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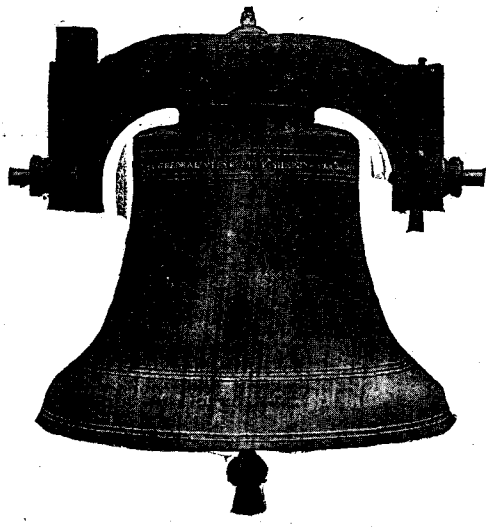

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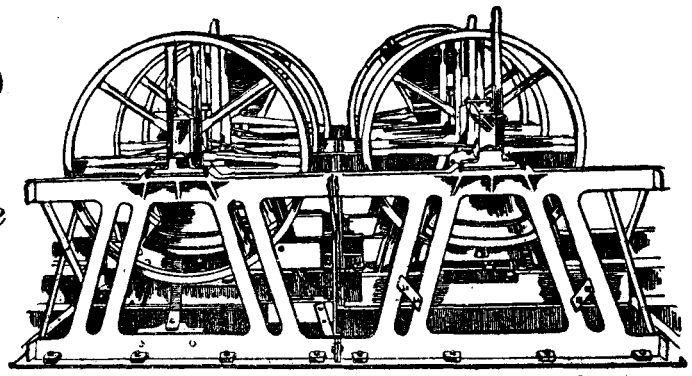

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the South Eastern Division was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, December 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's were raised soon after 3 p.m., and kept merrily swinging till 5 p.m. the time appointed for the service. The Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Colley, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Plumbtree, of Danbury. The organist and choir boys were also in attendance. The short form of service as usually used by the Association was brought into use, the Rev. J. B. Plumbtree delivered an excellent address, and the singing was entered into freely. Tea was served at The King's Head by hostess Shorten, twenty-nine sitting down. Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presided, supported by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, Hon. Secretary. After tea the business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were passed, one new member elected, and both retiring officers unanimously re-elected. Prittlewell was selected as the next meeting place in March.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. N. Colley for the use of his bells and the service he had given, all regretting he was unable to be present at the tea and meeting.

Mr. Howard seconded, and said he was very pleased to come to a meeting at Great Baddow as Master of the Association, he being a native of the parish, and learnt his first ringing there when quite a boy, carrying a small box to stand on each time he went to practice, and when later duty called him to Braintree there was quite a scramble amongst the ringers as to who should have the box. It was eventually secured by old Bill Newman, who boasts about it to this day. He was also most pleased to see Mr. Finch, the churchwarden, joining them, and hoped in the future those meetings would always boast of the attendance of the clergy and churchwardens.

Mr. Finch, responding, said he was sure it gave the Vicar much pleasure in welcoming the Association to Baddow that day, and regretted he was unable to attend the meeting. As for himself he was quite proud to be amongst so many ringers. He was a bellringer himself, but the bells he usually rang were door bells, thus annoying some people that way. He related a little history of the parish, including the meaning of the sign of the bell, indicating The Bell inn; also when in 1819 eight ringers, natives of Baddow, rang a peal of Bob Major, 10,080 changes, in 5 hrs. 40 mins. These men, on entering the churchyard afterwards were met by a large crowd of people, who congratulated them on their performance. His great uncle rang the 3rd. He thanked the members for the kind words that had been said of the Vicar and himself.

The tower was again visited and ringing kept up till 9 p.m., at which hour those who had journeyed from Boreham, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Widford, Maldon, Great Totham, Springfield, Writtle, etc., to make the days proceedings a success, had just one together, then a shake of the hand, and turned towards their respective homes, well satisfied the meeting at Baddow had been a success.

MR. JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH.

BORN APRIL 21ST, 1821. DIED DECEMBER 24TH, 1910.

For nearly seventy years Mr. Haworth has been one of the most prominent personages of the Exercise. During his apprenticeship of seven years he became acquainted with the ringers of that period, and has since been connected with the belfries of the most famous London churches.

Mr. Haworth was a member of several Provincial Associations to some of which he had been a successful instructor, and he was a most regular supporter of the practices of the St. James's and College Youths in London.

His election to the latter took place on August 13th, 1839, and on October 1st of the same year he rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—at Holy Trinity, Southwark.

In his early peals he was contemporary with Antill. Lobb, Freeman, Tolladay, Goozee, Stockham, Britten, James Mash, Sawyer, Lansdell, Frost, Cox, Menday, Powell, Jameson, Cooter, W. Banister, S. Austin, Wood, Dwight, Nelms, Booth, Muskett, Haley. etc., three of whom are still living.

Some of the more notable performances in which Mr. Haworth took part were: 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1846 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, being the first rung in London; 7524 Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate in 1851; 8580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861; 5080 Stedman Caters at Bow, Cheapside, in 1863; the first peal in Ireland, Grandsire Triples, at Waterford in 1872: the first peal in Scotland, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's, Dundee, in 1873; 8099 Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes in 1878; 5014 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1881, being the first on the bells, and he also rang in the first peal on the bells of Chichester Cathedral in 1885. His peals number altogether 176, the last one, Grandsire Caters, was rung at St. Clement Danes, in 1894, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney.

Mr. Haworth held at different times engagements as Instructor at Dundee, Hanmer, Flintshire; St. Albans Abbey, Wanstead, Privett, Swavesey, Cambs.; and for several years he attended fortnightly at Waltham Abbey to assist the local ringers there.

During his long career he has helped at the openings of new rings in all parts of the British Isles, e.g. St. Stephen's, Carlisle, Leith, Bournemouth, Northwold, Waterford, Dundee, St. Stephen's, Hampstead, St. John's, Deptford, Weybridge, Llanstephan, Privett, Hants,, Kingston, Dorset.

In 1883 the College Youths were the recipients from Mr. Haworth, of a silver cup weighing 15 ozs. and costing with the inscription of 141 words, the sum of £8 5s., to commemorate a peal rung on August 4th, 1883, at Sonning, Berks., which was a centenary performance of a contest between the Oxford and Farnham societies and the College Youths on August 4th, 1783, the result of which was that "this cup, the gift of Mr. Peter Bluck, of Sonning, in the county of Berks., was adjudged to the Society of College Youths for the superior style in which

they rang 1008 Bob Major in a contest with the Oxford and Farnham Societies at the above parish church on Monday, August 4th, 1783." These two cups are still placed side by side in front of the Master's chair at the annual dinner and fortnightly meetings of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Through having a remarkably retentive memory almost up to the last, Mr. Haworth's stories of bygone events were always most interesting, and we deeply deplore the loss of one whose life reached so far back in ringing history.

His generosity to the Printers' Pension Corporation, noted in the Press recently, affords a striking illustration of philanthropy on the part of a working man. At the graveside in Highgate Cemetery on December 29th, 1910, four members of the St. James's Society (now known as the London County Association), paid their last tribute on handbells, and the whole pull and stand funeral peal, and two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung the same evening by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral.—R.I.P.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at Llandaff on Monday, December 26th, and was well attended. Proceedings commenced with the reading of the minutes, which were accepted and signed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next item, Mr. F. E. B. Charles being unanimously chosen as Master. The Hon. Secretaries and Auditors were re-elected, The place for the next annual and quarterly meetings was next discussed, and it was decided to hold the quarterly meeting at Radyr on Easter Monday next, and the annual at St. Woolos, Newport, on December 26th next. A letter was next read from the Hon. Secretary of the West Wales Association, suggesting that their Association should amalgamate with the Llandaff Diocesan Association. After a long discussion it was decided for nothing to be done at present, with the exception of obtaining the rules of the West Wales Association, and for it to be further considered at a future meeting. As regards the proposed testimonial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, it was decided to close the fund on December 31st. Mention was made that more peals had been rung this year than in any one year since the formation of the Association.

Several new members were then elected, and subscriptions taken. Tea was served in the adjoining room, very kindly provided by the Dean.

The Rev. D. Phillips, Rector of Radyr, very kindly took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Dean.

OAKHAM CHURCH BELLS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were successful some months ago in obtaining the contract for the erection of new steel frames and the recasting of the whole of the peal of bells for Oakham Church. The work had reached such a stage by Thursday, December 23rd, that a party of ringers, churchwardens, and others were invited to Croydon to see the process of casting the last three bells of the peal and generally inspected the work and works.

The party, numbering twelve, was met at Croydon station by Mr. Johnston and conducted to his residence, where a bountiful luncheon had been provided to which everyone did full justice. At 2 o'clock a move was made to the works, and Mr. C. Johnston gave an exhibition of carillon chiming, selections from well-known melodies, etc., on the 21 bells in the tower.

The pattern shop was then visited, and patterns from which frames, headstocks, and other parts are moulded were shown in the process of making. The party then adjourned to the bell-casting department and the mysteries of bell founding were lucidly explained by Mr. Johnston, who dealt with the composition of bell metal, the size, shape, thickness and weight of bells in a manner which showed that he was a pastmaster in the art. The molten metal in the furnaces having been tested and found to be of a temperature of 1000° Fahr., the signal was given; the forman moulder knocked a hole in the bottom of the furnace, and a stream of molten metal rushed down the ducts into the moulds and in a few minutes the three bells were successfully cast.

The party next visited the tuning shop where the bells are turned down and tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and the process was seen in practical operation. Lastly the seventh bell of the peal having been fixed complete in the frame it was rung and everyone was struck with the fine and beautiful tone it emitted.

A photograph of the party was then taken. Before leaving the works Mr. G. Phillips, churchwarden, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston for his kindness in inviting them to lunch, and said that the visit had been most interesting, instructive, and enjoyable. Certainly no one could see what they had seen without knowing something more about bells than merely how to ring them, and no doubt the ringers would take a keener interest in their art from the fact that they knew now something about how bells were made.

Mr. Johnston briefly responded, and the party left Croydon Station on the return journey with hearty good wishes for the New Year.

The bells are to be fixed in the tower and the whole of the work completed, as well as Westminster chimes being fixed to the clock, for the dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough on February 24th, 1911.

ST. LAWRENCE, LUDLOW.

The above church is one of the most beautiful churches in the west of England, both inside and out. It is interesting to note that there are 165 steps up to the ringing-chamber, and when you get there you are practically in darkness, as there are no windows. There is a circular lead light let into the floor. through which the ringers can look down into the body of the church. As there is scarcely any light to be obtained from this source,

even for the 11 o'clock morning service, it is absolutely necessary to light candles, which are fixed upon the walls, there being no gas or electric light. This is one of the very few churches in England where ringing for morning service has to be done with the aid of artificial light.

In the year 1902 Robert Marston, esq., then Master of the belfry, was elected Mayor of Ludlow, so that the ringers of St. Lawrence's church are proud to know that they have had among their numbers two gentlemen who have been elected to the high office of Mayor of the ancient borough, which is no doubt unique in the annals of ringing history.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the Dagenham band with visitors have rung 131 720's of Minor as follows:

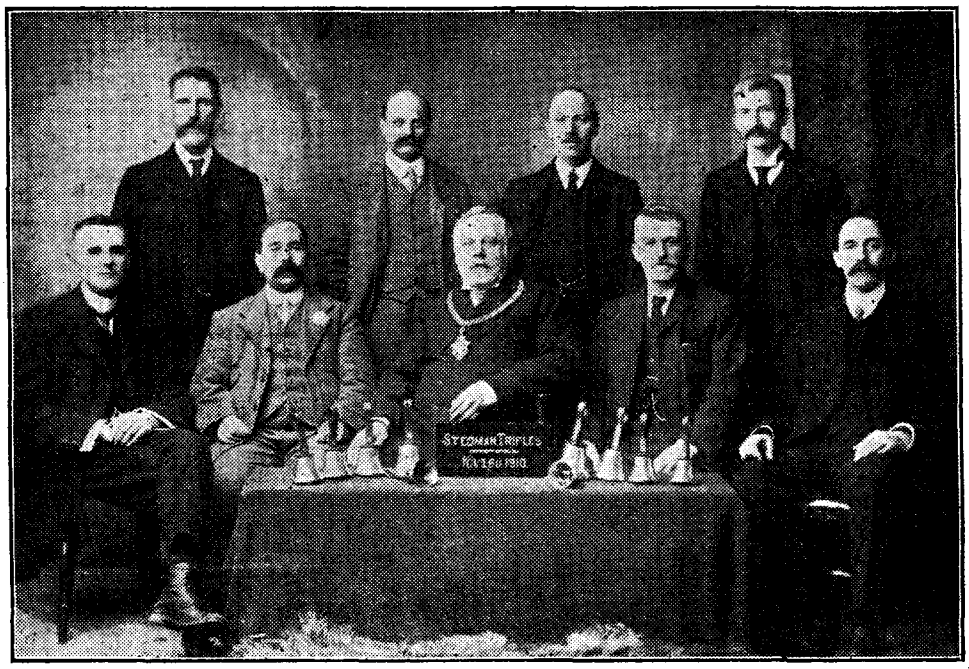
Kent 23, Oxford 19, Woodbine 9, Treble Bob. Plain Bob 28, Double Oxford 18, Double Court 18, College Single 16.

Those taking part were—G. Playle rang 127 (conducted 84), F. Freestone 121 E. Hawkins 209, A. Playle 108 (conducted 2), R. Miles 97 (conducted 28), E. Butler 81, D. Chaplin 26, G. Chaphn 23, J. Dale 21 (conducted 17), A. Chaplin 18 (conducted 4), R. Ward 9 (conducted 4), J. Hawkins 8, T. Newman 3, A. C. Hardy 2, T. Faulkner 2 (conducted 1), C. Anderson 2, G. Jaye 1 (conducted 1), W. Woodgate 1, J. Dear 1, W. Halls 1, F. Ottley 1, and T. Cranfield 1.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

COCKINGTON (Torquay).—On September 1st, at the parish church. 480 Grandsire Doubles. F. Stevens, A. W. Bowers, F. Moore, W. Stone conductor, T. Stevens, G. Browning. On September 22nd, 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Olding, A. W. Bowers, F. Moore conductor, W. Stone, T. Stevens, W. Parnell. On September 25th, for morning service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Olding, A. W. Bowers conductor, F. Moore, W. Stone, T. Stevens, W. Parnell. On October 2nd, for morning service, 600 Doubles. R. Peel, A. W. Bowers conductor, F. Moore, W. Stone, T. Stevens, G. Browning.

WESTERHAM.—On Tuesday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Selby, A. J. Lewis, G. B. Selby, S. A. Wright, R. Stone, Ven. Archdeacon Vincent, D. Wright conductor, G. Steer. Rung as a send-off to the Ven. Archdeacon Vincent, who sailed for South Africa on September 10th.



THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW AND BELL-RINGING.

To perpetuate the peal of Stedman Triples which was rung at the church of St. Lawrence on Saturday, November 26th, 1910, the Mayor of Ludlow has very kindly presented to the church a very handsome marblette peal tablet, which was unveiled on Wednesday, December 28th. There were present at the ceremony the Rector (Rev. A. E. Lloyd Tennyson), Mr. E. Richard Marston, representing the churchwardens, Mr. W. Woodhouse, representing the Mayor of Ludlow (Councillor George Woodhouse), Mr. J. C. Galloway, and the ringing members of the local Guild. After a short service, which was held in the ringing-chamber, the Rector called upon Mr. W. Woodhouse to unveil the peal-tablet on behalf of the Mayor, who was unavoidably absent owing to indisposition. One and all were delighted with the tablet, and Mr. Marston, one of the churchwardens, asked Mr. Woodhouse, jun. to thank the Mayor for his handsome gift to the church. The bells were then rung, and several touches were successfully brought round. The peal-tablet was supplied by Caspar and Co., of London, both the design and workmanship being of the highest class.

