replacing the bells in Selby Abbey. He said there were 40,000 bell-ringers in the country, and if each contributed threepence there would be no difficulty. The Selby ringers had guaranteed the treble bell, and promises had been made for the third, seventh, and eighth, one as a result of postcard sent to Naples. Mr. Cryer thought the Yorkshire ringers might pay for the recasting of the tenor. He moved that the committee be asked to consider the possibility of the ringers throughout the country being invited to co-operate in the matter

Mr. Cooper, of Goole, seconded, and it was carried. On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Bolland, thanks were accorded the local clergy for the use of the church bells.

The Rev. W. Gell replied, and said it was a great pleasure to grant the use of the bells. Whilst they at St. Giles were proud of their bells, they had to admit that All Saints rather put them in the shade, having had new ones put in recently. It was ten years since the Association was last at Pontefract, and they were pleased to see the members. Some six years ago they were kind enough to make him an honorary member, and the card of membership was hung in his study. He noticed from the minutes that bell-ringers gave as an

excuse for non-attendance at church that they were placed in draughty seats. He was sorry that they thought this was so. But bell-ringers, he was afraid, generally considered it was enough for them to ring the bells and then go away—they were the sign posts pointing the way to church but kept away themselves. Mr. Gell said he would be pleased to see all his ringers at church. Perhaps the clergy were a great deal to blame—they held too much aloof from the men. A belfry-going parson might make church-going ringers. (Applause.) He pleaded guilty in the matter, but he would try and improve. (Laughter.)

Canon Atkinson also spoke, and said whatever they did they must see that change ringing did not die out.

The Rev. E. S. Hore mentioned that his father was a bell-ringer. All Saints had a capital set of bells, and 95 per cent. of the credit for securing them was due to the ringers. They made great personal sacrifices, and stirred up slow and cold people, the consequence being that there was plenty in the bank, with interest, before the last bill came in. Sixty-five per cent. of his ringers went to church, three holding offices. He had never asked a ringer to attend church, and he supposed he never should. What he did was to try and show sympathy with the ringers, and keep in touch with them as much as possible.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Rev. Canon Wigram, of Hertford, the "bell-ringing parson."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local officials and ladies for presiding, Mr. W. Pearson replying.

The party then broke up, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers.

The February meeting was held at Stokesley on a very wintry day, and consequently the attendance was only small. Several 720s of Minors were nevertheless rung in good style by the following:—G. J. Clarkson, H. Newton, R. Robinson, W. Newton, R. Greenwood, T. Stephenson, H. C. Bowes, W. Clarkson, H. H. Bowes, W. J. Wright, A. C. Bowes, and R. Greenwood. The conducting was shared by G. J. Clarkson, T. Stephenson, and W. Clarkson. Unfortunately the Rector was unable to join the company as it was hoped he would have done, nor was the Rev. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland, a village close by who is straining every nerve to raise the funds for a peal of eight bells for his church at the foot of the Cleveland Hills.

Haddesdon Parish Church Ringers at Dinner.

On Tuesday evening, April 30th, the members of the above society held its sixth annual dinner at the Salisbury Arms Hotel. The Vicar, the Rev. P. E. S. Holland, occupied the chair, and among those present were Mr. J. Dew (Churchwarden), Mr. F. H. Cherry and Messrs. H. G. Rowe, S. Knight, I. Cavill, W. Cavill, C. Matthews, W. Irons, G. Plummer, E. Blake, A. Sams, J. Puplett, A. Cains, and C. Rainbird. A capital repast was provided by host Puddifat, to which full justice was done. On removal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King", which was duly honoured. Other toasts were "The Haddesdon Society of Change Ringers," proposed by Mr. Dew; "The Visitors"; "The Chairman"; which were all responded to. A course of Grandsire Triples and several tunes were rung on the handbells, while an excellent selection of songs were sung by Messrs. H. G. Rowe, A. Cavill, W. Cavill, G. Plummer, and

Mr. Dew, while the host brought his gramophone, and quite amused the company. This brought to a close another of those pleasant evenings, and all ringers paying a visit to Haddesdon will find in Mr. Puddifat one of the best of hosts, and their wants well looked after.

H. G. R.

Lancashire Association.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Association was held at Southport, on Saturday, April 27th. The bells of Immanuel and Christ Churches were placed at the disposal of the ringers. Owing perhaps to the inclement weather, the members attending was less than usual, the absentees including many of our prominent ringers.

This was to be regretted, as Southport is an ideal place for a meeting, both as regards the ringing accommodation and the general attractions that abounds in the seaport. The new ring at Emanuel's was first set going, and both the tone and go, and the ringing chambers might all serve as models of what these things should be. The bells of Christ Church did not get on the swing until after the business meeting, the latter taking place in the Parish Room at this Church, the Rev. H. J. Elsee as usual presiding. A few interesting topics were to the front, including an Officer's Peal, and a printed report of our representatives of the Central Council.

The usual votes of thanks to the authorities were not forgotten. The bells of Christ Church were kept going until the visitors departed, Stedman and Kent being the favourite methods.

J. H. B.

Campanologists at Whitby Parish Church.

MEETING OF THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

A meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers was held at Whitby on Easter Monday-the visit having especial interest to the members by reason of the recent overhauling and putting in order of the peal of eight bells, with the tenor of 17 cwts., in the tower of the Parish Church. There were about thirty ringers in all who visited the tower, these included a number of the local campanologists, and six from St. Stephen's Church, Fyling-dales. The presence of the members of the Association had the pleasing effect upon the townspeople and visitors of giving an opportunity of hearing the bells rung during the greater part of the day, and this added much to the enjoyment of the holiday. The first contingent to arrive, from Stockton, at once made their way to the church, where they were met by Mr. G. F. Alexander and the party from Fylingdales. Almost immediately eight ringers got to work, and rang Grandshire Triples, expressing themselves highly pleased with the sound of the peal. Those who took part in the ringing were the Rev. A. W. Lister, 1; and Messrs. J. Clarkson, 2; G. F. Alexander, 3; J. Waller, 4; J. W. Newton, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Stephenson (conductor), 7; and A. W. Barrett, tenor. The belfry was then ascended, the work recently undertaken being inspected, and giving rise to much satisfaction to the members. 504 Bob Triples was then given by the Rev. A. W. Lister, 1; Mr. J. W. Newton, 2; the Rev. A. J. de Den Denne, 3; Mr. G. F. Alexander, 4; Mr. F. P. Howcroft, 5; Mr. J. W. Wilkinson, 6; Mr. R. Duck, 7; and the Rev. W. P. Wright, tenor. Other touches were given and the members adjourned to the Belle Hotel (Mr. H. E. Smethurst) where dinner was served. Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, was in the

chair, and the Rev. W. P. Wright (Vicar of Hemingbrough) in the vice-chair, and the company included Mr. R. W. White (churchwarden of the Parish Church), the Rev. A. W. Lister, the Rev. R. Hodson (hon. secretary), and Messrs. W. Stephenson, T. Stephenson, J. Waller, G. Clarkson, J. W. Newton, A. W. Barrett, T. W. Waller, and F. P. Howcroft (Stockton), J. W. Wilkinson, G. F. Alexander, R. Duck, W. Harrison, and T. Tindale (Fylingdales), and W. Harland, A. Tindale, G. Simpson, Fred Hodgson (Whitby). After the dinner a short toast-list was submitted.

The Chairman gave "The King," which was received with enthusiasm, the company singing the National Anthem.

"The Bishops and Clergy of the Church of England" was also given by the Chairman, who said that he was pleased to see that they had no less than three clergymen present at that meeting. (Applause.) He was looking forward to the time when those meetings would attract even more; but the parishes in the North of England were of such large size as made it rather difficult for them to meet in that way. He regretted the absence of the Rector of Whitby, who was unable to accept the invitation to be present. At present, the Bishops had somewhat difficult duties to carry out, but as was pointed out by Sir Pereival Heywood in London a few days ago, there were between 30,000 and 40,000 ringers up and down the country, who were an absolutely solid body of loyal men of the Church of England. (Applause.) That was a fact which was worth bearing in mind. He associated with the toast their old friend, the Rev. W. P. Wright, the Rev. A. W. Lister, and their hon secretary. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. P. Wright was received with applause, which was renewed when he stated that, in order to get to that meeting, he had to be up at a quarter-to-five that morning. He was anxious to be present, because he could not always attend the meetings on account of the distance of the parish where he was now working. He felt that he must do his best to be present, and show that he retained his interest in the Association. It was something like coming home. Though his parishioners were as nice as they could possibly be, never grumbling, and appreciating everything he tried to do-which was something he had to be thankful for-they had not the standing of the old friends which he met when he came into the North Riding. It was very pleasant to see the old faces, and to meet those with whom he had had many an hour's ringing. It was also nice to be at Whitby that day, and to find that the bells had been put into order since they were there three years ago. He had spent part of his holiday in Whitby last summer, and he tried to do what he could, as one of the members of the Association -as he hoped all members did-to help and encourage the ringers. He endeavoured to meet the local band as often as possible, and it was pleasing to find that they were willing to toil up the steps—which some people fought shy of—(laughter)—even three times a week for practice. Every effort ought to be made by the members to encourage local ringers. They found the bells that day were much pleasanter that on the last occasion of their visit. As some of the members knew, he had been fortunate in having his own bells re-hung, and having a new treble bell added in his church at Hemingborough. He had now six bells in perfect order. If any of the members cared to go down and try the bells, he should be delighted. (Applause.)

The Rev. A. W. Lister thanked the company for the way the toast had been received. He found it a great pleasure to have anything to do with bells. They had, however, not gone there to listen to speeches, but to work, and he hoped they would adjourn and hear the bells at work very soon. After their good dinner they should try a little gentle exercise on the steps. (Laughter.)

The Rev. R. Hodgson also responded, and said he had pleasure in mentioning the name of Mr. R. W. White, whose company they had been favoured with at the dinner. If all churchwardens took as much interest in bells as did Mr. White and the Whitby churchwardens, they would, indeed, be highly favoured. He had spent an hour in the church with Mr. White that morning, and he had gained some idea of the interest he took in the fabric and the bells. He wished they had such churchwardens throughout their district, and they would have quickened interest in bells, and sympathy with bell-ringers. He was expressing the feelings of all present when he welcomed Mr. White amongst them, and expressed the hope that on some future occasion they might see him with them again. (Applause.)

Mr. R. W. White responded. He said they would not wish to hear much from him. The brilliant sunshine, and the tide coming in, would make them wish to be up among the bells, which was better than hearing anyone speak. He had, however, to express his thanks to Mr. Hodgson, and all present, for their kind reception of what he (Mr. Hodgson) had been good enough to say. Of course, he took an interest in Whitby Parish Church bells, and he wondered who in Whitby did not do so.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the annual meeting would be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday. Thirsk and Northallerton were the most central places where they held meetings. Whitby was something like Richmond, on one extreme side of the North Riding, and they could congratulate themselves on seeing such an attendance. (Applause.)

A short performance on the handbells concluded the proceedings, and the company again adjourned to the belfry. Several touches of various methods were tried, the principal work done being 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, by Messrs. F. P. Howcroft, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; G. F. Alexander, 3; R. Laughton, 4; J. Newton, 5; and T. W. Waller, 6; the Rev. W. P. Wright, 7; and Mr. T. Stephenson, tenor (conductor).

The Winchester Diocesan Guild,

ELING, HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 20th, several members of North Stoneham Band, in conjunction with several members of the Dibden Band (who had walked a distance of six miles), paid a visit to the Church of St. Mary, Eling, where they received a most hearty welcome from the vicar and the local ringers.

The bells were raised in peal, and a well struck 720 of Bob Minor tapped off by H. Payne, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; E. Dumper, 3; C. J. Fray, 4; C. A. Valentine, 5; W. T. Tucker, 6. This appears to be the first known 720 on the bells; a 360 of Kent Treble Bob and 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung during the evening. The vicar (the Rev. T. Thistle) came into the tower, and, with a hearty shake of the hand, said how pleased he was to welcome us, and invited all to take of refreshments at the "Anchor" before returning homewards. Needless to say, this was very much appreciated, and after lowering the bells in peal, a move was made to this hostelry, where we found tables laid out with a bountiful spread, our company comprising Messrs. G. Williams, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, E. Dumper, C. A. Valentine, from North Stoneham; Messrs. W. Chambers, sen., W. Chambers, jun., H. Payne, W. Rollands, A. Prince, from Dibden; and Messrs. H. Scote, F. Weaver, E. Cassell, W. Pearee, W. Bromfield, J. Crook, H. Crook, sen., H. Crook, jun., of the local band.

G. Williams was voted to the chair, and after this repast, a very pleasant evening passed off all too quickly in toast and song. The toasts given were: "The Vicar" and "Local Ringers" and "The Visitors," which were duly responded to, while the songs included "Our Jack's come home to-day," "Queen of the Earth," "Loch Lomond," "Grandmother's Chair," &c.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Sherfield-English on Saturday, May 11th, the towers represented being Romsey, Winchester, North Stoneham, St. Michael's and Holy Rood, Southampton, and Sherfield. Romsey tower was open for ringing from 1 to 2 p.m., but that hour proved much too early as only 2 or 3 members turned up. The Sherfield bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles and Triples till 5 p.m., and by this time a good number had turned up for tea, which was held at the Hatchet Inn, the Vicar of Romsey, the Rev. J. Yarborough presiding, the party numbering in all twenty-six.

Seven members belonging to the Dibden band (which tower has never yet been affiliated to the Guild) were elected as independent members.

A very interesting discussion afterwards took place on various subjects interesting to ringers, including which was the safety of the Cathedral tower for ringing, the Romsey Pageant, which takes place next month, and the duty of ringers and church officials. After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and to the Chairman for presiding, the tower was again visited, and various touches brought round in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major.