Reading from left to right the names are:—Top Row, J. Robinson (Swindon), J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), F. G. May (Bristol), and W. R. Nash (Ludlow). Bottom Row: F. S. Wilson (Ludlow), W. Short (Clent), the Mayor of Ludlow, A. Lawrence (Swindon), and J. Clark (Ross).

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I wish to draw Mr. James's attention to the 7200 of Cambridge Royal on page 574 of your last issue, and also the last 5040 on the same page. As Mr. James is aware it was pointed out in this journal in 1908, the 7200 was composed as 6000 of Treble Bob Maximus by the late H. Hubbard. Now Mr. James simply adds three bobs at H in every alternate course and publishes it as 7200 of Cambridge Royal. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Carter published it as a 5000, but when I drew his attention to it he most honourably withdrew his claim. The 5040 Mr. James publishes I got out myself last August, but on examination I found it was only Hubbard's peal with the calling of the first part reversed, so I could not see my way clear to publish it under my name. I shewed it to several well-known ringers, who were of the same opinion as myself. If composers are going to add three bobs at H and claim other author's compositions it will be interesting to know where we are going to draw the line. It has always been understood that when a composition is produced for one method and the calling happens to apply to another he still claims it. And I should have thought Mr. James would have been one of the last to rob a departed hero of his honour. W. PYE.

SIR,—I must ask Mr. Carter to withdraw his name from the peals of Cambridge Maximus in your issue of December 24th, as I had the peals before his peals of Cambridge Royal were published. F. DENCH.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

SIR,—The 7200 Cambridge Royal by Mr. Law James in your last issue is really a simple reduction of Middleton's peal of Major, and should be given to him, as is now universally done with Johnson's well-known reduction to 5056 by means of a *bob* before. If you call a bob at home in the first course of the first part of Middleton's peal, you bring up the second course-end of the second part and reduce the peal to nineteen courses or 6840 of Royal. By doing this in two parts you reduce the peal to eleven courses, or 5800 of Maximus. If you call this bob in every part you get the following:—

23456	M	W	R
64352	–		–
35642		–	–
63542			–
56342			–

And this four times repeated gives 7200 of Royal, every bit of which is directly taken from Middleton's peal, and which you can reduce to 5040 by omitting bobs at home. By calling a bob at M in the third course of first part you produce the last course of the fourth part, and so get a 5400 of Royal.

5400.

23456	M	W	R
43652	–		
56234	–	–	
42635	–		–

Four times repeated.

This reversed Mr. James gives as his composition, dated January, 1899. These peals can all be got from the Major, without the slightest knowledge of the false course-ends of the method, and cannot by any standard be considered original.

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WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of re-hanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £311 16s 3d is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

THE ROYSTON SOCIETY, HERTS.

During the year 1910 the Society have rung 131 720s in twenty-six different methods. London Surprise 8, York, 4, Beverley 2, Royston 1, Cambridge 19, 2 in three Surprise methods, College Exercise 6, London Scholars' Pleasure 1, City Delight 4, Duke of York 6, New London Pleasure 5, Oxford Delight 5, Violet 7, Woodbine 17, Oxford Treble Bob 10, Kent 8, Double Oxford 1, Double Court 1, Single Court 1, Grandsire 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Oxford Bob 8, College Single 9, Double Bob 1, Plain Bob 2. The following took part in the ringing: E. Bonnett 101 conducted 3; W. L. Darlow 91, conducted 4; A. Gilbert 86. R. G. King 125, conducted 68; S. E. Roberts 65, A. Wilkerson 95, conducted 56; H. G. Wilkerson 99, R. Wilkerson 100.

ROMFORD (ESSEX) RINGERS SUPPER.

By kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. G. M. Bell) and Mrs Bell the St. Edward's ringers and a few church officers spent a very pleasant evening at their residence "The Elms," Romford, on Thursday, December 26th. Supper was served at 8, all thoroughly enjoying the various courses set before them. Plates being cleared away, the Vicar proposed the toast of "The King," which was heartily responded to by everyone. Smoking was then indulged in. The next toast was "The St. Edward's Guild of Ringers," proposed by the Vicar in a few encouraging words, this being responded to by Mr. G. Roughton. Mr. G. Roughton proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Bell for their hospitality. This was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously. Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung during the evening. Songs were rendered by the Rev. Abbott, Messrs. Haverson, Watson, Jaye, Woodgate and Sorrell, and recitations by Messrs. Winmill and E. Pye. The feature of the evening was an interesting series of lantern views of Alpine scenery, ably and humorously described by the Vicar. About 11 o'clock the party dispersed, one and all having spent an evening's enjoyment long to be remembered.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund has been to provide for the Gabriel bell, which was hung early this year in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft. The new bell forms among the middle bells of the twelve a light octave in F major, known as the Gabriel ring of eight, of which it is the fifth. The total cost of the scheme has been £128 10s. 6d.

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Already acknowledged	114	3	8
St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild (November) ...	10	0	0
" " " December 20th ...	4	6	10
	£128	10	6

The fund is now closed, and a balance sheet will be published as soon as possible after the accounts have been audited.

SOLDIER S BELLS FOR ALDERSHOT.

Subscription lists will shortly be ready. Anyone willing to assist with the above object kindly communicate with C. E[illegible]ards Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street Street, on the 19th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The London County Association late the St, James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at the church of St. George, Well Street, Camberwell, S E. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 o'lock. Meat tea in St. Martin's vestry hall at 5 30,, 9d. each to those who inform me by the 19th inst.
F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H, Dudley Lampen. The bells (10) will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon. Secretary will arrange for a tea on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due.
CHARLES T. COLES, *Hon, Sec.*
228, *St. John's Road, Waltham.tow.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield to-day. Sat., January 7th, 1911.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society. — The next meeting will be held at Bramley to-day Sat., Jan 7th, 1911. Peal attempt 2 30 to 3 p.m (6). Meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 prompt.
A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar at 5. Tea (1s) at 6.
H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, *Rugby Street. Wolverhampton.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883. — The next meeting will be held at St, Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham (the new ring of eight), on Saturday, January 7th, 1911. Bells available from 5 to 7.30 p m., when the business meeting willl take place in an adjoining room, kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Dyer. All members please attend. business important. Ringers welcomed.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Luton on Saturday, January 14th.

The Lancashire Associstion — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 14th. Bells at liberty 3 30. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested as busines is important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield in St. James's room, Vicor Lane, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, January 14th, for the purpose of electing officers for the new district which will then be formed, All those who are interested should make a point of being present. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.
GEORGE YEO, *Hon. Local Sec*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow.
GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association — The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, Januasy 14th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 6. Service in church at 7. Those intending to be present, please notify Mr. George Taylor, Wheatsheaf inn, Silverdale, not later than January 11th.
REV. C. E. DONNE, J. JOHNSON, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, January 14th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Notts. Association. — Next quarterly meeting at Shirecaks on Saturday, January 14th. Tea at 5
B DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Maidstone, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Belfry open at 4 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after service.
G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available all the afternoon. Short service at 4.50. Tea at 5, at the Church Institute. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 17th inst.
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday January 21st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A special meeting for the practice of Stedman will be held at Boughton on Saturday, January 21st. The bells will be available at 5 p.m.
E. TRENDELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Associalion.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Full particulars will be announced next week. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, January 28th. For full particulars see circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, *Fisher Street, Sheffield.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild. — Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
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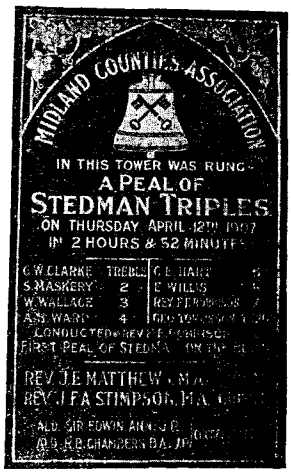

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Hon. Sec.
Money Order Office, Frampton-on-Severn (NOT Stonehouse.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, December 22nd, the dedication and opening of the two new treble bells took place. The service was taken by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Hughes, and the Church was well filled.

Immediately following the close of the service the bells struck out in Grandsire Triples by members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and were kept going during the evening. The work has been very ably carried out by Messr. Warner and Sons.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BARNES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT *Treble.*	ALFRED PYE .. .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

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

First Surprise peal on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT *Treble.*	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. .. 2.	ALFRED PYE .. .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Mr. J. W. Kelley for his kind hospitality after the peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE* .. ..*Treble.*	ALFRED G. BENNINGTON.. 5.
VICTOR PAVIER .. .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
JOSEPH LAW.. .. .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. GODDARD ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON,

*First peal, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

The Provinces.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

*First peal in the method. First Surprise peal ever rung in Wales by a local band.

CUTCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED WEBBER*.. .. ..*Treble.*	*WILLIAM H. WEBBER .. 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE .. .. 2.	HENRY MOORE .. .. .. 5.
JAMES FUGSLEY* .. .. 3.	*JOHN BENNETT .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD ASHWORTH.. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 5.
JOHN FOULDS .. .. .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. .. .. 6.
HERBERT WORMWELL .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 4	*ARTHUR MITCHELL .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

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

SAMUEL COLBY .. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN B. COLLETT .. .. 5.
ALBERT F. SCRIVENS .. 2.	JOHN T. PERRY.. .. .. 6.
EDWARD LARGE.. .. .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WEBB .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN T. PERRY.

This peal was arranged for E. Large. The ringers of the treble and 3rd were proposed members previous to starting.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. .. 2.	FRED R. KETTLEBOROUH 6.
THOMAS W. GORE .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
JOSEPH BAILEY*.. .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ..*Treble*	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DENT .. .. .. 2.	W. R. JOHN POULSON .. 6.
WILLIAM FAYERS .. .. 2.	THOMES W. GARRARD .. 7.
GEORGE LAMBERT* .. .. 4.	THOMAS PRYKE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Grandsire, one of Bob Minor, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor about 10 cwt. in G sharp.

GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ..*Treble.*	WALTER J. HORTON.. .. 4.
EDGAR VALLANCE .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. 5.
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD .. 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal by all the band, and first on the bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member before starting. All are members of the local band.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	*Treble.*	EDWARD C. MERRITT	5.
CHARLES PALMER	2.	ERNEST GOWER	9.
GEORGE H. HOWSE	3.	KEITH HART	7.
GEORGE PENFOLD	4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, DINTING,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, and New London. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED BOOTH	*Treble.*	CHARLES BROOKS	4.
WILLIAM HARROP	2.	SAMUEL SHAW	5.
JESSE NEAL	3.	ARTHUR LAWTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JESSE NEAL.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON	*Treble.*	SIDNEY C. SMALL	5.
FRANK E. PERVIN	2.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN	6.
JOHN W. CHANDLER	3.	JOSEPH B. FENTON	7.
WALTER MALINS	4.	ARTHUR ROBERTS	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

This is the first peal in the method by the Guild, and first peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 7th and tenor. Also the conductor's 50th peal.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES WILDBLOOD	*Treble.*	*RICHARD LANGFORD	5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.	2.	*ALBERT CRAWLEY	6.
JAMES HENRY RIDING	5.	*JOHN DENTITH	7.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY*	4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. HUDSON, and Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT	*Treble.*	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN	6.
ALFRED CLAYTON	2.	JAMES WIGNELL	7.
ALFRED BOXALL	3.	ALFRED T. TRAPPITT	8.
SIDNEY ROPER*	4.	FRANK HOLDER	9.
ALFRED T. JONES	5.	CHARLES KIPPEN	*Tenor.*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by F. HOLDER.

Rang as a birthday compliment to J. W. Trappitt and A. T. Jones. *First peal of Caters.

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

On Monday, December 5, 1910, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

R. PERKINS	*Treble.*	F. J. MYNARD	5.
F. BOSWELL	2.	H. BROWNING	6.
T. WRIGHT	3.	W. FREEMAN	7.
B. FISHER	4.	S. H. SMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

R. Browning was proposed a member of the branch before starting. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

ALBERT E. WREAKS	*Treble.*	ROBERT DAVIES	5.
ALFRED CROSS	2.	WILLIAM H. SHUBER	6.
JOSEPH TURNER	3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	7.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Mr. Johnston was elected a member before starting, and this is his first peal in the method.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 5 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

L. GOSWELL	*Treble.*	B. HAWKINS	4.
C. DOE	2.	A. PAYNE	5.
M. GODDARD	3.	J. MOTH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. MOTH.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble.*	FRANCIS A. SMITH	5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT†	2.	FREDK. EDWARDS	6.
ARTHUR W. DIX	3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	7.
MAURICE F. HIBBERT	4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late W. M. Harford, esq., of Merry Hill House, for many years churchwarden of the parish.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE VAUGHAN†	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM JONES	6.
EDWARD LLOYD†	2.	EDWARD ROWLAND	7.
JOHN CLUTTON†	3.	*ALFRED LEA	8.
HARRY MOORE	4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS	9.
ROBERT JONES*	5.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	*Tenor.*

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

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On Tuesday, December 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HERBERT STANSFIELD	*Treble.*	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	7.
CHARLES BOWER	2.	BENJAMIN GILL	8.
JAMES WOOD	3.	RICHARD NEWTON	9.
GEORGE GARNETT	4.	SAMUEL WOOD	10.
ALFRED CROSS	5.	BENJAMIN THORP	11.
SAMUEL BOOTH	6.	HARBY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

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On Tuesday, December 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WALTER WILLEY*	*Treble.*	HARVEY BOWCOCK	4.
FREDERICK W. STOKES	2.	CHARLES SEMPER	5.
EDWARD R. SEMPER	3.	JOHN SEMPER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

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

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. SMITH	*Treble.*	WALTER R. WASHBROOK	5.
JOHN WOODWARD*	2.	*JOHN MORLEY	6.
JOHN DARLINGTON	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.	7.
CHARLES BISHOP*	4.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCETER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT F. COOK	*Treble.*	WILLIAM HALE	6.
JOHN WIGMORE	2.	WILLIAM HASTINGS	7.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	HUBERT SCRIVENS	8.
ALBERT WRIGHT	4.	FRANK COLE	9.
THOMAS BALDWYN	4.	HUBERT HANKS	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hale.

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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HARRY WASHBROOK	*Treble.*	WILLIAM WALMSLEY	5.
GEORGE A. SMITH	2.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD	6.
JOHN DARLINGTON	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.	4.	WALTER R. WASHBROOK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

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On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

T. WILLIAMS	*Treble.*	FREDK. HYNES	5.
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On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

HENRY L. GARFATH	*Treble.*	MAURICE SMITHER	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN.	2.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6.
FRANK BLONDELL*	3.	*JAMES HUNT	7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	4.	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, JUN.	*Treble.*	*RANDALL GRIMBLE	5.
JOHN WILSON	2.	ALFRED FUNNELL	6.
RICHARD BALDRY	3.	GEORGE POINTS	7.
FREDK. WHITHAM	4.	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor.*

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On Saturday, November 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW	1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	3-4.	GEORGE B. EDSER	7-8.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS .. 9-10.

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Umpires—H. Walter and J. Loveridge.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1-2.	JAMES HUNT	5-6.
MAURICE SMITHER	3-4.	*FRANK BLONDELL	7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman on handbells, Umpire—H. L. Garfath.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL.—On Wednesday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins. O. Slack, H. Hurdman, G. Godfrey, G. Baseley, D. Cotton conductor, R. Allcock. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Hoose, over fifty years a Sunday School teacher.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Thursday, December 29th, at All Saints church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief after ringing just over half way. F. Morgan, C. R. Lilley, J. Bullen, J. Bullen, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, J. Pippin A. E. Morgan conductor, J. Goddard. Longest length in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Saturday, January 1st, at St. Mary's church, for midnight service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. M. Tebby, E. Bendix, H. T. Wilson, W. Dudley conductor, W. Bedwell, J. Smith, J. Prior, H. Kebby. On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. M. Kebby, W. Bedwell, E. Bendix, H. T. Wilson, J. Perry, W. Dudley conductor, J. Smith, J. Prior.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KEWSTOKE.—On Sunday, December 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. J. Weakley, E. B. Crowder conductor, J. H. Weakley, W. Thomas, A. Thomas, C. Thomas.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's church, for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, E. Large, W. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, W. H. Carrod, G. Taylor, J. T. Collett. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Large.