The weather was ideal for a meeting at this country church, and cycles were very much in evidence.

The Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers.

The above Association held their quarterly meeting and contest on Saturday, April 20th, 1907, at Heptonstall Parish Church, on the peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., which had been kindly placed at the Association's disposal by the vicar, the Rev. R. P. Whittington, and this old time village was fairly stormed by the numerous ringing visitors, amongst whom were a party from Bacup, Lancashire.

Eight companies took part in the ringing, which was of a good standard throughout, and amply demonstrated the great improvement effected by these contests since the Cups inception some two years ago.

The draw for order of ringing took place at 2-45 p.m., and after the first company had taken their place at the ropes, the bells were kept going without loss of time till the finish of the contest at 8-15.

Tea was provided in the church schools by the local branch, with the assistance of the clergy and church workers, to which over 100 visitors did full justice to.

The test piece for the occasion consisted of 504 changes in any Treble Bob Method, to be preceded by a plain course for practice, the judges selected being Mr. F. Schofield, of Lindley, and Messrs T. Robertshaw and R. Nowell, of Heptonstall.

The general meeting took place in the schools at 8 p.m., Mr. B. F. Lamb presiding, who was supported by the Vicar and Churchwardens, and the Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the Secretary announced that 4s. 8d. had been subscribed towards the late Mr. J. W. Taylor's, Loughboro' Memorial, and would now be forwarded.

The place of next meeting in July was fixed for Almondbury, on the kind invitation of the vicar, Rev. C. D. Hoste. The ringing at this point being finished the judges were soon announced, and had a hearty reception, whereupon the President at once called for their decision, which, Mr. Schofield remarking on the good quality that had been obtained and that it was a pleasure to have such a difficult task, gave as follows:—

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No.	1 Com	pany, Brig	house		 200
No.	2 ,	Hali	fax Par	rish	 269
No.		Almo	ondbury	7	 210
No.	4 ,			4.7	186
No.	5 ,	T:~l.		Parish	372
No.			holmroy	d	 287
No.	7 ,	, Kirk	heaton		 131
No.	8 ,,			Congl.)	304
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Mr. Ryland proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, and for his kindly presence amongst us during the day, this Mr. Bolland seconded, saying it was his first visit, which had been a pleasant one, and if it had been a fine day would have proved an ideal meeting place.

Mr. Drake proposed a vote of thanks to the local branch and to the ladies, who had made the visitors so comfortable and provided so ably for the inner man. This was seconded by Mr. Carter and carried unanimously.

The Vicar, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had been to receive the Association at the ancient, interesting, and once important village of Heptonstall, and said "do come again under better climatic conditions, when its romantic situation and beautiful surroundings could be appreciated"; he was pleased to see the ringers, in whom he ought to be interested, seeing he claimed to be a descendant of that great Lord Mayor who was recalled to fame by the historic Bow Bells. It was also a pleasure to him to acknowledge that the ringers did a great church work in calling all people to worship, and wished the Association great success. As requested by the President, he was pleased to hand the Silver Cup to Mr. Hardy, who had conducted the winning band and so ably brought his team to such a success.

Mr. Hardy suitably responded, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. Mr. Drake seconded, and referred to the general satisfaction the result had given.

Mr. Robertshaw replied thanking the meeting. They had done their best in judge room, the ringing had been good, and he was sure the Association had had a record day.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held at Gawsworth on Saturday, April 27th, when there were 23 members present from the different towers.

An excellent tea was partaken of in the parish room, ably catered by the captain of the local band, and to which ample justice was done, a 3½ mile walk in the bracing country air and bellringing being excellent tonics for sharpening the appetite. The business meeting was afterwards held in the school, the rector (Rev. H. E. Polehampton) being absent

through illness. The question of augmenting the Gawsworth bells from 6 to 8 by the addition of two new trebles was discussed, and it was resolved to open a branch fund, the Macclesfield Ringers starting the fund with £1. 720's of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung during the evening.

The Goscote and District Society of Church Bell Ringers.

The 25th annual meeting of the above Society was held on Monday, April 29th, at Walton (5 bells). Bands of ringers were present from the following parishes: -Walton, Wymeswold, Thrussington, Syston, Thurmaston, Asfordby, Birstall, Great Dalby, and Ashby Folville. The method to be rung this year was new Doubles, but only three teams were successful in ringing peals in this method, viz.:—
Thrussington, Thurmaston, and Great Dalby. The other teams rang Grandsire and Canterbury. The bells were in capital order, and some admirable peals were rung. Owing to lack of accommodation, the Rector had generously provided, at his own expense, a large marquee in his picturesque grounds. Dinner was partaken of therein at one o'clock, over 70 sitting down. Besides the ringers the following Clergy were present:—the Revs. M. B. Bird, R. C. Green, A. Carter, R. C. Dashwood, G. Chappell, A. T. Beeston, and M. T. Brown. After dinner the Rev. M. B. Bird proposed the toast of "The King," which was enthusiastically received with musical honours. The President of the Society, the Rev. J. M. Tucker, R.D., was unfortunately unable to be present through indisposition, and the Secretary was instructed to write to him, and express the sorrow of the Society at his absence. The senior Vice-President, the Rev. R. C. Green, then took the chair, and called on the Secretary, Mr. P. Hardy, to read the report for 1906. The Secretary gave an exhaustive resume of the year's work, and his statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £4 11s. 6d. The report and balance sheet were adopted unanimously. The following new members were then elected: -Honorary, Rev. M. T. Brown; Ringing, Messrs. G. Brown, C. Middleton, John Peel, and C. Baker. It was unanimously decided that next year's meeting should take place on May 18th, at Asfordby (6 bells) Divine service was held in the church at three o'clock. A most impressive and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who is a most accomplished ringer, and therefore peculiarly qualified to preach to a gathering of devotees of the campanological art. A feature of the service was the singing of the festal hymn to the accompaniment of handbells in addition to the organ. Tea was partaken of at five o'clock. After tea, hearty votes of thanks were accorded the preacher for his excellent sermon, and the Rector and Churchwardens for their hospitable welcome, both gentlemen replying in suitable terms. A discussion on the method for next year ensued, and eventually on the proposition of Mr. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. Briggs, Stedman Slow Course was adopted. The beautiful grounds of the rectory were thrown open, and elicited much admiration. The Rector had also with kindly forethought provided games for the non-ringing periods. He was also most assiduous on behalf of his guests, and the pronounced success of the meeting was in a great measure due to his efforts. The following were the captains of the several bands:—Walton, Rev. M. B. Bird; Wymeswold, Mr J. Smith; Thrussington, Mr. P. Hardy; Syston, Mr. J. Hall; Thurmaston, Mr. E. Smith; Birstall, Mr. A. Smith; Asfordby, Mr. T. Hazlewood; Great Dalby, Mr. E. Johnson; Ashby, Mr. E. Pears.

P. HARDY, Hon. Sec.

North Wales Association.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Portmadoc on Easter Monday, April 1st. Members from Buckley, Bangor, Dolgelly, Llandudno, Machynlleth, Rhyl, and Wrexham, arrived during the morning, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At 11 o'clock a service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Williams, of Portmadoc, and a stirring address was delivered by the Rev. T. A. Williams, Vicar of Bryncoedifor, who took his text from Ephesians vi verse 7.

Dinner time arriving, the members sat down in the Royal Commercial Hotel to an excellent dinner provided by the President of the Portmadoc Ringers, N. S. Percival, Esq., and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the donor, and to the Rev. T. A. Williams for his stirring address. The business was then proceeded with in Mr. Barnard's Room. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of St. David's, Bangor, occupied the chair. All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and one new tower (Machynlleth) and 12 new members were admitted to the Association. It was decided that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Beaumaris, and the next annual meeting be held at Llangolten, or at Buckley in the event of circumstances preventing it being held at Llangollen. After a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bernard for the use of the room, tea was partaken of in the Church Room, which was enjoyed by all present. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Portmadoc for the use of the bells, and to the Portmadoc members for making such splendid arrangements. The members then adjourned to the tower, where they rang several touches of Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Train time arriving found everybody of the same opinion—that they had had a splendid day out.

Address given at St. John's Church, Portmadoc, on Monday in Easter week, before the North Wales Association of Change Ringers, by the Rev. T. A. Williams, Vicar of Bryncoedifor.

Ephesians vi. 7.—"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."

It seemed to me that these words, although originally addressed to household or domestic servants, or slavesif taken out of their context—would express very clearly the objects of the North Wales Association of Change Ringers, and that was one reason why I chose them for my text on this occasion. Another reason was that there is something in the very form and sound of the words which will be found for church workers of all kinds most helpful, and especially to bell ringers. There is a ringing sound in them which clings in the ear, and is not soon banished from the mind. I have often thought of the wonderfully retentive power belonging to the melody of the bells when skilfully rung, how that their sweet notes keep running through the head long after the bells themselves have ceased. It may be said that this is true of all kinds of attractive, melodious music, but I think it is particularly true of bell-music, and this feature has its value because the sound of bells reaches a very wide public of all grades and kinds.

If in no other way, I think that here alone bells and change ringing amply justify their existence, and the renewed interest taken in them in these days of increased vitality and progress in the church. Apart from the important place which they fill in church art, apart from the valuable associations—both sad ana joyous—which the sound of the church bells must have for most of us, apart from the great work they do as callers to all the seriously-minded to

come to the house of God, they have often been the means of drawing those who would otherwise not have been drawn at all, first of all, to reflect in ever so casual a manner, and afterwards to think deeply and yet more deeply of the great responsibility which they incur in refusing to hearken to their calling. I will go further and say that there are many who have actually been brought again and again to the house of God, finally to settle there as regular and true worshippers, simply, in the first place, through the sweet melody of the bells. I think I remember a time when there were some in this town who regarded the sound of the bells as not far short of a public nuisance. They would have, I do believe, gladly seen them silenced for ever; and I feel I am right in saying that skilful and melodious change ringing had much to do with the killing of that unsympathetic feeling and attitude. Judging from what I read in a Welsh Nonconformist periodical about last Christmas time, when attention was called to the sweet ringing of the bells on Christmas morning, bell-ringing in Portmadoc is winning commendation from quarters where it would be least expected. I have no doubt that this is also the experience elsewhere than in Portmadoc.

Just as the melody of bells in this way reaches most effectively a very wide class outside the church, so do I think it possible that some Bible verses sink deeper into the hearts of those who, who hear them than others, and are more easily remembered because of the melodious sound of the words. Who has not thought how that such words as "Glory to God in the highest, &c." at Xmas, and "The Lord is risen indeed" at Easter, and many other words that might be quoted have gained power and force, more than other words containing the same truths, partly from the associations connected with them, and greatly, I think from the form in which they have been given to us And desiring to ring a few changes to you upon some words of Scripture, I could think of no more melodious and, at the same time, appropriate words than those of my text. I trust they will recur to your minds sometimes during the coming year, and that they will be found of some help to you in your worthy endeavour to render your service to God an acceptable service. "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."

For it is not a great privilege to be allowed in ever so small a degree to do service to God. At the best we are "unprofitable servants," but how glorious it is to think that God has been pleased to make use of us at all as His servants, and that though he could bring about His great and wise ends without our aid, yet He has seen fit to make us His instruments in fulfilling some of His great purposes, and to regard our poor efforts as acceptable service.

Now there are one or two things to be said about change ringing as a part of church work and "doing service" from which all who are interested in other branches of church work may perhaps learn something. I know that I am here addressing many who do not confine their service to belfry work, but I have no doubt that there are some things connected with the work and duties of the belfry which they find most helpful towards a better rendering of their service. May I say in passing that my experience goes to show that ringers as a class are always most ready to lend a helping hand in any other work connected with the church that may require doing. I am speaking more especially of ringers as I found them in Portmadoc during the time I spent here, but I have reason to think that the same thing holds good of other ringers also. I know well how that the Vicar was at all times confident of the ready and cheerful support of the ringers in any movement for the good of the church or community, and which might be entirely apart and distinct from the proper work of the bell-ringers. Now, I put this down, first of all, to

I. THE DISCIPLINE OBSERVED IN THE BELFRY.

I speak as one who has had a sufficient insight into belfry work to know something of the discipline prevailing there, and I fully realise the important, nay, indispensable part which that discipline plays in the successful acquirement of the art of change ringing. Full well do I know that unless there is a readiness on the part of each member to sink his own individual interest in the interest of the whole band, to give unquestioning obedience to the regulations prevailing, and deference to the ruling of the conductor for the time being, there can be no real progress in the belfry.

Full well do I know the hard work and constant application, the determined perseverance, the patience with his own failures and with the failures of others, the readiness to lend a helping hand to a backward member, and to stay his own eagerness for advance in order that others may be brought up to the required standard, which the discipline of the belfry must mean for each member; and I think that in this respect the belfry may be regarded as a most valuable training ground for taking part in a wider field of usefulness in church or any other good work.

I have been struck with the loyalty towards one another which may be observed in change ringers, taking them as a class. There is an attempt, say, to ring a full peal, and more often than not, on account of its great difficulty and the multitude of contingencies upon which a successful accomplishment hangs, the attempt ends in failure, and a miserably disappointing failure it often is, because the peal has been all but ended when one ringer forgets his place or make some other regrettable mistake, and the whole work of two or three hours is gone for nothing, for less than nothing, because it must be a trying experience for all concerned. But what happens? It might be imagined that the concentrated wrath of the whole band would be poured upon the head of the offending member, that the matter would be discussed in the outside world interested in bell-ringing, and much hard, cruel criticism passed upon him who had been the cause of the failure. Let a player in an important game of football or cricket do badly, and be the means of losing the game for his side, and there is no attempt to spare him or to consider his feelings by players, public, or press. Now I have noticed no such tendency in ringers, though they are equally keen on success. Take up bell-ringing literature, and you may read of attempted peals ending insuccessfully, but there is no merciless crying down of bad ringers, and the utmost charitableness and patience seem to be shown at all times amongst ringers towards one another's shortcomings. Is there not something here which we may learn and carry into other parts of Church work? Is there not here a splendid example? Do we not know that what spoils our service, and is the greatest retarding influence in Church work, that which almost above all others kills its usefulness and effectiveness, is the spirit of selfish individualism which too often characterises those who engage in it, the want of charity and patience towards others who try to do their best, but who often fail. Has not this often been so great a cause of discouragement that it has resulted in the loss of many a willing worker in God's vineyard. If you, ringers, can carry this principle of unselfish service out into other parts of your Church work, as I believe you do, I think you may by your very example be the means of raising the tone of Church work generally.