CHESTERTON.—On a recent Sunday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Mansfield, R. Rayner, P. Pigg, F. Brown, O. W. M. Shelton, W. Eusdon conductor.

HONNINGTON.—Recently, at the parish church, 180 Stedman Doubles. A. Hobbs, F. Moss, T. Male, E. Cook, W. Large, W. Adams.

NETHERSEALE.—On December 5th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Spencer, R. Stevenson, W. Hair, T. White, W. W. Worthington conductor, H. Berridge. First 720 by the local band. On December 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. J. Smith, F. Shepherd, J. H. Swinfield, W. W. Werthington, D. Cotton conductor, L. Bullock. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, with H. Hurdman instead of W. J. Smith. First 720 in both methods on the bells.

TREDDINGTON.—Recently, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire. C. Chapple, A. Hobbs, C. Randall, E. Cook, W. Large conductor, T. Male. Longest touch on the bells.

HARBORNE.—On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Such, J. W. Gilby, E. Grice, W. H. Keys, J. Gibbs, G. Hitchman conductor, A. Beecham, H. Grosvenor.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor has been sent from Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, without any date being mentioned.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The winter practice meeting of the Halesworth District was held at Wisset on Friday, December 30th, when twenty members assembled, and many touches in various methods were rung in various methods were rung on these musical bells, which are a peal of six, tenor 10 cwt., and in good going order. The following towers were represented: Halesworth, Chediston, Spexhall, Rumburgh, Louth, and Wissett. An interesting feature was the ringing of a touch of Grandsire by six lady members of the Association, viz., Miss T. Wilson, Miss J, Bunbury, Miss R.Stanford, Miss M. Garforth, Miss K. Stanford, and Miss M. Bunbury. These bells were increased to six in May of last year, by the addition of a treble, since which time seven peals have been rung on them. A promising young band has been formed, and are making good progress under the instruction of the District Secretary. They are well supported by Miss A. Burton, of the old vicarage, and the Vicar and churchwardens.

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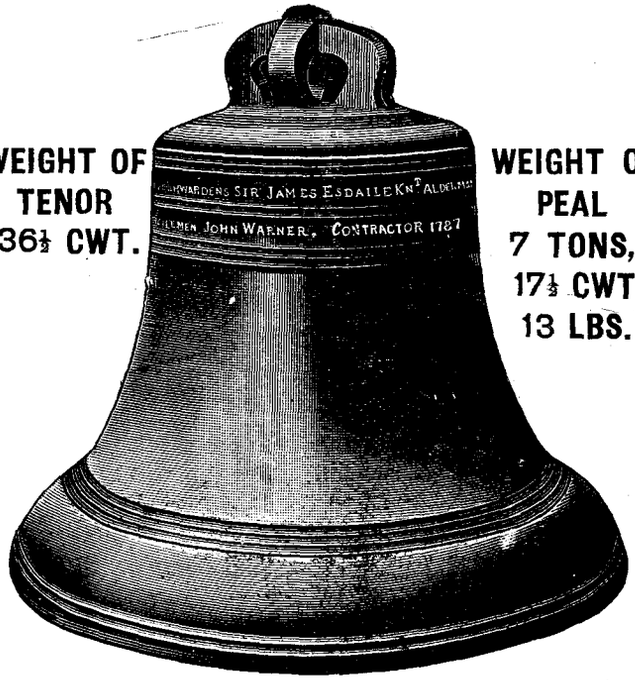

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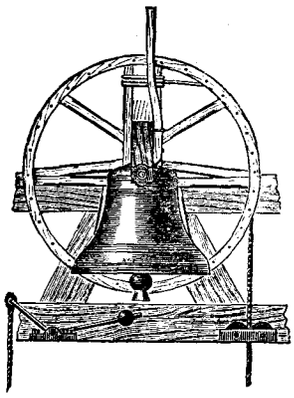

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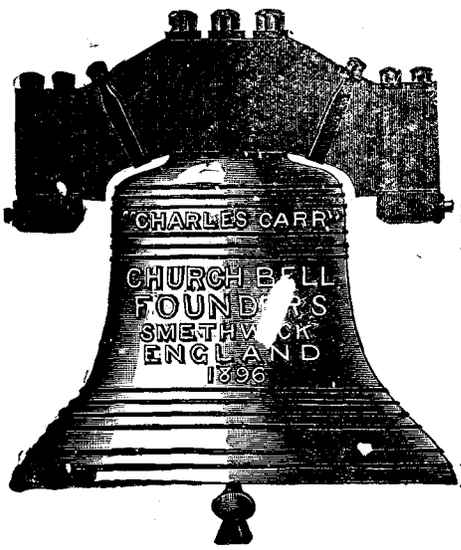

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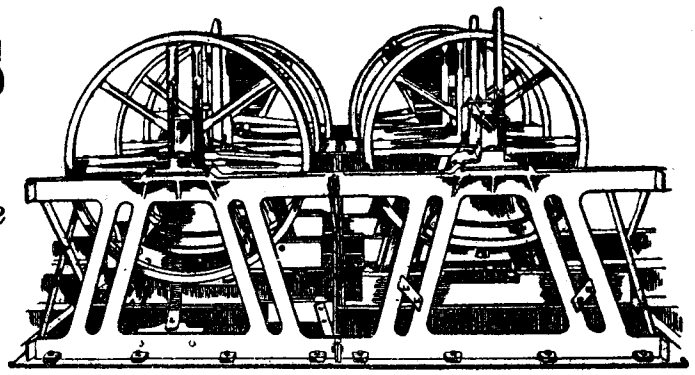

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

I should like to criticise a statement in Mr. W. Pye's letter in this week's issue, and that not because I want to be always contradicting someone but because it raises a point of some general importance and considerable interest to me as a member of the Central Council Peal Collection Committee. It has been my lot, and probably will be again to have to decide points of authorship of peals, and in doing so, I find a lot of contradicting opinions held so that to whatever person you decide to give a peal someone feels a grievance. Therefore if a discussion can settle some of the rules of authorship it will be of general value to the Exercise. The statements I refer to is this: "It has always been understood that when a composition is produced for one method and the calling happens to apply to another the Composer still claims it." Now I suppose that in nine out of every ten such cases Mr. Pye and I would be in agreement, but as it stands the sentence seems to express an opinion which I think wrong. It may be taken to mean that if you have a set of bobs which by any chance happen to produce a peal in each of two methods however distinct in nature and different in construction they may be, the author who first produces this peal in one method has a right to both peals. I do not say that this is what Mr. Pye means; it may be so or it may not, but I know the opinion is held and I think it is false. Peal Compositions are mathematical things which are governed by general rules and there is no room for anything "happening" by chance. In some methods the Compositions of one apply universally to the others; in other methods a certain class of Composition in the one applies to the similar class in the others, but always because the natures of the methods are the same, and according to general laws. Any cases outside these general laws are coincidences only and do not make the peals the same nor one man's property. I do not intend to explain these rules. They depend on the construction of the methods and the effect and position of the bobs. I will give instances to shew what I mean. Every composition of Double Oxford applies to Canterbury Pleasure, and vice versa. Every composition of Bob Major (W.M.R.) applies to Duffield (O.I.B.), and so on. The law is general and there are no exceptions. Again every composition of Bob Major (W.R. or M.R.) applies to Double Norwich (1.6 or 4.6), but when you take W.M. and R. in Bob Major and compare it with 1.4.6 in Double Norwich you find that owing to the bobs having a different effect (they produce B.C.A. from A.B.C. in Double Norwich and C A.B. from A.B.C. in Bob Major), the results are similar but not identical. So that if you want to transfer a composition from one to the other, the result will be similar but not absolutely identical. And conversely when you have an identical arrangement of the bobs the two peals will not really be the same.

A				B				C			
23456	W	M	R	23456	1	4	6	23456	1	4	6
42635	–	–		65324	–	–		65324	–	–	
64523	–	–		42563	–	–		25463	–	–	–
56342	–	–		36245	–	–		36524	–	–	
23564	–	–	–	46532	–	–	–	42635	–	–	
52436	–	–		23645	–	–		53246	–	–	

A. is Holt's variation of Annables Peal.

B. is the same bobs applied to Double Norwich; but C. and not B. is really the same applied to Double Norwich.

This shews that when comparing peals in two methods you have to compare not merely the actual bobs but the principles underlying the composition.

To turn to the two peals under discussion. It is stated that a peal of Cambridge Royal is the same as an older peal of Treble Twelve; but when you put the two methods side by side you find that they are not in any way comparable. One has a lengthening lead bob, but the other has not. One has a clean proof scale, the other has three false course ends. Indeed, of the thousands of true peals of Treble Twelve but a trivial fraction would run on Cambridge Royal and fewer still would be true. Indeed, to get the peal of Royal under discussion you have to call three consecutive bobs at home, and of course that you may not do in Treble Bob. So I can see not the slightest reason why a peal in a Complex method like Cambridge Royal should be given to Henry Hubbard on the strength of a simple and obvious peal of Treble Twelve. Were the question between Hubbard and Mr. Pye I should give the peal to Mr. Pye without any hesitation. But the real author is Mr. Middleton. As everyone knows the peculiarity of the composition of Cambridge is its extreme falseness; so false is the method that one peal only with 7-8 together is possible in Major and that peal is Middleton's. However, he got it; it is a magnificent composition, and it is his due that any and every peal got from it by ordinary rules of variation should be reckoned his also. The merit of the peal exists in Cambridge only. It will run in other methods but in them it is a poor thing. If it could be proved that it had existed in another method before Middleton's time that would not in the least effect his right to the peal as Cambridge.

Mr. Pye very rightly protests against "robbing a departed hero of his honour." I fully agree with him and that is why I strongly hope that when these peals are rung the Composition will be given to Middleton and no one else.

J. Armiger Trollope.

DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

The parish of Chigwell has recently been conspicuous in the ringing-world. For centuries the old peal of five at St. Mary's served the requirements of its people. In July of last year, however, owing to genral dilapidations, the old bells had been recast, turning them into a peal of six, and its meagre tower strengthened sufficiently to

carry what safely be described as a light and insignificant peal of bells. The work of restoration was entrusted to Mears and Stainbank, who certainly gained the greatest credit in the execution of their orders. There is an old proverb that "you cannot make a silk purse out of a pig's ear," and, so far as the present bells of St. Mary's are concerned, the founders are greatly to be esteemed in the result.

In 1860 another parish or division was made, and a new church (All Saints) erected and consecrated at Chigwell Row (anciently "Rough"). In 1903 the tower was built, and on Sunday, January 8th, a new peal of six, with the tower, was dedicated by the Bishop of Barking. This peal is an ornament to the parish, and an honour to Mears and Stainbank. A frame for eight bells has been constructed, and the general expectations is that the present year will see them completed. The bells are delightful to the ear, and move with graceful step or measure. They are harmonically tuned, and reverberate with exquisite tone and timbre. There is a partial truth in that "the satisfaction of our wants increaseth our miseries." The bells have been attained, but not the ringers at Chigwell Row. There is a tradition in every parish that Mr. So-and-So is a good ringer, but as yet, all those who have confronted the instructors, show very clearly they had never handled a church bell properly. Ringers are not like bells to be constructed or made to order, as most people imagine, and one must admit that good ringers should be more patronised and remunerated. The fair spirit of Hope flatters us into many an error, until crude Experience shatters her temples. It will be long ere a band of local ringers will be able to make those bells ring out as they did on last Christmas morning, New Year's Day, and at the Dedication.

The Essex Association promptly came to the aid of the Rector and parishioners, the District Secretary securing the services of the Loughton ringers. So on Christmas and New Year's Days, by the permission of the Bishop, the bells were rung for the first time. No parent ever greeted the returning voice of a wandering child, than the Rector his bells on that bright Christmas morning. Like herald angels the bells brought tidings of joy and gladness to himself and people. It was a typical representation of our once merry England, the Squire and workers of the parish responding to the call of its village bells and meeting together at church with grateful hearts at the accomplishment of what they had long desired.

It was a cheerless morning as his lordship's carriage drove up to the rectory to formally open and dedicate the the tower and bells. Ringers from Loughton, Woodford, Wanstead, and Barking were there in readiness, and at the conclusion of the service rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bacon conductor, G. F. Margetson, J. Marks, F. Freeman, W. Clark, G. Carter. Later the District Master (Mr. G. Black), and T. Faulkner took a rope, tapping off another 720, conducted by the latter.

The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained by the Rector to dinner and tea at Richardson's restaurant, and during the afternoon's ringing several country gentleman vistted the belfry, inviting the ringers to further hospitality. For evening service the bells were rung before and after, so that everyone had a thorough knowledge of the quality of the bells and ringers, who had been additionally strengthened by the arrival of Messrs. Moule, Lebbon, Squires, and Marks, the latter-named being the conductor.

"Lovely bells!" exclaimed one of the old villagers to another companion, after the ringing. "Yes," he jocularly returned, "and lovely ringers as well." Never a clash or lost touch occurred. And so we left the villagers at night, pleased with and happy in the possession of their bells, with a hope that at no distant date, under the guidance of an instructor, who has been already appointed, their own local ringers will become sufficiently proficient to handle the bells themselves. G. F. M.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. Dains.

5056.

23565	B	M	W	H
56423	5-4			–
46325		–		
36524		–		
45236	5-4			
34256			–	
53246			–	
42635		–	–	
34625			–	
42556	x			
53624		–	–	
25634			–	
32654			–	

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By R. O. Street.

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415236			–
416532			–
614235		–	–
615432			–
612534			–
312465	–	–	–
315264			–
314562			–
413265		–	–
415362			–
412563			–
214365		–	–
215463			–
512364		–	–
514362978			s
*214365879			

Rounds next change at handstroke.
† Bobs at 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13.
* Bobs at 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13.

Harborne.—On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Such, J. W. Gilby, E. Grice, W. H. Keys, J. Gibbs, G. Hitchman conductor, A. Beecham, H. Grosvenor.

ESSEX RINGING MASTER'S RECORD.