There is another thing about your service which may teach us a lesson as Church workers by pointing a danger into which we may easily fall, and perhaps do fall occasionally. It arises in your case from

2. THE DEFINITENESS OF YOUR SERVICE.

What I mean is this: There is a certain work which falls to your share to do, and which you do in a most efficient manner on behalf of the church, and that is, you ring the bells for Divine Service. Now, taking into account the sacrifice that that means to you, how that it requires regular and frequent attendance, from year's end to year's end, at the belfry on Sundays and on practice nights-considering all this, your service can in no sense be regarded as small and insignificant, and I can quite conceive how that any one of you might be inclined to say: "Well, I need not be ashamed of the amount of service which I render. I do so much and so much. I spend so many hours in God's service, and there are few who can show a better record." You see the danger-you can lay your finger upon a certain definite work done by you, and although I do not say that you take that as an excuse for not doing any more-I know that that would be far from the truth-still there is the danger into which we all fall only too often of trying to estimate our service, and of comparing it with other people's. You see, you have something to show for your trouble-definite time spent, work done-whereas true service to God is not to be measured in quantities, in days and hours, but in a life's devotion to the doing of His will. There are very many faithful workers in God's Vineyard—in labouring in season and out of season-who, if they were challenged at the end of a given time as to what they had done and achieved, would have very little, if anything, to show, not because there had been nothing done and achieved, but because the nature of their service was not such as could bear that definite and regular character which belongs to yours. Many such would be relieved to think that so many hours spent in good work ended their responsibility. What they know full well that we are not to rest at all, but to see that our whole life, in all its parts, is a service of goodwill "to the Lord and not to men."

And now one last word as to your service as ringers. There is

3. THE DIGNITY OF IT.

Surely it is a hopeful sign to see a body of men like yourselves combining as you do by a spontaneous movement, and forming yourselves into an association, with the prime object of elevating change-ringing from being merely an art, difficult and requiring skill and effort to acquire as it does, into something higher and better, in fact, into a service of goodwill done to God and not to men. I know the feeling which promoted the movement. It was that change-ringing had become to be regarded, too often even by ringers themselves, as no better than a worldly service done to men, done possibly for gain, or followed as a means of recreation. What wonder is it that corruptions crept into the belfry. Let a low estimate be taken by you of any service that you do, and corruption is sure to follow. May God speed you, I say, in your noble effort. You have already by this movement on your part stamped your service with true and lofty dignity, in that you aim at consecrating it to God, and may this spirit spread among all church workers, may a double portion of it fall upon us Clergy in our high work, may all you laity in whatever church work you may be engaged be possessed with it, so that we shall "with goodwill do service unto the Lord and not men."

Rochdale Branch.

The next meeting of the above will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, June 15th, 1907. Bells ready at 3-30. Meeting at 6-30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Secretary.







The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Leatherhead. — On Sunday, March 10th, for divine service, 1547 Grandsire Caters in 59 mins. by D. Messam, E. Hull, G. Massing, W. E. Otway, A. D. Winch, E. Boniface, J. Doyle, A. C. Otway, A. Dean (cond), E. Ventham. Rung in honour of the 86th birthday of Joseph Lisney, who for many years has been a valued and esteemed member of the local band.

Basingstoke.—On Thursday, March 14th, on the occasion of the Annual Confirmation Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260) in 44 mins. W. Leavey treble, Miss D. White 2, H. White (cond) 3, J. E. Bloxham 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, — Dibben tenor.

North Stoneham.—On Saturday, March 23rd, for practice at the Parish Church a 360 each of College Single; Oxford Single Bob, Double Court, and Double Oxford, the following taking part: E. Dumper, W. H. George, C. Fray, W. T. Tucker, C. Valentine, W. Rowe, sen., G. Williams (cond). Also on Sunday evening, March 24th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 22 mins: G. Williams (cond), A. Marks, C. J. Fray, *W. H. George, C. Valentine, W. T. Tucker, *First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Portsea Parish Church.—March 31st, for divine service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Treble J. Harris (cond), J. Harper 2, C. Groves 3, J. Symonds 4, M. Elsmore 5, W. Gebbon 6, A. D. Stone 7, E. J. Harding (tenor). On Sunday evening, April 21st, for divine service, at which the Bishop of Stepney officiated, a quarter peal of Grandsrie Triples, with J. Matthews, A. Small and D. Thomas conducting. Treble C. Groves, H. Northfield 2, J. Symonds 3, A. Small 4, J. Matthews 5, E. J. Harding (cond) 6, M. Elsmore, 7, S. Thomas tenor.

North Stoneham, Hants.—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at the Church of St. Nicolas, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Williams (cond) treble, C. Fray 2, W. Rowe, jun., 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe 5, W. Tucker tenor, and 360 College Single, W. G. Rowe treble, C. Fray 2, W. Tucker 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe 5, G. Williams (cond) tenor. On Thursday, April 11th, 360 Double Court, E. Dumper treble, G. Williams (cond) 2, C. Valentine 3, C. Fray 4, W. Rowe 5, W. Tucker tenor.

Wickham, Hants.—Easter Sunday, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob, H. J. Smith, H. Beckett, H. Merrett, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell (cond), and for morning service, 720 College Single, H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell (cond), and for evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor, H. Smith, W. Singleton, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Carpenter, G. E. Chappell (cond). April 3rd, for practice, 720 being 240 each of Plain Bob College Single and Oxford Bob, H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, H. Beckett, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell (cond). Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob, H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell (cond).

Christ Church, Hants.—On Monday, April 22nd, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1907 changes) in one hour and twenty-two minutes. Miss C. E. Sparshott 1, V. Street 2, S. Best 3, F. Sparshott 4, R. C. Street 5, G. H. Plummer 6, A. Best 7, T. Best 8, G. Preston 9, C. W. Goodenough tenor. Composed by R. O. Street, and conducted by G. Preston.

Henfield, Sussex.—On Tuesday evening, May 14th, with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. C. S. Dunlop, widow of the late Vicar of Henfield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins., by W. Markwell 1, S. Burt 2, E. Lish 3, G. Payne 4, L. Payne 5, A. Heasman 6, C. Tyler (cond) 7, A. Hodges 8.