On Christmas Day Mr. Charles H. Howard, of Braintree, the people's Warden of the Parish Church, and the Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, celebrated the 25th successive Christmas morning in which he had participated in ringing the joyful peal upon the Braintree church bells, and the occasion was marked by an interesting presentation to him from a number of church friends in Braintree. The presentation, which took the form of a handsome silver tea service, comprising tea pot, sugar basin, and cream jug, in Georgian style, came as a complete surprise to Mr. Howard, who was summoned to the Braintree Vicarage upon churchwarden's business; and the Vicar, the Rev. Thomas Eddleston, then handed to him the valuable gifts, with an expression of appreciation from the churchpeople of Braintree of Mr. Howard's consistent support of church bell ringing in Braintree and of his active participation. Mr. Howard confessed himself taken unawares by the presentation, and said he heartily reciprocated the kind intentions of the donors, and hoped to long continue ringing the Braintree bells. The tea pot bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. C. H. Howard by a few friends in recognition of his services to St. Michael's Church, Braintree, for 25 years, Christmas, 1910." The subscriptions toward the presentation were received by Mrs. Eddleston, wife of the Vicar of Braintree, and the necessary amount to purchase the silver articles, was received in a very few days. After the evening service on Christmas Day a complimentary peal was rung upon the Braintree Church bells in honour of Mr. Howard's record; Mr. Harry Hammond conducting. Mr. C. H. Howard is also Master of the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers at Braintree, but again he was surprised, for until he heard the complimentary peal he did not know of the arrangement for it. In addition to ringing the Braintree bells on 25 successive Christmas mornings, Mr. C. H. Howard has also been one of the ringers on 25 successive New Year nights, and he has rung for the early celebration of Holy Communion on 25 successive Easter Days, having had the good fortune on each occasion to be able to perform an office which is very dear to him.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth and Chediston Bell Ringers' Association was held on Thursday evening at the Swan Hotel under the presidency of the Rev. A. Roland Upcher, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean, supported by Mr. H. A. Mullens, churchwarden and vice-president, M. Upcher, Mr. R. H. Morgan, organist, and choirmaster, Messrs. F. Crosby, F. C. Lambert, Jas. Howard, W. Baker, H. Pratt (Chediston), W. Kemp (Wissett), and a strong muster of the two companies. Through the kindness of Mr. Mullens, a capital dinner was provided at 6 o'clock, by Host T. Kent, at which 24 were present. The usual toasts having been drunk and responded to, the business meeting was held. The Secretary (Mr. F. C. Lambert), after thanking those who had so kindly supported the Society, read a very interesting report of the progress made, stating that their members during the past year had assisted in ringing no less than 17 peals of 5040 changes and upwards, 14 of which had been rung in the Halesworth district, as follows: Halesworth 1, Wenhaston 2, Wissett 7, Huntingfield 1, Chediston 2, Bramfield 1; the peals out of the district being at Framlingham, Alburgh and Henley Churches. He was glad to report that the Wenhaston bells had been rehung, and a new treble bell added to the peal at Wissett, making 6; the 6th and 7th bells had been rehung at Halesworth, and it was sincerely to be hoped that in the near future a treble would be added to the beautiful peal of 5 at Chediston. The Sunday ringing for service had been well maintained, and several touches were rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the death and funeral of their late beloved King. The Treasurer (Mr. Jas. Howard) gave a statements of the accounts, which showed a small balance in hand. The Chediston secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. Pratt) also submitted a satisfactory report. The several reports having been adopted, all the old officers were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for past services. The President, addressing the company, said it gave him great pleasure to meet the ringers of his two parishes on this occasion, and to hear such excellent reports. He had been pleased with the regularity of the Sunday ringing, which he considered was just as much a work for God as the services of the Choir. He was glad they took such interest in this branch of Church work and trusted the harmonious feeling now existing in the Society would long continue. He hoped to join them on their summer outing the date of which had already been fixed. Possibly in the near future a new treble might be added to complete the Chediston peal, which it had been considered would be a most appropriate Coronation year memorial. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. A. Mullens for his generous entertainment, in acknowledging which that gentleman said he was always glad to do what he could for the ringers, and with his co-churchwarden, Mr. Jas. Parry, greatly appreciated their work for the church and parish. Songs, readings, gramophone selections, and hand-bell ringing followed, contributed by Messrs. R. H. Morgan, F. Crosby, F. C. Lambert, H. Pratt, F. Peck, J. O'Neill and A. Lee, and votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to the various gentlemen who provided the musical programme, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

PILLATON, DEVON.

The bells of the parish church of Pillaton were restored and augmented to a ring of six by Messrs. Mears and Stainband, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, and dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Germans on October 7th, 1909. Ringing was taken up with enthusiasm, and has been well maintained. The band of lady ringers seen in a photograph was formed at once, and so rapidly did they learn to handle the bells that they rang their first peal of rounds on Christmas Day, 1909, and have continued to ring for the services on Sundays in their turn ever since. They also rang the first muffled peal when the sad news of the death of his late Majesty King Edward VII. was received. On Sunday last they rang for all services during the day—8 a.m., 11 a.m., and evening—the changes being struck beautifully. The ladies having received lessons also in half-pull, or scientific ringing, under the tuition of Mr. F. Dunaway, of Plymouth, who very kindly undertook to teach them. The first set (men) rang at 6 o'clock on Christmas Day, and during the afternoon. The ringing throughout the day is said to have been the best that has been done by the respective bands.

NEWHALL.—On Wednesday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins. O. Slack, H. Hurdman, G. Godfrey, G. Baseley, D. Cotton conductor, R. Allcock. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Hoose, over fifty years a Sunday School teacher.

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—When I published the 7200 of Cambridge Royal last week I had not forgotten the question about the Maximus, in fact I was not satisfied at the time, and having spent a considerable amount of thought upon it, I have become less and less satisfied until I have come to the conclusion that the two compositions are not the same, and that the Cambridge Maximus rung at Ipswich was really my peal.

With Mr. Pye's statement that "when a composition is produced in one method and the calling happens to apply to another, the original composer claims it," I cannot altogether agree; it all depends upon the question of identity. Are the compositions the same, or are they only similar? If they are the same the original composer certainly has sole right to the peal, but if they are only similar the original composer has no right to it whatever.

Now what is a composition? It is a round block built up of separate pieces, and if the compositions are the same, these pieces must be the same, must be put together in the same way, and must be capable of the same treatment. To illustrate my meaning. Consider a peal of Kent Treble Bob, it will go also in Oxford Treble Bob and Bristol Surprise. In all three it consists of the same pieces, is put together in the same way and can be extended or shortened in the same manner, the composition in all three methods is identical. Consider a six-part peal of Bob Major joined up with a s half-way and end, omit the s and apply it to Albion Treble Bob, and again you get identity. But consider Kent and Cambridge Maximus M H W. The pieces of which the two peals are made up are not the same, the M H and W do not join them up in the same way, and they cannot be extended or contracted in the same manner. It is a case of close similarity, but not of identity.

Now I have no wish to rob the late Mr. Hubbard of anything that belongs to him, and if Mr. Pye or anyone else can prove that these two peals are not only very similar, but absolutely identical, I shall be prepared to admit that the composition of Cambridge Maximus is Mr. Hubbard's, but at present, although I am open to conviction, I am perfectly satisfied that they are one and the same peal.

Lastly, in dealing with Mr. Pye, if he produced the peal of Cambridge Royal, which was the last that I published in August I am prepared to give it up to him; W and M is not the reverse variation of M H and W, which is simply W M and H.

I turn now to Mr. Trollope, with whom I entirely disagree. He states that these peals can be got from the Major without any knowledge of the false course-ends of the method. I might as well state that peals of Kent Maximus can be obtained from the Royal without any knowledge of the false course-ends of the method. The very first thing necessary was to prove that Middleton's peal of Major was true in Royal, and that yielded a very interesting result, for Middleton's peal of Major contains thirty courses, five of which are false, but the whole thirty are true in Royal, and from them I produced these peals. Mr. Trollope maintains that they are only variations of Middleton's peal, but if this be true then we may as well give up many peals altogether, as every peal is only a variation of another, the fact is it is a question of identity, and M R W is not identical with M M W W or M M W M R, they are three different five-part compositions made up of different pieces of the same courses, and put together in different ways. And when Mr. Trollope speaks of the well known 5056 known as Johnson's variation. I am bound to say that I think that it is really Johnson's peal, which he no doubt considered that it was, as it is published as his in Sottanstall's work, and trifling as the difference is it certainly destroys the identity of the composition, and is a decided improvement on Middleton's peal. H. LAW JAMES.

WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—Under above title you publish for Mr. F. Dench in last week's issue a method I have had for some years. I forget if I sent it to you for publication, but I base my claim upon the fact of its being given over my name in the Central Council Method Committee's Report for 1909, if not earlier, I forget the exact date, and also the title under which it stands therein. This report is in charge of the Rev. H. Law James, except when on circuit to the other members of the committee for the purpose of examination, confirmation or addition. It was also at the last Westminster Council meeting, and open for the inspection of all members desiring to do so, and eventually it is I believe to be published. H. DAINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

SIR,—I still claim the peals of the above that I have written about, as I lodged them in "THE BELL NEWS" office before F. Dench ever composed his peals. JOHN CARTER.

THE PEAL AT CHISWICK.

SIR,—Your correspondent is wrong in claiming the peal rung at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on December 27th, and reported in this week's issue as the first Surprise peal on the bells. A peal of London Surprise and also a peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at the above church by the College Youths on June 14th, 1902, and on January 12th, 1907, respectively, and was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." W. E. GARRARD.

SIR,—If your correspondent will take the trouble to look at the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" in June, 1902, he will find that the peal of Bristol Surprise rang at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on December 27th last was not the first Surprise peal on the bells. G. N. PRICE.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund has been to provide for the Gabriel bell, which was hung early this year in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft. The new bell forms among the middle bells of the twelve a light octave in F major, known as the Gabriel ring of eight, of which it is the fifth. The total cost of the scheme has been £128 10s. 6d.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.-Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street Street, on the 19th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43. *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The London County Association late the St, James's Society.-Established 1824.-A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., January 14th, at the church of St. George, Well Street, Camberwell, S E. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome. T. H. TAFFENDER. *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 o'lock. Meat tea in St. Martin's vestry hall at 5 30., 9d. each to those who inform me by the 19th inst.
F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H, Dudley Lampen. The bells (10) will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon, Secretary will arrange for a tea on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due.
CHARLES T. COLES, *Hon, Sec.*
228, *St. John's Road, Walthamstow.*

The Bedfordshire Association.-Quarterly meeting at Luton to-day, Sat., January 14th.

The Lancashire Association — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey to-day, Sat., January 14th. Bells at liberty 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested as busines is important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.-Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield in St. James's room, Vicor Lane, at 4.30 p.m., to-day, Sat., January 14th, for the purpose of electing officers for the new district which will then be formed, All those who are interested should make a point of being present. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall to-day, Sat., January 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.
GEORGE YEO, *Hon. Local Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes to-day, Sat, January 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.
GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale to-day, Sat, January 14th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 6. Service in church at 7.
REV. C. E. DONNE, J. JOHNSON, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Sat., January 14th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES. *Sec.*

The North Notts. Association. — Next quarterly meeting at Shireoaks to-day, Sat, January 14th. Tea at 5
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Maidstone District —The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Maidstone, on Saturday. Jan. 21st. Belfry open at 4 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after service.
G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild -Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available all the afternoon. Short service at 4.50. Tea at 5. at the Church Institute. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 17th inst.
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch —The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday. January 21st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A special meeting for the practice of Stedman will be held at Boughton on Saturday, January 21st. The bells will be available at 5 p m.
E. TRENDELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday. January 21st. Bells ready at 3 30, Meeting at 6 30. Business important.
T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Central Division.—Next meeting of this division will be held at Seaford on Saturday, January 21st Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, kindly provided by the Vicar of Seaford to those who let me know of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, January 18th. ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
"*Southover,*" *Alfriston Road, Seaford,*

The Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p m. Meeting at 5.30. E. R. MARTIN. *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting in the parish room at 4. Service in church with an address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at the parish room at 5 45, followed by the general business meeting. 6d. per head will be charged for the tea. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 25th. The service is being specially arranged, and it is hoped that members will make an effort to arrive in time to attend. Subscriptions are now due, and should be sent to the District Secretary or paid at the meeting, No travelling allowances are paid to this meeting.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service at 5.30. The Rev. Canon Arnott (Rector), will provide tea for those who send in their names to me not later than Tuesday, January 24th. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis, Sec.*
34, *Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock Meeting at 6.30.

The Midland Counties Association.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, January 28th. Full particulars in next week's issue.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's church, Mottram, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, January 28th. For full particulars see circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11. *Fisher Road, Sheffield.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild. — Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
Buriton House, Penzance,

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SELBY ABBEY. — This was rung after the induction service of the new Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Solloway, late of York. The ringers attended the service in the grand old abbey church heard a most eloquent sermon by the Archbishop of York. At the conclusion of the peal, the band were entertained to tea at the vicarage by the newly-appointed Vicar, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his kind hospitality.

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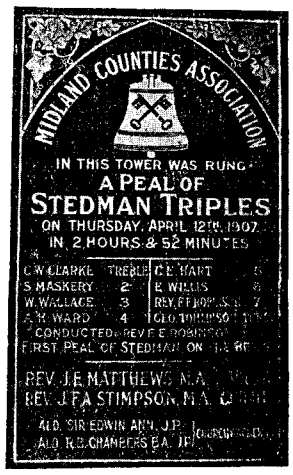

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Preliminary Notice.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "The Bell News." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. Charles D. P. Davies,
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Hon. Sec.
Money Order Office, Frampton-on-Severn (not Stonehouse.

ASHINGTON, ESSEX.

A large clock has just been fixed at this church, as a memorial to our late King. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also lately restored and refixed the large clock and chimes in the New Tower of Ilkeston Parish Church.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH LAW	*Treble.*	THOMAS JAKEMAN	5.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6.
ALFRED BENNINGTON	3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4.	ALBERT JAMES FORD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

G. Holifield, jun. for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting; also to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PYE	*Treble.*	CHARLES T. COLES	5.
HARRY FLANDERS	2.	EDWARD J. WOOLLEY	6.
REUBEN SANDERS	3.	ALBERT W. COLES	7.
PERCY R. HISLOP*	4.	ALBERT J. BAYNES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First eal.

FRIENDLY PEAL.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON	*Treble.*	FRANK HAIRS	5.
WILLIAM HEWETT	2.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL	6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3.	THOMAS LANGDON	7.
EDWIN F. PIKE	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD	*Treble.*	WALTER G. MATTHEWS	6.
ALBERT V. SELBY	2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	7.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	8.
SYDNEY A. WRIGHT	4.	JAMES R, MACKMAN	9.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT	5.	FREDK. J. REDKNAP	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Coudncted by J. R. MACKMAN.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MISS E. K. PARKER	*Treble.*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN	2.	WILBY J. HAZELL	6.
GEORGE PAICE	3.	GEORGE A. CARD	7.
JAMES PARKER	4.	THOMAS MILES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

Rung with the bells half muffled for the midnight service.

The Provinces.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM STENNING	*Treble.*	HENRY J. GRAVETT	5.
WILLIAM ASHDOWN	2.	JAMES PARSONS	6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE	3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	7.
THOMAS STEINGER	4.	JOHN FEIST	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A, W. GRAVETT.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED HOPE*	*Treble.*	*H. H. HARDING	4.
ARTHUR BURR	2.	JAMES FORD	5.
ARTHUR WENBAN*	3.	D. J. GOLDSMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES FORD.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, in Three Hours ana Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN FREEMAN*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	6.
ALFRED P. HENSMAN	2.	FRED HOPPER	7.
HARRY L. KEY	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	8.
WILLIAM ROGERS	4.	GEORGE FLAVELL	9.
HERBERT RAINBOW	5.	ELIJAH JAMES	*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Caters. Rung to welcome the Rev. Thomas A. Gurney as Vicar of St. Giles.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. in E flat.