Hersham, Surrey.—On Whit Monday, the local band attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, Heywood's 10 part, No. 2, which came to grief in the 54th course, owing to a change course, after 2 hours 38 mins. good ringing. F. G. Woodiss treble, G. Woodiss (cond) 2, A. Woodrow 3, G. Edser (junr.) 4, J. Emery 5, C. J. Hamblin 6, W. Shepherd 7, R. J. Polley tenor. At the Church of St. Peter, on Ascension Day, for evening service, 1371 of Stedman Triples. G. Edser (senr.) treble, G. Woodiss (cond) 2, A. Woodrow 3, A. Shepherd 4, J. Emery 5, C. J. Hamblin 6, W. Shepherd 7, E. Hamblin tenor. Also on Friday, May 17th, immediately after Confirmation Service held by the Bishop of Dorking, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples 1260 changes. E. Hamblin treble, G. Edser (senr.) 2, A. Woodrow 3, J. Emery (cond) 4, T. Cutforth 5, C. J. Hamblin 6, G. Woodiss 7, R. J. Polley tenor.

Shere, Surrey.—On Monday, May 20th, in three hours and five minutes, at the church of St. James, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5088 changes. First peal of Surprise, also first peal of Surprise as conductor, and it is also the first peal of Surprise on the bells-William E. Pitman treble, George R. Pye 5, Septimus Radford 2, George W. Challice 6, Thomas W. Radford 3, Ernest Pye 7, Isaac G. Shade 4, James Hunt (cond) tenor. Composed by N. J. Pitslow. Tenor 15½ cwt. In the evening an attempt was made at St. Nicholas, Guildford, for Stedman Caters, but after 2 hours and 42 minutes good ringing the third rope broke. G. W. Brion, G. W. Challice, J. Hunt, W. E. Pitman, G. R. Pye (cond), T. G. Shade, F. Blondell, S. Radford, E. Pye, W. Loader.

The North Notts Association.

Worksop.—On Tuesday, March 12th, for the Confirmation Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 15 bobs by C. Watkinson 1, D. Bale 2, B. Bale 3, W. Marshall (cond) 4, G. Watkinson 5, H. Haigh 6, C. Heeley tenor. Also an attempt on 1312 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 1216 changes in 43 mins., by the following:—C. Watkinson 1, G. Clarke 2, D. Bale 3, B. Bale 4, W. Marshall 5, G. Watkinson, 6, H. Haigh (cond) 7, C. Heeley 8.

The Midland Counties Association.

Hinckley.—On Sunday afternoon, March 17th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260. W. Sharpe treble, S. White 2, J. Tansey 3, F. Cotton 4, W. Wall 5, G. Thompson 6, W. Humphrey (cond) 7, P. Hadfield tenor.

Nuneaton.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples. J. L. Willars (aged 12) 1, T. W. Chapman (cond) 2, W. Martin 3, J. Clarke 4, T. Rippin 5, J. A. Willars 6, J. Goodyer 7, T. W. Cure 8. Messrs. Willars hail from South Wigston.

Ripley.—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at the Church of All Saints, in 45 mins., a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), tenor 17 cwt. F. Hill treble, H. Day 2, J. Bourne 3, G. Goodwin 4, H. George 5, W. Frost 6, J. Pagett 7, T. Stimpson tenor. Composed and conducted by J. Pagett. Also 336 Grandsire Triples with A. Bowmer, H. George, and A. Haslam.

Hugglescote, Leicester.—On Sunday morning, for service, April 7th, at St. John the Baptist, a quarter peal of Grandsire triples was rung in 46 mins., by the following:—W. Allen, J. Cadle, W. Martin, G. Walker, F. Weston, J. T. Rippin, E. W. Rands (cond), H. Powdrill; arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 6th who hail from Nuneaton.

Chesterfield.—On Sunday evening, April 14, for divine service, 1260 Bob Royal in 50 mins. H. Kirk 1, B. A. Knights (cond) 2, C. W. Nuttall 3, A. Knights 4, G. Davies 5, S. Price 6, G. Thompson 7, W. J. Thyng 8, R. W. Collier 9, G. Hollis, 10. Rang to commemorate the 22nd birthday of the conductor. On Monday, April 15th, 2352 Bob Major, with the bells half muffied, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Hunt, who was interred at the Chesterfield Cemetery on the above date, aged 72. D. Farthing 1, C. W. Nuttall 2, H. Kirk 3, A. Knights 4, G. Hollis 5, W. J. Thyng 6, W. Collier 7, B. A. Knights (cond) 8.

Anstey.—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 560 Grandsire Triplets. H. Dexter 1, E. Jackson 2, A. Bramley 3, D. Richards 4, T. Bottril 5, R. Mason 6, W. Willson 7, W. Bottril tenor. Longest touch by all except the ringer of the 7th.

Barton Seagrave, near Kettering.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Tite treble, W. Herbert 2, V. Clark 3, W. Robinson 4, M. Hobbs (cond) 5. Also for evening service a quarter peal 1260 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins.; J. Tite treble, V. Clarke (cond) 2, W. Herbert 3, W. Robinson 4, M. Hobbs tenor.

The Surrey Association.

Kingston-on-Thames.—On Tuesday, March 19th, for practice, at All Saints' Church, 826 Stedman Caters: Arthur Strutt 1, J. Strutt 2, J. N. Frossell 3, J. Wright 4, G. Strutt 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, Albert Strutt 7, J. S. Strutt 8, J. Howes (cond) 9, J. Chandler tenor. On Saturday, March 23rd, 557 Grandsire Caters: G. Naish 1, A Strutt 2, J. Strutt 3, J. Wright 4, J. N. Frossel 5, Albert Strutt 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, J. S. Strutt 8, J. Howes 9, J. Chandler tenor. On Sunday, March 24th, 831 Stedman Caters: Arthur Strutt 1, J. Strutt 2, J. N. Frossell 3, J. Wright 4, J. H. B. Hesse 6, G. Woodis 6, Albert Strutt 7, J. S. Strutt 8, J. Howes (cond) 9, J. Chandler tenor.

Guildford.—On Easter Day morning, for Divine Service, the following was rung at St. Peter and St. Paul's, West Clandon:—240 T. B. Kent, 240 Oxford T. B., 360 Grandsire, 120 College Singles, 120 Canterbury Pleasure, 120 Oxford Bob, 60 Plain Bob—time 45 mins. Band as follows:—R. Blake treble, W. Savage 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher (captain) 4, W. Day 5, F. Bennett (cond) tenor. Own band.

Stoke Archideaconal Association.

Norton, Staffordshire.—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: J. Ryles, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, E. J. Johnson, A. E. Ryles (cond). For Evensong 720 Oxford: W. P. Deane, H. B. Harding, W. C. Taylor, B. Pegg (cond), J. Wheeldon, F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, April 14th, 720 Kent: W. P. Deane, F. Goldstraw, W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheeldon (cond), B. Pegg, F. T. Dawson. This was rung as a farewell to F. Goldstraw, who is leaving for Canada.

Uttoxeter, Staff.—Sunday, April 7th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins., H. Willisford treble, G. Ball 2, J. Richardson 3, F. Richardson 4, W. Lunn 5, C. Smith 6, S. J. Kynnersley 7, and E. Green tenor. Conducted by C. Smith. Tenor 20 cwt. Great credit is due to the above, as we understand this is the first quarter peal ever rung on these bells, and the first by all the band, who are all local men.

Bath and Wells Association.

On April 7th, for Evensong, a 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. Bert Dohle 1, Ben. Coombes 2, Chas. Russ 3, D. G. Taylor 4 (cond), George Sibley 5, Walter Coombes 6, Fred Baker 7, Henry Raison 8. First quarter of triple by all the band except 4 and 5, first on the bells (recently augmented to 8), first quarter as conductor, first attempt.

Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, May 5th, 855 Stedman Caters. W. White 1, E. Lloyd 2, J. Routley 3, E. Poole 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (cond) 6, F. Sadd 7, Petterson 8, E. Wyatt 9, George Weaver 10. On May 19th, 805 Stedman Caters, J. Maddock 1, A. Walker (cond) 2, Petterson 3, F. Bennett 4, C. Dean 5, J. Burge 6, Dr. Carpenter 7, E. Wyatt 8, W. White 9, George Weaver 10.

The North Wales Association.

Portmadoc.—A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Tuesday, April 9th. Time 45 mins. S. Williams treble, S. Roberts 2, C. Williams 3, S. Owen (cond) 4, A. McMillan 5, H. Wakefield 6, W. H. Evans 7, E. Brown tenor.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Wokingham, Berks.—On Sunday, April 14th, for divine service at All Saints Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Whittingham treble, J. F. Mattingley 2, S. Paice 3, F. Lush 4, A. Wiggins 5, J. French 6, W. J. Paice (cond) 7, A. Price tenor.

Emberton, Bucks.—On Friday, May 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Mynard treble, C. W. Smith 2, T. Lovell 3, J. Higgins 4, E. Mynard 5, F. J. Mynard tenor (cond), also 720 Oxford treble bob minor, T. Lovell treble, C W. Smith 2, F. J. Mynard (cond) 3, E. Mynard 4, J. Higgins 5, F. W. Booth tenor.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—On Monday evening, April 15th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 928 of Bob Major. S. H. Symonds treble, H. Crick 2, T. Hollocks 3, A. Symonds 4, W. Dent longest length 5, H. Smith 6, E. Simpson (cond) 7, L. Leeks tenor. This was rung as a farewell touch to the conductor who is now residing at Shipley, Yorkshire, as also is Mr. T. King, who left for the same place three months previous, much to the regret of the Lavenham company.

Preston, Suffolk.—On Thursday evening, April 18th, on the bells of St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent. S. H. Symonds treble, H. Crick 2, A. Symonds 3, T. Hollocks 4, E. Simpson (cond) 5, H. Poulson tenor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor. On Saturday evening, the 20th, 720 of Oxford. S. H. Symonds (cond) 1, H. Gladwell 2, A. Symonds 3, F. Pryke first in the method on lower bells 4, T. Hollocks 5, H. Poulson tenor. Rung on the 19th birthday of the conductor.

The Sussex Association.

Aldrington.—On April 21st, at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, a 720 Plain Bob, A. W. Mills treble, J. W. White 2, G. A. Steele 3, A. J. Cherriman 4, E. G. Godley 5, F. W. Steele (cond), tenor 10½ cwt. Also a 120 Grandsire Doubles, F. W. Steele 1, J. W. White 2, F. Miles 3, E. G. Godley 4, A. W. Mills 5 (cond), G. Dray tenor, rung for evening service, and also as a farewell compliment to A. W. Mills, who is leaving for Canada.

Yorkshire Association.

Doncaster.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, H. Fevre, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, H. Brock, W. F. Hartshone, G. Halksworth (cond), H. G. Wilson, R. Bayles tenor.

Lightcliffe.—On Thursday, April 25th, at the Congregational Church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, Thomas Sharman treble, Edward Kershaw 2, Frank Kershaw 3, F. Bradley 4, F. Whiteley 5, T. H. Gelder tenor. First 720 by the third ringer. Conducted by F. Whiteley.

The Kent County Association.

On Sunday evening, April 21st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. was rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Carter and A. R. Sandiford. The following took part:—A. Sandiford, J. E. Beaven, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, R. G. Carter (cond), H. Beckford, W. Aldridge, C. Dann.

Salehurst.—At the Church of St. Mary, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Lambert 1, W. W. Marshall 2, W. H. Lambert 3, J. Beach 4, F. Butchers 5, F. Pallender 6, E. C. Lambert (cond) 7, J. Weekes 8.

The Hertfordshire Association.

Great Munden.—720 Canterbury Pleasure. William Wildes treble, Albert Phillips 2, Edward Saggers 3, Nathan Wallace 4, Henry Wallace 5. Fred W. Elliot tenor (cond). On April 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. William Oliver treble, Fred W. Elliott 2, Edward Saggers 3, Nathan Wallace 4, Rev. A. G. Langdon 5, Henry Wallace tenor (cond).

Little Munden.—On April 23rd, 720 New London Pleasure. Albert Lawrence treble, Edward H. King 2, Ernest Overall 3, Fred W. Elliott 4, Albert Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence (cond) 6. Also 720 Duke of York on April 29th. Henry Carter treble, the rest as before. 720 Woodbine on May 1st. Albert Phillips treble, Edward H. King 2, Rev. A. G. Langdon 3, Ernest Overall 4, Fred W. Elliott 5, William H. Law tenor (cond).

Walthamstow.—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Caters in 55 mins. J. H. Wilkins, E. S. Poll, G. Grimwade, R. Maynard senr., H. J. Maynard, F. C. Maynard, W. Manning, W. Pinsent, F. E. G. French, *Miss C. Beasley. Composed by J. Bradley and conducted by W. Manaing. Rung in honour of Miss McCall's wedding. *First quarter peal and first attempt. Tenor 19\(2 \) ewt.

Royston.—On April 3rd, 720 Violet. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson. A. Wilkerson (cond), R. King. On April 7th, 720 Kent. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson (cond), R. King. On April 7th, 720 Kent. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson (cond), R. King. On April 20th, 720 New London Pleavure. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson (cond). On April 23rd, 720 Woodbine. E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King (cond). Also 720 Grandsire. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett (cond), A. Wilkerson, R. King. On April 29th, 720 Single Court. B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, B. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson (cond). Also 720 Oxford Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson (cond). On May 9th, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson (cond). On May 19th, Whit Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bo. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson (cond). Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, Cond). On May 21st, 720 College Pleasure. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Wilkerson (cond). First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire.

Wordsley, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity on Thursday, March 21st, 720 Plain Bob: G. Husselbee treble, J. Bass 2, W. Lawrence 3, W. Bretherton 4, R. Matthews (cond) 5, H. Jones tenor. On Friday, March 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor: G. Husselbee treble, R. Matthews 2, H. Jones 3, W. Bretherton 4, J. Bass 5. C. F. White tenor. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Faulkner treble, H. Price 2, H. Jones 3, J. Bass 4, R. Matthews 5, C. F. White tenor. All the above wore rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. J. Slade, who was for 29 years rector of the above church.