FRED S. W. BUTLER*	*Treble.*	JOHN HOLMAN	5.
JAMES COTTERELL*	2	*GEORGE HALKSWORTH	6.
THOMAS BETTISON	3.	JOHN FLINT	7.
DAVID BREARLEY	4.	SAM THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal of Superlative, and first Surprise peal on the bells. The above band represent eight different towers. The same band attempted the peal in November, when a change-course occurred in the last course but one.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. H. MARRINER	*Treble.*	JOHN WYATT	5.
ALFRED H. WINCH	2.	JOHN HOYLE	6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4.	ARTHUR DEAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ALFRED H. WINCH.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5320 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VAIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	*Treble.*	CHARLES DRAPER	6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7.
FRANE JACOBS	3.	THOMAS W. GORE	8.
SAMUEL WESLEY	4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	9.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY†	5.	WALTER ALLWOOD	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

†First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE SMITHER	*Treble.*	HENRY L. GARFATH	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN.*	2.	CHARLES HAZELDEN	6.
CHARLES WILLSHER	3.	FRANE BLONDELL	7.
JAMES HUNT	4.	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Superlative with a bob bell. First peal of Major on the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHUCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROCHESTER	*Treble.*	JOHN DALE	5.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	2.	GEORGE COTTIS	6.
FREDK. C. RUSSELL	3.	CALEB FENN	7.
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	4.	DAN PHILIPS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Dale, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns,

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANE W. MAY	*Treble.*	ALFRED WATTS	5.
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	2.	JAMES NISBET	6.
ERNEST GOLDSTONE	3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM	7.
MISS MARY E. N. JUERS*	4.	A. G. LUKE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by MISS N. GILLINGHAN

*First peal with a bob bell.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.-THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD CRABTREE	*Treble.*	SIDNEY BARRON	5.
HAROLD BROWN	2.	ARTHUR GILL	6.
DICK THORNTON	3.	FRANCIS BARKER	7.
SMITH COLLINSON	4.	JOHN F. CLAYTON	*Treble.*

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES COTTRELL*	*Treble.*	THOMAS RUSSAM	5.
JOHN SANDERS	2	WILLIAM J. MEERS	6.
GEORGE GARRISON	3	THOMAS WELLS	7.
JONATHAN PRESTON†	4.	JOHN E. PYWELL	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. J. MEERS.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Cotterell, who attained his 50th year; also to W Preston, son of the ringer of the 4th. This is also first peal for nearly twenty years by the ringer of the 2nd. Seven of the above are also members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN THE WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY W. WILDE	*Treble.*	MARTIN HARRIS	5.
GEORGE PIERCE	2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT	6.
ROBERT SPERRING	3.	WALTER THOMAS	7.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	4.	ERNEST CHANNELL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rang as a birthday compliment to W. Thomas and Miss C. F. Fletcher, sister of the 5th ringer.

SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.

THOMAS HODGSON	*Treble.*	THOMAS F. EARNSHAW	6.
EDWARD RICKITT	2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	7.
HARRY N. IMESON*	3.	ABRAHAM HAIGH	8.
CLEMENT GLENN	4.	THOMAS HAIGH	9.
JAMES THOMPSON	5.	SIDNEY F. PALMER	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1910, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

LEONARD OSBORNE*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM CLARK	5.
NELSON COX	2.	WILLIAM BUCKLAND	6.
ROBERT FRANKUM	3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	7.
ERNEST O. DENHAM	4.	*FREDK. BUCKLAND	*Tenor.*

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

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On Saturday, December 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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CHARLES F. WHITE*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FISHER	5.
JOHN BASS	2.	*SAMUEL GROVE	6.
ALFRED DAVIES	3.	*JAMES DOWLER	7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT	4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and by the above Society. Rung after the unveiling of a peal-board by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, recording a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 10,176 changes, rung on December 27th, 1909.

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JESSE FRANCIS	*Treble.*	SYDNEY HILLIER	5.
CHARLES RAISON*	2.	†SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6.
SIDNEY ALDOM*	3.	‡GILBERT H. HARDING	7.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	4.	THOMAS F. KING	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Triples as conductor.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN FARMER*	*Treble.*	ERNEST PARKER	4.
WILLIAM HOYLE	2.	*JAMES WATTS	5.
JAMES SULLY	3.	HENRY MOORE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal in the method and on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Mitchel.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and College Single, two 720s of Oxford Bob and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY HALL	*Treble.*	GEORGE STANNARD	4.
JOHN HALL	2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3.	WILLIAM BURGESS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the new treble.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble.*	GEORGE ROBINSON	5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
HERBERT HURDMAN*	3.	†LEONARD BULLOCK	7.
THOMAS DICKEN	4.	*LESLIE C. SMITH	*Tenor.*

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

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

GILBERT WILTSHIRE	*Treble.*	JOHN BURFORD	5.
WILLIAM KNIGHT	2.	NORRIS WAY	6.
ALBERT STOWELL	3.	WILLIAM STOWELL	7.
FRED G. MAY	4.	HENRY HOWELL	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven 720s. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE	*Treble.*	WALTER KERRISON	4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2.	JAMES HOWARD	5.
CHARLES MOSS	3.	JOHN O'NEILL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

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(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 13, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Taylor's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

T. SMITH	*Treble.*	H. WALTER	5.
F. RICHARDSON	2.	J. PRESTON	6.
W. PARKER	3.	J. PHILLIPS	7.
W. WELLING	4.	A. BUELER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. PRESTON.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor; also first peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT ARCHES,

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

HENRY W. KIRTON	*Treble.*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5.
STANFORD J. WOLFE	2.	ERNEST VICKERS	6.
GEORGE CHESTER	3.	JOHN W. WATSON	7.
COOK WELLS	4.	GEORGE FLINTHAM	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIP-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT*	*Treble.*	JOHN CRAWFORD	5.
WILLIAM COOK	2.	JOHN WYATT	6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	3.	JOHN HOYLE	7.
ALFRED H. WINCH	4.	*GEORGE COOK	*Tenor.*

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34625	–	–	
23645		–	
42635		–	
56234	–		–
25634			–
32654		–	
62453	–		
42356	–		
53624	–	–	
63425	–		
54326	–		–
35426			–
23456		–	

This peal has the fewest number of calls.

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5184.

23456	5ths & 4ths		W	H
56423	x	x		–
45623				–
64523				–
52643			–	–
65243				–
26543				–
43526	x	x		–
24536			–	
36524	x	x		–
53624				–
65324				–
32554			–	–
63254				–
26354				–
54326	x	x		–
25346			–	
46325	x	x		–
34625				–
63425				–
42635			–	–
64245				–
26435				–
35426	x	x		–
23456			–	

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Killamarsh.—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service at St. Giles's church, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 471 of Oxford, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Kent. F. Parr, H. Greaves, J. Emsen, T. A. Howes-Smith, W. H. Turton, C. Severn composer and conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Burton-on-Trent.—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. John's, Horninglow, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Sanders, J. Sanders first quarter-peal, W. E. Wiles, J. T. Dyke, A. P. Wakley conductor, J. A. Sanders.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Carhampton.—On Sunday, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1272 changes. J. Farmer, W. Hoyle, J. Sully, E. Parker, J. Watts, H. Moore conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

Sowton.—On Saturday, December 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. W. Howe, C. Seoble. H. Rex, J. Seager, F. Davey conductor, J. Gooding.

Thorverton.—On December 20th, 1008 Grandsre Triples. J. Edworthy, Dr. C. de N. Marshall, J. A. Martin, F. J. Davey, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler conductor, J. Ferris R. B. Ford. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar.

Plymouth.—On Sunday evening, October 10th, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. W. Ford, J. Hobbs, W. G. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, E. Lindsey first quarter-peal.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

Worksop.—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Peck, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh, C. H. Bird, T. Bartholomew conductor, T. Wilson, F. Willy. For evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples, id 40 mins. H. Cartwright, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh conductor, C. H. Bird, T. Bartholomew, T. Wilson, F. Willey. This ringing was specially arranged for Mr. C. H. Bird, who hails from Scunthorpe. On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Peck, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh composer and conductor, T. Bartholomew, T. Wilson F. Willey. This quarter-peal is the first by the new company, formed twelve months ago, and was rung to commemorate the first anniversary, and was achieved by dint of assiduous perseverance and practice under the most trying circumstances in consequence of the bad go of the bells. It is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Oxford.—On Sunday, January 1st, at St. Giles's church for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. Fox, A. Fox, J. Rye, P. Bennett, G. King, W. Stone conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Norwich.—On December 26th, at St. Peter Mancroft, a course of Double Norwich Royal. C. Borrett, E. Whiting, C. Baker, B. Thompson, E. Whiting, H. Garnham, C. Roope, F. Roope, J. Burton, F. Borrett.

Pulham (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, 1056 New Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Borrett, F. Surridge, A. Smith, C. Baker, H. Garnham, J. Allen, W. Roope. F. Roope.

Birmingham.—On Dechmber 31st, for watch-night service at Bishop Ryder's chnrch, the Edltor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, G. Taylor, A. Scrivens, J. Collett, J. Perry conductor, W. H. Carrod, W. Webb, T. Pearce.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, January 7th. Members attended from the following towers: Sheffield Parish, Ranmoor, Bolsover, North Wingfield, Staveley, Mansfield, Doncaster, Killamarsh, Ripley, Norton. The methods rung were: Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich Major, Double Norwich Caters, Stedman Caters, Superlative Surprise Major, Bristol Surprise Major, London Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major; one feature of the meeting was to see the Grand Old Man of the Society, Mr. W. Gosling, Senior, of Mansfield, who is 84 years of age, taking part in a touch of Stedman Caters. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, also to the local company for the way they received the visiting ringers. Upwards of sixty ringers were present.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Monday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, Brimington, Derbyshire, William Thomas Pegler, of Bangor, and Master of the North Wales Association, to Miss Clarice T. Marriott, of Brimington.

Mr. William T. Pegler has removed to 6, Easton Road, Bangor, North Wales.

The funeral of Sir John Aird took place at Littleworth Common Churchyard yesterday, and simultaneously a memorial service was conducted at St. John's Church, Southwick-crescent, W., by Archdeacon Sinclair.

The King Edward Memorial Committee for Lynn and West Norfolk has decided to use the funds at its disposal in improving the entrance to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, erecting a new staircase, and placing a bust of his Majesty above it.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Saturday, January 1st, at St. Mary's church, for midnight service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. M. Tebby, E. Bendix, H. T. Wilson, W. Dudley conductor, W. Bedwell, J. Smith, J. Prior, H. Kebby. On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. M. Kebby, W. Bedwell, E. Bendix, H. T. Wilson, J. Perry, W. Dudley conductor, J. Smith, J. Prior.

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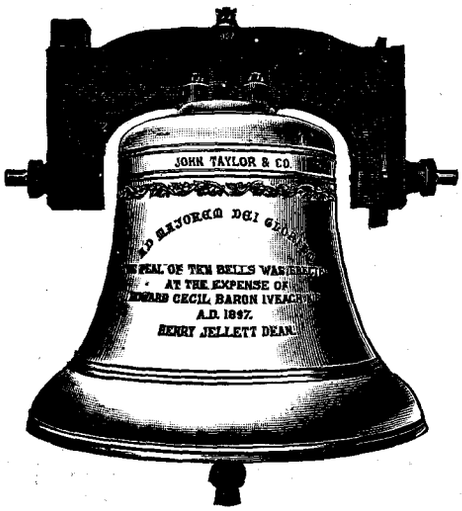

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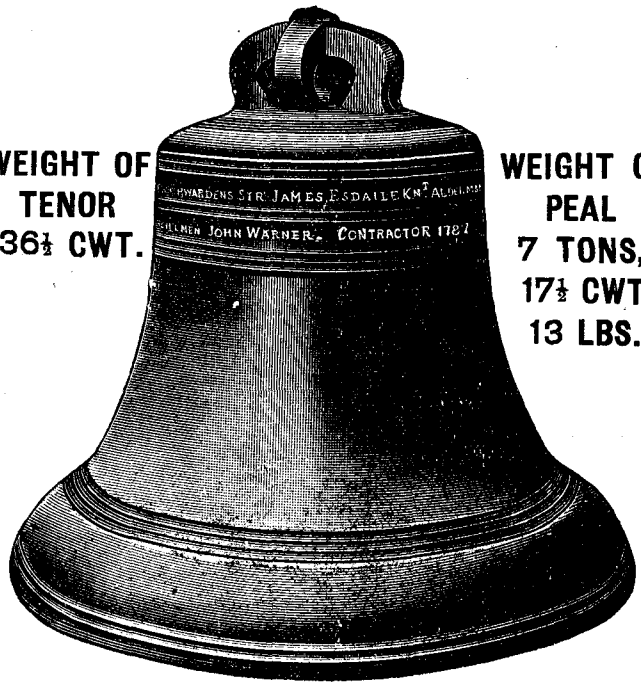

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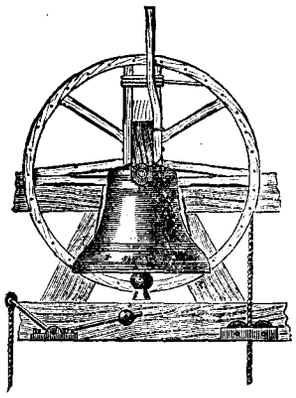

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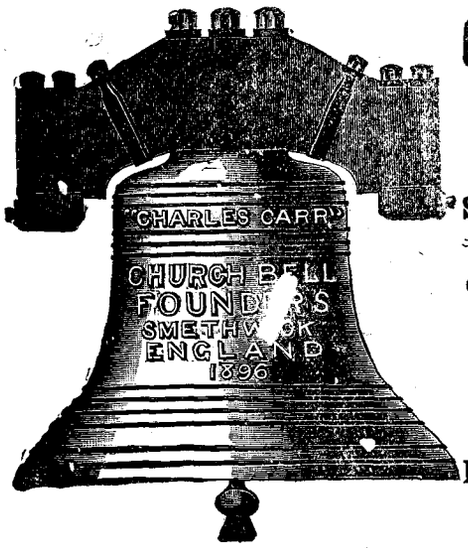

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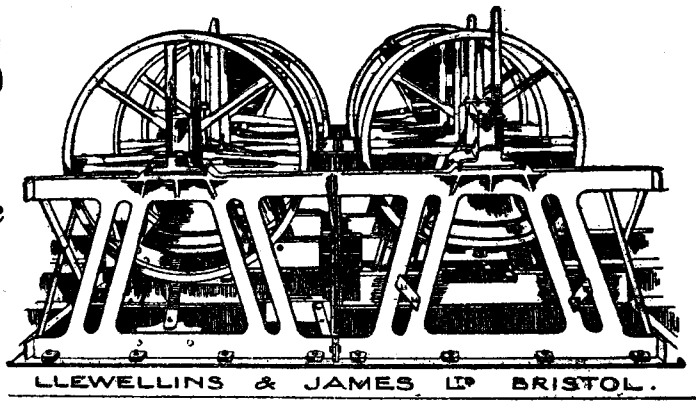

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The approaching completion of the thirteenth year of our existence as a County Association bids us once more pause to take stock of our position. We find that we can speak encouragingly of our work, in the sense that it has been conspicuously successful, especially in respect of the quality of peals rung. Measured by other Societies, we do not ring many peals, but we ring a good number of peals in advanced methods, by which we are enabled to reach a very satisfactory standard. It is not remarkable that other Associations should have passed us in friendly rivalry. Though we have lost the pride of place which we enjoyed so many years in succession, we are in no wise disheartened; and whilst heartily congratulating others on their success, we can promise them that they will have to look to their laurels to retain the high position they have won. The past year has shewn us that in our younger members we have a reserve of talent rising up, of whom we may well be proud. Owing to the fostering care of those in the front rank of their profession, we have a body of young ringers coming on with all the requisite ability to reach, in their turn, the summit of perfection as twelve-bell ringers.

We confess, however, that we have some difficulty in realising that our Hon. Secretary, who has been so successful in co-ordinating into one organization the scattered forces of ringers in our county, outside the metropolis, is about to retire. The best compliment we can pay him is to take care that all that he has done in the past, shall lose nothing in the future. He leaves us at a time when the finances of the Association are vastly improved; and in asking our members to give his successor the same meed of support, we are only asking them what is absolutely necessary if we are to maintain, in years to come the position we have reached. The members of the Association have felt that they cannot allow their Hon. Secretary to depart without some tangible token of their high appreciation of the services he has rendered, and they propose at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting at Fulham to ask his acceptance of a testimonial as some slight recognition of their long and pleasant association with him; and, in addition, to mark their sense of his valuable services, by asking him to become a Vice-President of the Association.

The last annual meeting of the Association was held on September 25th, 1909, at St. Andrew's Church, Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. About eighty ringers attended the service, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., sub-dean of Westminster Abbey, from the text: "And I said, should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that being as I am, would go into the Temple to save his life? I will not go in." (Neh. vi. ii).

The character of Nehemiah, said the preacher, is well worth study. He was always the right man in the right place—not exactly a genius, but a sensible wide awake man of business: and he rendered a notable service to his country. These are qualities which it is good for us to contemplate. But after all, the gift we possess, whatever it may be, is nothing, unless we consecrate it to God; and the Church will not perform her work, until she has enlisted in her service men who are prepared to thus consecrate whatever gifts they possess. Nehemiah was the King's cup bearer, a respected official in the Persian Court, and it was the consecration of his ordinary gifts to God which gave him an honoured name. He possessed also a courage which refused to be cowed when duty called. In spite of opponents threatening, in spite of the indifference of his own countrymen, nothing daunted him; and as he laboured at his patriotic task, he repeated but one simple prayer—"O God! help me!" The story of Nehemiah shews also by sharp contrast what a base creature Shemaiah was. It was an impious act to trespass in the Temple, and the effort to persuade Nehemiah to do it was happily in vain, who saw through the misleading influence of this cunning informer. There was but one answer to all such temptations to play the coward, and it was this: "Should such a man as I flee?" Faith in God and a consecrated feeling of duty lifted him up, for a man who is absolutely sure that he is carrying out God's will, is sure of himself.

Courage is a quality which commands universal homage. We admire it in others, and we covet it for ourselves; but there are two kinds of courage. There is the courage of hot blood—a dare devil recklessness—which is admirable on the battlefield. True courage, however, is far nobler than this, and it is that of a man, who sees the risk he is running and deliberately faces it. St. Paul shewed it, for when bonds and afflictions were foreshadowed for him, he replied, "none of these things move me." This is a true kind of courage, not blind, but open-eyed, and without it no character can be either strong or trustworthy. The historian Carlyle has defined this sort of courage as the power of saying "No." To be able to say "No" is to master a priceless lesson. It is extremely difficult for those who are soft hearted to say "No"; for fault finding is never popular, and yet, if we are fearful of inflicting pain, we may do infinite harm; but before a man can say "No" to others, he must be able to say "No" to himself. How many a man has lost ground in his first encounter with temptation, by his inability to say "No" to himself! Any prison chaplain will tell you that you have only to ask this criminal or that felon what has brought him to his present position, and the answer will be—Oh! if only I had had the courage to say "No" at first, I should not have been here.

How supreme is the importance of character. Take the disciplined man, the man of principle, the man to be depended on. Such a man, because true to himself, is a power whom all delight to honour, for he carries an atmosphere of goodness about him, wherever he goes, and helps to strengthen every man with whom he associates.

In conclusion, the preacher reminded the ringers that they too as Church-workers were charged with duties and responsibilities, and exhorted them to be careful to avoid playing the coward at the call of duty, to be right-minded and courageous among their fellows, and to boldly say "No" in the time of temptation, keeping ever in mind the outspoken answer of Nehemiah to his cunning detractor—"Should such a man as I flee?"

After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of in the Girls' School, the arrangements being undertaken by Mrs. Bird, with the aid of a large band of willing helpers. There was a large gathering at the annual meeting which followed, and it might well have been a record attendance, but for the inclemency of the weather which kept away many who had notified their intention of being present. The Rev. H. G. Bird, president of the Association,

occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Duckworth and the officers of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary, as an old worker in the parish of St. Mark, Hamilton Terrace, in the time of the incumbency of the Rev. Canon Duckworth, proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon for coming amongst them, and giving them the benefit of so practical and eloquent an address. He recalled the happy days of parochial work under the guidance of his former vicar, and added that though some 35 years had elapsed since his first connection with him, he had always found the Canon to be one of his truest and most sympathetic friends, in spite of his long absence in another parish and amid other surroundings. The President added a few words of welcome, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed with much enthusiasm.

The Canon replied with much feeling reference to all that the Hon. Secretary had done in days gone by in his former parish, and congratulated the ringers upon having secured the services of one who, he felt sure. had given a zealous and whole-hearted attention to the great work in which he had been for so many years engaged.

The successful peals rung in the course of the past year have been 86 in number, viz.:—

	No. of Peals.
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	8
Grandsire Triples	8
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich	2
Bristol Surprise	11
London Surprise	5
Superlative Surprise	10
Stedman Triples	16
Stedman Caters	18
Stedman Cinques	4
Total...	86

of which there had been rung on handbells—

Grandsire Triples	2
Stedman Triples	1
Stedman Caters	4
Stedman Cinques	1
	8

Once again it is pleasant to us to congratulate Miss Edith Parker upon having achieved the rare distinction of being the first lady to ring in a peal of London Surprise, which was conducted by her father at Edmonton on the 4th December, 1909. Nor can we omit to mention a fine peal of Stedman Cinques, rung fully muffled at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 7th May last, on receipt of the sad news of the death of our beloved King. These and a fine peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells form the most notable successes in a year which can boast of no less than 11 peals of Bristol Surprise, 5 of London Surprise, and 10 of Superlative Surprise.

The number of quarter-peals rung, so far as we have been able to ascertain them, are as follows:—

	Grandsire Doubles	Oxford Bob Triples	Grandsire Triples	Bob Major	Stedman Triples	K.T.B.	Lon. Surprise
Barnet	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cubitt Town	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Ealing (St. Mary's)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Heston	—	—	—	—	3	1	—
Hounslow	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Hillingdon West	—	—	18	—	—	—	—
Isleworth	—	1	7	2	4	—	—
Norwood (Middlesex)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southgate	—	—	5	—	—	—	1
Upper Clapton	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Walthamstow (St. Mary's)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
" (St. Saviour's)	—	—	3	—	—	—	—

The number of meetings held, exclusive of the Annual Meeting, have been 16, and the attendances have been quite satisfactory. The number of new members who have joined us during the year is 56, and, after allowing for those who have left us, we close the year with a satisfactory total membership of over 600.

By the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, and also a member of our own and many other Associations, we have lost not only an indefatigable exponent of the art of ringing, but also a bright example to the brotherhood of ringers. He passed away on the 16th February last, and on the 19th, the day of his funeral, when bellringers from all parts of the country met at Wokingham to pay their last tribute of respect to him, some members of our own Association rang a half-muffled peal of Superlative Surprise at All Saints Church, Poplar. We were officially represented at the funeral in the person of our Hon. Secretary. It is an interesting fact to note that the last peal conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson was rung in our Diocese at Hillingdon West, Uxbridge, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on the 15th January, 1910, and that the number of peals rung by him, throughout his career, was thus fitly rounded to the exact total of 1,250.

Our record of bell restoration in the County of Middlesex is never a very reassuring one, and this year is no exception. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank inform us that the work at St. Michael's, Cornhill, has been completed. The 11th bell been recast, and the whole peal of twelve rehung in new fittings in the old frame. We should like to have been able to report that the whole of the contemplated restoration had been carried out by the authorities and a new frame provided; but, as we pointed out last year, we are living in days when money is hard to find and harder still to keep. Our members, however, will be interested to hear that there is a movement on foot for the restoration of the famous bells of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, and that the Whitechapel firm have received an order to rehang the bells in new fittings, and to strengthen the present frame. The last peal of Stedman Cinques on these bells was rung by members of our Association on the 7th February, 1903.

We cannot conclude this notice without a sympathetic reference to the retirement of our Master, Mr. J. Basden, who, we regret to say, is still incapacitated from active effort of any kind. We may rest assured, however, that his interest in the Association he served so well still remains. He has been happily permitted to see a good deal accomplished of what he set himself to do, and it must be no little consolation to him to know that the energy and zeal he has displayed have left their mark, as many an able ringer, who has felt the power of Mr. Basden's influence, can testify. We deeply sympathise with him in his illness, and assure him of our affectionate regard.

We have already spoken of our progress as a County Association, and we close with the expression of a fervent hope that it may be our privilege to continue to progress, and to be insensible of infirmity and decay; for it will assuredly be an evil day for us, if we should ever become unduly absorbed in dreaming of an historic past, or paralysed by vague notions of antiquity.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.-Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; at 8 p.m.
The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The London County Association late the St, James's Society.-Established 1824.-The annual general meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Further particulars will be announced next week. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields to-day, Sat., Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 o'lock. Meat tea in St. Martin's vestry hall at 5.30., 9d. each to those who inform me by the 19th inst.
F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East Distriot.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H, Dudley Lampen. The bells (10) will be raised at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.45 in the Parish Room, followed by the meeting. A charge of 6d. will be made for the tea. All ringers will be made welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due.
CHARLES T. COLES, *Hon, Sec.*
228, *St. John's Road, Walthamstow.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild. — South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev, W. T. King), on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911 are now due. Conductors of peals, quarter-peals, etc., will greatly oblige the Hon, Secretary by notification of the same by card.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road. Heston.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will take place on Friday evening, February 3rd, at 7.45.
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Maidstone. to-day. Sat., Jan. 21st. Belfry open at 4 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after service.
G. MOORE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant to-day, Sat., January 21st. Bells available all the afternoon. Short service at 4.50. Tea at 5, at the Church Institute. Meeting after.
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day. Sat., January 21st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A special meeting for the practice of Stedman will be held at Boughton to-day, Sat., January 21st. The bells will be available at 5 p.m.
E. TRENDELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St Nicholas, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., January 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 30. Business important.
T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Central Division.—Next meeting of this division will be held at Seaford to-day, Sat., January 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45. 18th. ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
"*Southover,*" *Alfriston Road, Seaford.*

The Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Leyland, to-day, Sat., January 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. E. R. MARTIN. *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting in the parish room at 4. Service in church with an address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at the parish room at 5 45, followed by the general business meeting. 6d. per head will be charged for the tea. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 25th. The service is being specially arranged, and it is hoped that members will make an effort to arrive in time to attend. Subscriptions are now due, and should be sent to the District Secretary or paid at the meeting, No travelling allowances are paid to this meeting.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service at 5.30. The Rev. Canon Arnott (Rector), will provide tea for those who send in their names to me not later than Tuesday, January 24th. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis, Sec.*
34, *Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.*

The Lancashire Associatien.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

The Midland Counties Association.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, January 28th. Bells availbable from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 in the Colles Hall, followed by tea 1s. 3d. each), and general meeting at 5 p.m. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. R. H. Bartram, 38, Rosebery Avenue, not later than Thursday morning, January 26th, so that proper arrangements may be made. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Orders for reports should be given at once to the local secretary or sent direct to me.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society. — The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's church, Mottram, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, January 28th. For full particulars see circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, *Fisher Road, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.
G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Emscote on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members requiring the certificate of membership of the Guild should send in their names and remittances of sixpence to the Hon. Secretary.
ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
1, *Bilton Road, Rugby.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Marlow on Saturday, January 28th. Service in the parish church at 4.30 Tea in the Boy's schoolroom at 5.15 Business meeting at 6 p.m. The bells of the parish churches of Marlow, Lane End, and Wooburn will be available for ringing after 2 p.m Address—REV. S. WINTER, Medmenham Vicarage, Marlow.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will he held at Pudsey en Saturday, February 4th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters—Golden Lion hotel, Chapeltown, Pudsey. A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staveley on Saturday, February 4th, this being the first meeting since the restoration of the bells, Bells available from 3 30 p.m.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western District—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, at 6d. per head, followed by the business meeting. Will those intending to be present let me know by Wednesday. February 1st. Subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. Bells available at 3.
T. E. D. LOOSEMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
80, *Elgin Road, Seven Kings.*

The Truro Diocesan Guild. — Truro Cathedral (10 bells).—By the permission of the Dean and Chapter, ringing meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month from 7.45 to 9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. JOHN SYMONS, *Master.*
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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association held their Autumn meeting at Ormesby on Saturday, September 22nd, 1910, members attending in large numbers from Darlington, Guisbrough, West Hartlepool, Hemingborough, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Richmond, Sheldon, Stockton, Sharow, Skeltnn, Stokesley, Thirsk, and Whitby, to the number of about fifty. Tea was providsd at the vicarage by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, and presided over by the president, the Rev. W. P. Wright, supported by the vice-president, Mr. G. F. Alexander, J. W. Pennyman, Esquire, Rev. J. C. C. Kemm (vicar), and the secretary. The president proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be giveu to the vicar and the Misses Kemm for providing such a substantial tea which was unanimous. The president in his remarks referred to a peal of Stedman Caters which had come to his notice within the last day or two that had been rung by ten clergymen, which was a clear proof that the clergy were taking a great deal more interest in bell ringing at the present day. He also said that it had been suggested to make the next attempt Stedman Cinques, and there would be two spare ropes. He had been struggling his hardest that day to get the vicar into the intricacies of change ringing, and if he succeeded, the band for Cinques would be made up, because he thought he could manage one end, if Mr. Kemm could manage the other end. The president said he was pleased to see so many towers represented, as this showed that the C.N.Y.A.was doinga great work, considering thewide area that was to bereached, and the next time that they met, which would be Easter Monday, they would be in the district of Tanfield, Marsham, and Kirby Malzeard, and hoped that there would be a good turn up on Easter Monday as in years past. He also thanked the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the beautiful peal of bells, which was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to ring them.

The Rev. J. C. C. Kemm in replying to the president, welcomed the association to Ormesby that day. When he heard that the Autumn meeting was to be held at Ormesby, he thought the best thing he could do was to offer to provide tea for that day, and he was pleased that they accepted his offer, and also that they had enjoyed themselves that day, and would do the same again if the association could see its way clear to visit them at some future date.

Referring to the peal the president had spoken to them about, he was sorry that he was not in the happy position to be able to take a rope. The bells were kept going vigorously during the afternoon and evening, when several good touches of Kent Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, and Double Norwich was brought round, and this brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting, which was expressed by everyone present.

LLANWIT MAJOR.

At St. Illtiyd's Church, Llanwit Major on a recent Sunday, during morning service, a very impressive and interesting ceremony took place; and it was the unveiling of a beautiful stained glass window, and the dedication of a handsome handrail, erected to the memory of John George Kibblewhite, whose untimely and tragic death happened by his falling over the cliffs at Dimhole, in the spring of last year. After morning prayers the vicar, the Rev. Henry Morris, and the choir singing the hymn, "Thine for ever God of Love," went in procession to the western end of the north side, and there formed a semi-circle before the window. Then the vicar pronounced the benediction of the window, which was unveiled by Mr. J. E. Kibblewhite, father of the lamented youth. Afterwards the vicar dedicated the handrail which protects the stairway leading to the belfry, and forms a fitting memorial to one, who was a local member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. Returning to the stalls in the chancel, the vicar then preached a sermon on the death of the young.

The stained glass window is elaborate and highly artistically designed, remarkably rich in colouring, and accurate in every detail. It represents a knight in full armour, the face being a striking and lifelike portrait ot the youth to whose memory it has been erected. At the base of the window, the following text taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians appears: "Stand therefore having your loins girt with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." On the window sill a fine memorial brass bears the following inscription: "In loving memory of John George Kibblewhite (founder's kin St. John's College, Oxford), who fell asleep 3rd April, 1910, aged 19 years. This window is erected by his parents." The artistic handrail of the belfry stairway is in wrought iron, the standards and supports of which represent four crozier's. The inscription on this is: "Erected in loving memory of John George Kibblewhite by his parents, 1910."

In connection with these memorials it is interesting to note another outside the church. On the grave at the north side of the churchyard, and close under the memorial window, a plain Latin cross, standing six feet in height, of polished grey Aberdeen granite, with curb of the same stone, has been erected. It bears the inscription: "In ever loving memory of John George Kibblewhite, the dearly loved son of G. E and M. Kibblewhite, of the School House, Wick, who fell asleep 3rd April, 1910, aged 19 years." In addition inscribed on the stone is the verse:

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that, the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

From Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." This is singularly appropriate, and reminiscent of the circumstances associated with the youth, who after bell-ringing and Evensong on the Sunday went forth to his sad doom.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The third quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Bloxwich, on Saturday, January 7th. After about two hours' ringing in various methods, a short service was held in the church, with an appreciated address by the vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hamilton. Tea was provided in the school-room. At the meeting which followed, over which Mr. W. R. Small presided, a little discussion took place as to where the annual meeting should be held. Hitherto, Lichfield has been the rendezvous, but this year it has been necessary to "seek fresh fields and pastures new," through the fact that the cathedral bells are not available. It was finally agreed that the annual should be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday.