Wolverhampton.—On Sunday, May 5th, eight members of the above Society met at St. Luke's Church and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part, in 44 mins., for Divine service, it being the Choir Festival. H. Knight (cond) treble, H. Farlow 2, S. Baker 3, W. Fisher (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Smith 5, D. Jones 6, R. Pickering 7, W. Palmer tenor.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.

The St. Thomas Guild.—On Tuesday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 minutes by the members of the above Guild, at St. Thomas' Church. R. Masters treble, A. Smith 2, S. Abrahams 3, R. Leaker 4, G. Vickery 5, F. Cooper 6, F. Leaker (cond) 7, H. Green 8.

The Devonshire Guild.

Exeter.—On April 27th, at the Church of St. David, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. E. Shepherd, A. Richards, H. Richards, F. Murphy, T. Laver, J. R. Sandover, F. J. Shepherd (cond), W. Acreman.

The Lancashire Association.

Bolton.—On April 28th, for service at the Parish Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples 1260 changes. The ringers stood: W. Thornley treble, T. Bleakly 2, G. Pincott 3, J. Pennington 4, P. Nuttall 5, F. Banks 6, W. Pennington 7, P. Crook tenor.

Blackburn.—On Thursday, April 25th, at the Parish Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *H. Walker treble, *W. Briggs 2, †E. Walmsley 3, *J. Edwards 4, W. E. Wilson 5, E. Duteson 6, J. Watson 7, *F. Hindle tenor. Composed by J. Sholicar. Conducted by W. E. Wilson. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of H. Walker. *Iongest touch; † longest with a Bob Bell.

The Essex Association.

Romford.—On Sunday evening, May 5th, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280) in 46 mins. II. Catterwell 1, T. Loosemore 2, R. G. Pye 3, A. J. Perkins (cond) 4, A. J. Carter 5, H. Dawkins 6, W. Watson 7, D. Carrier tenor. Has the 5th and 6th equally in 6th place in the Tittum position.

Havering-atte-Bower.—On Whit-Monday, May 20th, 720 Plain Bob (22 singles). A. J. Perkins (cond) 1, R. Miles 2, R. Ward 3, H. Catterwell 4, G. Playle 5, W. Watson 6. Also 720 Kent, J. Bradley 1, A. J. Perkins 2, G. Jay 3, H. Catterwell 4, R. Miles 5, W. Watson (cond) 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire, and one of Stedman Doubles.

Bishopsgale.—On Tuesday evening, May 14th, at St. Botolph's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington 1, T. E. D. Loosemore 2, A. Scambler 3, E. J. Webb 4, A. J. Perkins (composer and cond) 5, W. Truss 6, J. Scholes 7, A. S. Pettitt 8.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

Thetford.—May 14th, St. Peter's company of ringers rang the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect for Mr. W. Spalding, who had been captain of the company many years. The touches were as follows:—336 Bob Major by E. Carter, W. Westlake, W. Seeley, H. Hawes, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett. C. Carter. 1008 Grandsire Triples by E. Carter, W. Westlake, W. Seeley, C. Carter, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, J. Decks. 168 Grandsire triples by E. Carter, W. Westlake, L. Dickerson, W. Seeley, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt, C. Carter, J. Deeks. The above touches were conducted by T. Fitzjohn.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

West Hartlepool.—At St. Oswald's Church, on Wednesday, April 10th, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 724 changes for practice. J. Chilton treble, W. Pillar 2, C. Rae 3, W. Mitchell 4, T. Metcalfe (cond) 5, O. Arkless 6, W. Neal 7, S. T. Wright 8, R. M. Pounder 9, E. Burnett tenor. First touch of Caters by the band. A touch of Grandsire Caters on Wednesday, April 24th, 702 changes. J. Chilton treble, C. Rae 2, A. W. Brighton (cond), R. Halcock 4, W. Newton 5, O. Arkless 6, W. Neal 7, E. Burnett 8, T. Metcalfe 9, H. H. Hansen tenor. Also on the same night a touch of Steadman Triples, 252 changes. R. Halcock treble, A. W. Brighton (cond) 2, O. Arkless 3, W. Newton 4, W. Neal 5, E. Burnett 6, T. Metcalfe 7, H. Hansen tenor. Conducted by A. W. Brighton.

Miscellaneous.

Bedford.—Recently at St. Paul's, 1025 of Grandsire Caters. J. W. Barker 1, F. Webb 2, A. Barker 3, J. Church 4, C. Draper 5, H. Tysoe 6, J. Hills 7, C. Chasty 8, C. W. Clark (comp and cond) 9, J. Sear 10. Also a course of Superlative Surprise. L. Harlow 1, A. Barker 2, J. W. Barker 3, J. Church 4, J. Hills 5, C. Chasty 6, H. Tysoe 7, F. Webb 8. Also a course of Stedman Caters. A. Armstrong 1, J. W. Barker 2, A. Barker 3, J. Church 4, C. Chasty 5, H. Tysoe 6, J. Hills 7, J. Frossel 8, F. Webb 9, L. Harlow 10.

Birmingham.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Chads (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter peal of grandsire triples in 44 mins. J. Corrigan treble, J. Porter 2, E. Mullins 3, W. Webb 4, C. Mackenzie 5, J. Perry (cond) 6, A. Hackley 7, A. Scrivens tenor.

Rugby.—On Monday, April 22nd, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, a quarter peal of Bob Major 1280 changes was rung in 56 mins., by the following members of the St. Andrew's Society:—Arthur L. Coleman 1, Richard Watson 2, Sydney Small 3, Charles W. Wheeler 4, Harry O. White 5, George W. Murray 6, Joseph B. Fenton (composer and cond) 7, James George 8. This was Messrs. Wheeler and Murray's first quarter peal of Bob Major. Tenor 25 cwt. in "D." Composed and conducted by Joseph B. Fenton.

Edinburgh.—12th May, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church for service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples by T. S. Thom 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, W. C. S. Heathcote (cond) 3, *T. J. Ades 4, J. S. M'Culloch 5, *D. Stocks 6, *A. Thompson 7, *J. Ewart 8. *First quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak.—On Sunday morning, April 21st, for divine service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis 1, N. Alderman 2, J. Nixon 3, R. Bevan 4, E. Young 5, W. J. Nudds (cond) 6. Evening service, a 720 of College Single. H. Ellis 1, N. Alderman 2, R. Bevan 3, L. Nixon 4, E. Young 5, W. J. Nudds (cond) 6. On Sunday morning, April 28th, a 720 of Double Court Minor. H. Ellis 1, N. Alderman 2, W. J. Nudds 3, L. Nixon 4, E. Young 5, R. Bevan (cond) 6. On Sunday evening for service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Miles. 1, R. Bevan 2, E. Young 3, E. Chapman 4, W. J. Nudds 5, L. Nixon (cond) 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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