Votes of thanks to the vicar for his address, to the ladies who prepared the tea, and to the chairman closed the business.

A CHURCH WITH FOUR TOWERS.

Rawcliff Church, near Garstang, is unique, and we hope it will remain so. It is an oblong brick building, with a square tower placed at each of the four corners, one of these serving as a belfry. This unconventional style of architecture was designed, it is said, from a portion of Glastonbury Abbey. With ivy covering its walls, it certainly presents a picturesque appearance, but an unromantic person is said to have compared it to a chest of drawers turned upside down. The church has no chancel, but can boast of forty-two windows, and a fine west door of Norman architecture.

EXETER AND TRURO CATHEDRALS.

The Bishop of Marlborough, Dean of Exeter, in announcing on Sunday morning that the alms would be devoted to the Truro Cathedral Maintenance Fund, said they had much to be grateful for in Exeter, and he therefore asked for generous support to Truro, which had not the same endowments as Exeter, but had yet taken a prominent and leading position in the activities usually associated with Cathedral churches.

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. James, I am quite aware that when I compared T. B. Maximus with Cambridge I was comparing a method with a clean proof scale with one that is not, and also that one was on the lengthening lead plan and the other not, but still for all that I certainly fail to see where there is any originality about a composition when you use the same calls and produce the same course ends as someone else has done before you in another method. Mr. James says he still considers the peal of Maximus rung at Ipswich is his. Now this peal is called exactly the same as Hubbard's peal of T. B. Maximus, and may be made up to five other different numbers by adding three bobs at Home to each or any one part, and if allowed to be claimed in this way it is possible to have five different authors. In these days of progress I fail to see the necessity of copying the calling of our forefathers when it can be avoided with better results. Mr. James says Mr. Trollope is wrong when he says that peals of Royal and Maximus can be got from Middleton's peal of Major without any knowledge of the proof of the method. Mr. Trollope is quite right on this point, it certainly occurred to me last year, when Mr. James published his false peals of Cambridge Royal, that he had produced his early peals in this way, as the first time he published any original ones they were false. He certainly did not know the proof of the method, as he treated 2 4 3 6 5 as a true course end to Royal.

In reply to Mr. Trollope I cannot agree with him that a peal can be claimed by two authors when the calls are the same and produce the same course ends. He may be right when he says that the peal Mr. James publishes is Middleton's. I do not know who was first, Hubbard or Middleton with the composition, as Hubbard never composed any peals of Cambridge, its only by accident it runs to Cambridge, it is a matter of opinion who of the two should be credited with it. I certainly cannot see where Mr. James or anyone else has any claim to it.

W. PYE.

SIR,—I am rather inclined to think Mr. Carter is telling fairy tales about the peals of Cambridge Maximus that were published under my name. In the first place they are the best published to date, for a peal with the 6th extent at home in a block shall be better than the 6th being cut about, and no doubt this is the part Mr. Carter does not like. I shall never think he had the six courses before I published them, or why did he publish such inferior peals as he did, claiming some to be the first composed with the 6th extent at home. A man of his ability would naturally have put it in the best form he had. Not even in any of his peals of Royal did he use the six courses. Mr. Carter's claim that he lodged them in "THE BELL NEWS" office before I composed them will not go down.

I cannot see why I should give up my method Mr. Dains claims. I also had it years ago with several others on the same plan, but how long I cannot say. I have private reasons for publishing it now, which I will communicate to him privately if he chooses.

F. DENCH.

CAMBRIDGE AND WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—Recently Mr. Dench published some peals of Cambridge Maximus; a week after Mr. Carter sends a letter to say that they are his peals? How do we know? Why did he not publish them before? Also, Mr. Dains writes claiming his Westminster method. Why did he not publish it? Not wait till someone else does it and then try to claim it. What I believe the Central Council proposed and adopted some years ago was that first to be published in "THE BELL NEWS" took the claim.

GRABHAM.

WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—I write to state that the Principle which Mr. Dench published last Saturday week belongs to Mr. Dains and is in the report of Major methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

THE PEAL AT CHISWICK.

SIR,—I must apologise to the College Youths for my stupid mistake in the footnote to the peal of Bristol Surprise at Chiswick. It should, of course, read "First peal in the method on the bells."

BERTRAM PREWETT.

DEDICATION SERVICE AND RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.

Saturday, December 31st, 1910, was a red letter day with the parishionersof the above quiet country village, for the bells of the parish church of St. Lawrence which had not been rung for 35 years were to be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Sterling. The St. George's ensign was flown at the head of the flag pole over the tower and the parishioners were all anticipating the dedication service which took place at 2.30 p.m., when in addition to the bishop the following clergy took part in the services.

The Archdeacon of Calcutta, Revs. Le G. Horton, R.D., W. Hippisley, J. Mansfield, J. Pavey, F. Peart and W. Oreaton.

A larger congregation had not been in the parish church for many a day. which included many from the surrounding parishes, and they entered whole heartedly into the proceedings. After the first part of the evensong had been taken, the bishop accompanied by the other clergy and the churchwardens, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the service of dedication was continued, and after the bishop had received the ropes from the churchwardens and had transferred the keeping into the hands of the rector, the ringers who had been asked to open the bells rang 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles, probably the first change ringing ever done in the village. The other portion of the service was then continued, which inculded an address by Bishop Sterling, who in his opening remarks mentioned that it was most pleasing to him, and he was quite sure it would be to the congregation present, to know that the whole cost of the work just completed was subscribed, which included repairs to the building, a new treble bell to make the peal into one of six bells, the rehanging of the bells with new fittings and putting them into an iron frame and a chiming apparatus. No doubt the parishioners would all be very delighted to hear again the bells which had been silent for so many years.

It is worthy of note to mention that the last occasion on which the bells were rung was at the time of the marriage of W. W. Kettlewell, Esquire, of East Harptree Court on the 7th October, 1875; and it is safe to say that it is owing to this gentleman's great interest in the welfare of the parish that the present happy position of affairs has ended so satisfactorily, for from the time the work was put in hand he was keenly interested, as was the whole of his family, and they all looked anxiously forward to the day when the bells would be heard once again, and as above stated the last day in the old year was selected for the event which will be remembered for many years to come.

The ringing arrangements was left to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse of London and Urington, who communicated with Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol to assist in getting the ringers for the opening ceremony; and the following (with the two aforesaid gentlemen), completed the party. Messrs. H. Howell, A. Stowell, J. Thomas, J. Tyler, T. Long, etc., who rang 120 Grandsire Double, 120 Stedman Doubles, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Kent Double Treble Bob Minor, all conducted by F. G. May. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung before morning service on New Year's Day, conducted by H. Howell. The work of rehanging and casting the new treble bell was entrusted to Messrs. Llewellins and James, bellhangers, of Bristol, who have made a complete success of the splice, and carried out their instructions to the entire satisfaction of all critical observers, including the ringers whose verdict was. The work is admirably done. A false floor was also put in; this has made it possible to hear distinctly every blow struck on the bells.

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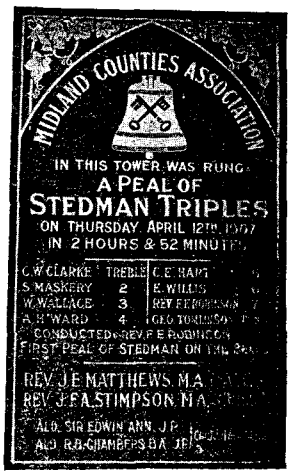

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST H. COOK†	*Treble.*	FRANK SKEVINGTON	5.
CHARLES F. W. HUNT	2.	REUBEN SANDERS	6.
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3.	GEORGE SPENCER	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT	4.	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

†First peal of Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble.*	CHARLES T. COLES	5.
JAMES GEORGE	2.	REUBEN SANDERS	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	WILLIAM PYE	7.
JOHN J. LAMB	4.	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford ond Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON	*Treble.*	C. WILLIAM SMITH	4.
GEORGE LADD	2.	JOHN CURREY	5.
THOMAS TAYLOR	3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM SMITH.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY DAY*	*Treble.*	*FREDK. CHAMBERLAIN	5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	ARTHUR MORGAN	6.
SIDNEY DAWE	3.	ALLEN ROWLEY	7.
WILLIAM MILLER*	4.	WILLIAM BOLTON	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN M. CHADWICK	*Treble.*	ALBERT JAGGER	5.
EDWARD CRAETREE	2.	FRANCIS BARKER	6.
EDWIN WHEATER	3.	ARTHUR GILL	7.
JOHN F. CLAYTON	4.	GEORGE NAYLOR	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

W. BRASS*	*Treble.*	S. HAWKINS	5.
FREDK. E. PARSONS†	2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	6.
F. LUXTON*	3.	‡WALTER FARLEY	7.
H. EDWARDS	4	*A. PEARCE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged for F. Parsons, who was made a member before starting. †First peal of Grandsire. *First peal. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR CHAPMAN	*Treble.*	CHARLES W. CLARKE	4
JOHN B. MARTIN	2.	HENRY W. GAYTON	5.
WM. V. NEWMAN	3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the treble ringers' father; also the first peal of Minor on the bells.

SWAINSWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WALTER J. STARR*	*Treble.*	JESSE HALLETT	4.
HORACE D. TAYLOR*	2.	*THEODORE GRANT	5.
CHARLES W. BELL	3	JOHN TAYLOR	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

*First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells after being rehung recently by Llewellins and James.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE	*Treble.*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5.
ALBERT HARMAN	2.	JOHN RICE	6.
JOHN AKEHURST	3.	PETER TYLER	7.
ALBERT E. MITCHELL	4.	ALFRED D. MILLS	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

BERNARD J. SADDINGTON..*Treble.*	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 4
ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. .. 2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

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On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARDE.. .. ..*Treble.*	REV. C. CAREW COX .. 5.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
BERNARD WITCHELL.. .. 3.	HARRY DICKENS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. ..*Treble.*	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
GEORGE WARD .. .. .. 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 6.
HAROLD INCKLE .. .. .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES E. HART .. .. 4.	BART MITCHELL .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. WABD.

First peal in the method by all the band; also the only peal rung in Derby by an entirely local band.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

LAWRENCE BROWN* .. ..*Treble.*	JAMES METCALFE .. .. 5.
ROBERT BROWN.. .. .. 2.	JAMES W. NEESAM .. .. 6.
JAMES BARNETT .. .. .. 3.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 7.
J. BENJAMIN BUDD† .. .. 4.	*HENRY STEVENSON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. BENJAMIN BUDD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

BENJAMIN A KNIGHTS ..*Treble.*	ROBERT SANDERSON .. .. 5.
E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. .. 6.
DANIEL SANDERSON .. .. 3.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. 7.
FREDK. HARWOOD .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ..*Tenor.*

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

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

JOHN APSE*.. .. .. ..*Treble.*	GEORGE H. SADLER.. .. 5.
E. THOMAS THORPE .. .. 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4.	*GEORGE SMITH .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal. Rung on the twentieth anniverary of the opening of these bells as a peal of eight.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

On Monday, December 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM STACEY* .. ..*Treble.*	OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 4.
GEORGE ELLIS .. .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN KING.. 5
ARTHUR KNAPP .. .. .. 3.	ALBERT ELLIS .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

Rung with the bells muffled os a tribute ef respect to the late F. Wickens, churchwarden and captain of the Charlwood ringers, who was buried on that day *First peal of Treble Bob

NEWTON NOTTAGE, PORTHCAWL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

T. COOK .. ..*Treble.*	R. W. COOK .. .. .. 4.
D. THOMAS .. .. 2.	A. E. WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
T. WOOD .. .. 3.	R. SHARP .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by T. WOOD.

First peal by all, and first peal on the bells Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Cook.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1910, in Three Houre and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor cwt.

GEORGE DURLING* .. ..*Treble.*	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. .. 3.	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4.	THOS. GROOMBSIDGE, SEN. *Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method, and also on the bells.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE,

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, and Morning Star, and three 720s of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND .. ..*Treble.*	THOMAS CRANE.. .. .. 3.
EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WATLING .. .. 4.

JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWARD CHATTEN.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. ..*Treble.*	ROBERT YOUNG .. .. .. 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL.. .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. WELLING,

Rung on the twentieth anniversary of the re-opening of the bells. The ringer of the 2nd took part in the first peal which was rung at the opening.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Three Hours ana Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD.. ..*Treble.*	*ALBERT P. WAKLEY.. .. 5.
ALGERNON P. G. STONE* 2.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 6.
JOSEPH DYKE† .. .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. ADAMS* .. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN HOUGH .. .. .. 5.
DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE* 2.	HERBERT CURE.. .. .. 6.
HARRY STONELEY* 3	THOS. WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7.
THOMAS DICKINS .. .. 4.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

†First peal of Major. The ringer of the 2nd has only recently turned 14 years of age.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN* .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. .. 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHEED* .. 4.	*JOHN NEAL.. .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung on the birthday of G. Swann. *First peal in the method First peal in the method as conductor, First peal of London for the Diocesan Guild.

APPLETON, BERKS.-THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 23, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FRANK BARRETT .. ..*Treble.*	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 8.
RICHARD WHITE.. .. .. 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 9.
RICHARD G. RICE* .. .. 5.	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Tulip, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory.

ERNEST HOYLE* .. ..*Treble.*	TOM LATIMER .. .. .. 4.
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 2.	JAMES GUY .. .. .. 5.
J. W. CHADWICK .. .. 3.	EDWARD REDSHAW .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JNO. W. T. HOLGATE.

*First peal of Minor.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM T. EDMUNDSON..*Treble.*	EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 5.
ESAU WALMSLEY* .. .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. .. .. 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
FREDERICK HINDLE .. .. 4.	JAMES ASHTON .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN WALKER, and Conducted by WM. E. WILSON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCEN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR ALLMAN .. ..*Treble.*	RICHARD LANGFORD, SEN. 5.
JOHN MATTHEWS* .. .. 2.	C. J. BOWEN-COOKE .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 4.	JOHN BRASSINGTON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Skene, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. RICE*.. ..*Treble.*	*JAMES S. NAPIER .. .. 5.
MISS M. W. NIGHTINGALE* 2.	JOHN BOWER .. .. .. 6.
THOMAS EAST .. .. .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 4.	RICHARD G. JAMES .. } *Tenor.*
	GAIUS WELCH .. .. }

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

*First peal. The ringer of the 5th is only fifteen years of age.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

Canon P. M. Smythe, who leaves Kettering at the end of this month, is making his final appeal for funds for the proposed new church of All Saints', which is to be built at a cost of £9,000. The church, which is to be built of brick with stone dressings, when complete, will accommodate 764 people. The style of architecture adopted is based on fourteenth century Gothic. Mr. G. T. Blackwell has designed the church so that it may be built in three different stages. It is proposed to build first the nave, north and south aisles, and transepts, at a cost of £5,000.

THE WEST HAM SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting and social gathering of the above took place on Tuesday morning, Jan. 10, at the "Bay Tree" Inn. Mr. F. Searle occupied the chair. The balance sheet for the year was read by Mr. W. Doran, who evinced the greatest interest in explaining how the world wagged with regard to bells and ringers in the old parish. Our old friend William possesses the faculties of observation and memory, and, in his native dialect, amused the company for a hour, with the many incidents that fell in his path as steeplekeeper during the year. The balance sheet showed a very slight loss, owing no doubt to the migration of some of the upper classes to the suburbs, and maybe to the fact that some expense will soon be incurred in the tuning of the peal of ten.

The accounts having been passed and the rest of the business transacted the evening was devoted to Bacchus and Apollo, during which several courses were tapped off on the hand-bells by Doran, Sen., Torble, Cranfield, Moule and Neale. Then followed songs by Margetson, Doran jun., Torble, Dawson, Moule, and F. Newman, while Mr. Fiddes gave a violin solo, accompanied by Mr. Margetson, who, with Mr. Dawson replied to the toast of the visitors.

No serious interruptions disturbed the harmony until the worthy landlord, in the politest manner, reminded us of the arch enemy Time, who generally comes unawares amidst our happiest moments to remind us of the inevitable parting.

The singing in chorus of Auld Lang Syne brought to a conclusion a very enjoyable evening, such as is only known to ringers, who fully realize the simple felicities of friendship and fraternity.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful Meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 14th, 78 Hon. and Ringing members attending. After Evensong at St. Paul's Church, and an admirable address given by the new Master of the Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, a substantial tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and the Business Meeting followed. The Hon. Sec. and Treasurer was able to show a favourble balance of £5 3s. 3d. in the account for 1910, also to report seven peals rung by members in various towers in the Deanery in that year. Nine monthly Meetings for combined practice were held in different parts of the Deanery. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis was elected chairman vice the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Leaders of Belfries and members of the different committees were appointed, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed their aid in making it a success.

BOB MAJOR.

By E. M. Atkins, *Cambridge*.

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24365		1		1
54263			2	3
43265			1	2
52436	1		1	1
54326	1			2
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23546	1			2

Repeated. The 6th twenty-four times right and twenty times wrong with the 2nd twice only in 6ths place.

Rung at Rothwell, Northants, on January 14th, 1911, and conducted by the composer.

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JOSEPH DEVONPORT.

On Saturday, December 10th, at the Parish Church, Sedgley, there was laid to rest a very old ringer, Joseph Devonport, aged 86 years. He had been a ringer above 60 years, and had rang as recently as the funeral of his late Majesty, King Edward VII. By a strange coincidence he died on the day of his wife's funeral. Deceased had rung several peals and was well known in the district. As a token of respect the bells at the above church were muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following:—J. Ray, J. Brown, W. Mills, jun., F. Evans, W. Mills, sen., J. Jeavons, T. Watton, B. Fullwood.

HOLLOWAY.

On Monday, December 19th, 1910, at St. Mary Magdalene, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Marshall-Periera, J. Cornford, H. Brookes, A. Hart, H. J. Ranzetta, A. Riley. Conducted by H. J. Ranzetta, longest length by ringer of the treble, who is a native of India. It would no doubt be of interest to know if there is any other member of the Exercise who is of coloured origin.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Sunday, January 1st, at the Parish Church, a long touch of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. J. Wood-Higgs and Miss (Nellie) Menday. Mr. Wood-Higgs was for some years, till quite recently, a very respected choirman at the above church, and Miss Menday is sister of Messrs. E. W. and E. J. Menday, ringers at St. Peters. The ceremony was solemnised at St. George's, Kemp Town, Brighton.

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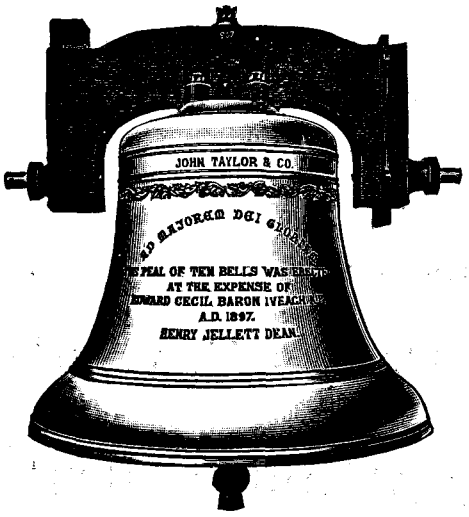

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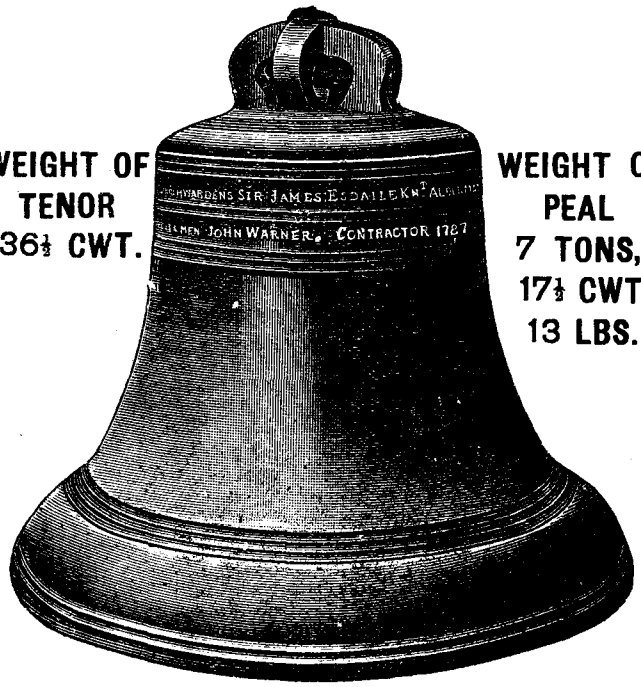

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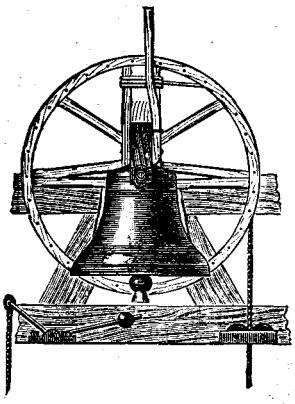

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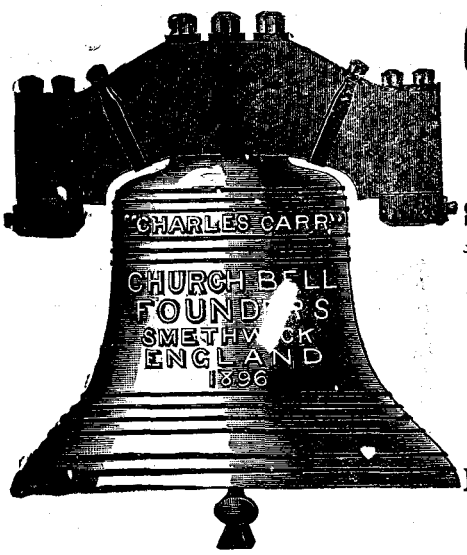

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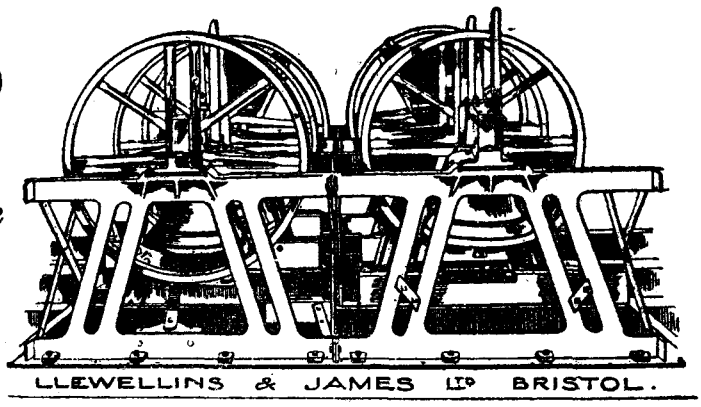

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 14th, for the purpose of forming a new district out of the Derby District. The bells of the parish church were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, touches of Forward and Kent Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Superlative Major among other methods being rung. The business meeting was held in the vestry at 4.30, when Mr. Charles Draper was voted to the chair. There were also present Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Secretary of the Association; Mr. W. C. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. Bart Mitchell, Local Hon. Secretary of the Derby District, and abount twenty members.

The chairman in his introductory remarks, said that they were met there for the purpose of inaugurating a new district of the M.C.A., to be called "The Chesterfield District," comprising the towns and towers north of Alfreton, stretching to the borders of Yorkshire. The towers on the Midland Railway line to Bakewell would however, for convenience sake, remain in the Derby District. It was hoped that, with a new district formed in this part of the county, the members would be brought would be brought more into contact with the rest of the Association, and that at the same time the work of the Derby District Secretary would be lessened,

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the new district, and they were elected as follows.

For Chairman: Mr. J. P. Tarlton, proposed by Mr. Knights, seconded by Mr. Peabody.

For Local Hon. Sec.: Mr. W. H. Peabody, proposed by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

To act on the Committee: (1) Mr. F. Watkinson, proposed by Mr. Fretwell, seconded by Mr. Knights.

" " " " (2) Mr. W. Lambert, proposed by Mr. Flint, seconded by Mr. Robbins.

The nominations of the district for the officers of the Association was then entered upon. Mr. Watkinson proposed, and Mr. Lambert seconded, that the present officers, viz.: Sir Arthur Heywood, President; Mr. J. W. Taylor, Vice-president; Mr. W. C. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. W. White, Hon. Secretary, be again nominated. This was carried. Mr. G. Davis, of Chesterfield, was unanimously admitted a ringing member, on the proposition of Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Peabody.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding was passed on the proposition of Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Watkinson. The arrangements for the meeting were in the hands of Mr. W. C. Wakley, who had brought a map of Derbyshire, on which the boundaries of the two districts were clearly shown.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 21st, and was thoroughly well attended by both town and country members. A meat tea was served in the Vestry Hall, and was partaken of by thirty-six members. The Secretary read a letter from the Vicar, the Rev. L. Shelford, regretting his inability to be present, and expressed his desire to defray the cost of the tea. The minutes of the last annual meeting being confirmed, and the balance-sheet passed, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: Master—Mr. J. D. Matthews; Treasurer—Mr. H. Dains; Secretary—Mr. F. Bennett; Stewards—Messrs, Hardy and Brightman. The following new members were next elected: Messrs. Dewey (2), Allen, Warne, and H. Bnrton. Thirteen peals had been rung during the past year in five methods: Treble Bob Major 2; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 2; Stedman Triples 3; Caters 1; Cinques 1; Superlative 1; London 2. These were ordered to be written in the peal-book.

The Secretary stated that owing to most of the members having subscribed to the Robinson Testimonial through their own County Associations and Guilds, the fund had not met with much success.

A collection was then made in the room, and resulted in 14s. being subscribed. It was also decided to keep the fund open until the end of February, to give any other members, who would like to contribute through the society an opportunity of doing so, by forwarding the same to the Secretary.

The Master announced that through serious complaints in the neighbourhood, the usual practices at St. Martin's would be held the second Wednesday in every month only.

A vote of thanks to the officers for the past year, and to the Vicar for his generosity, concluded the business.

Ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the headquarters at The Bedford Head hotel, where a social was held till 11.30, which brought the day's proceedings to a close.

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THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

An exceptionally good meeting took place at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 7th. Nearly forty members attended from the surrounding district and the visitors included ringers from Worksop, Gainsborough, Nottingham and Wolverhampton.

The fine new ring of eight was thoroughly tested and approved of by all, the ringing being continuous during the whole time allotted. A visit to the ringing chamber was paid by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Dyer, Mrs. Dyer, and the Rev. — Smith, curate, all of whom displayed a keen interest in the Exercise and a good knowledge of bells.

The committee sat during the evening to make arrangements for the forthcoming annual dinner.

The general meeting followed in the vestry, and was presided over by the Rev. W. Dyer. The proceedings commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. S. F. Palmer, G. Lewis, C. Glenn, and W. Burgor on a new peal of handbells, after which the Vicar warmly welcomed the Society to the parish of Eastwood. In his remarks he said it was the first time he had had the honour of welcoming the Society to his parish, and he hoped all would meet again on some future occasion. He was fully aware that bells created a large amount of interest, which was exceedingly wide. Speaking of his own interest he said the time may come when he would be able to join and ring in a peal, and he hoped that with patience and a little help that time would come soon, but he well knew the difficulties before he could attain that standard of efficiency, as he had learned to pull a bell years ago and afterwards gave it up. However he had again commenced under the capable tuition of Mr. C. Glenn, and he had so far progressed that he had not yet broken a stay. He was pleased to say that his new band of ringers were making good progress, as he was a firm believer in what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He also extended a hearty welcome on behalf of Colonel Stoddart, the donor of the tower and bells, by whom great interest was taken, and their best thanks were due to him for his great gift. In conclusion he expressed a hope that this would not be the last of such pleasant gatherings.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the annual dinner to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley, both of Sheffield, was announced to take place at the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, Forgate, Sheffield, on Saturday, February 11th, at 6.30 p.m., which met with unanimous approval.

Eleven new members were elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the vestry, and his kind attendance, also to Mr. Glenn for making all arrangements, terminated a most successful meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS, RUGBY.

The sixteenth annual general meeting of this Society was held in the vestry of St. Andrew's Parish Church on Monday evening last, when the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie presided over a good attendance, including Messrs. G. E. Over and W. Brooke (churchwardens), A. L. Coleman (ringing master), S. C. Small (hon. secretary and treasurer), J. B. Fenton (deputy ringing master), R. Watson, and H. O. White (committee).

Mr. Coleman, in proposing Mr. J. B. Fenton as ringing master, regretted that he was unable to offer himself for re-election, as he would be shortly leaving the town to reside in Norfolk. It was a great disappointment to him, as otherwise he knew it was in the ringers' minds to again appoint him their leader. He referred to the many years of pleasure and happiness he had spent in the Society, and hoped that the high position which the band had attained and the harmony which existed among them would still continue. The secret of their success was the unity and unselfishness of the band, and he trusted that they would place the same confidence in their new leader as they had done in him.

Mr. Watson seconded the proposition, and said they all regretted the impending loss of Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Fenton could rely on being supported in the same loyal spirit accorded to Mr. Coleman. It was the wish of the band to pull together and see that the work which he had done was not lost.

Canon Baillie said he felt as strongly as anyone the very great loss they were sustaining by Mr. Coleman leavine the town. It was not only among bellringers that he had been so valuable, but there were many other institutions in the town which he had helped to very great advantage. The special mark of his work was that he had shown how to keep a body of people working together in harmony and good fellowship, on which all success depends. The qualities which make a man able to do that are not common qualities, and it is not expected to often find a man who is capable to the same extent as Mr. Coleman of being a leader of a body of men. On the other hand they had now seen and got the idea how a band might work in harmony, and therefore he thought it would be easier for them to keep up the atmosphere he had created and the spirit he had brought into the band. He was sure they all welcomed Mr. Fenton to his new position. The latter had had a long experience and won the confidence of the band, and no doubt he would carry out the duties incumbent on him in such a way as to maintain the eharacter and efficiency of the ringers of the Parish Church of Rugby.

Mr. Fenton, in reply, thanked them all very much for electing him their ringing master, and said it would be his aim to follow Mr. Coleman's example as much as he could, and hoped they would all work together.

Mr. Small was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Hessian was appointed deputy ringing master, with the following Committee: Messrs. Watson, White, and Malins. Mr. George Watson was elected a new member.

Mr. Over said he had great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the ringers for their services during the past year. One could see quite clearly the progress made in the band, and the smooth way in which things went along indicated that they had a very efficient band at work. He wished them every suceess in the future, and sincerely hoped their good position would be maintained.

Mr. Brooke, in seconding Mr. Over's proposition, fully endorsed all that his colleague had said. He hardly knew what words to use at the loss of their old leader, as he had the very greatest respect for him, but he hoped he would visit Rugby occasionally, when he was sure he would have a hearty welcome.

Mr Coleman suitably replied to the vote of thanks on behalf of the ringers.

Canon Baillie mentioned the matter of starting a scheme for recasting the ring of eight bells into a ring of ten bells,

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.-Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 2nd and 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; and St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7 30, the others at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th Inst.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
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The London County Association late the St, James's Society.-Established 1824.-The annual general meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 11th. By kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers the tower of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, will be open for ringing from 4.50. Tea will be provided at 6.30 at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, to all those who let me know by the 9th inst. Business meeting at 7.30. All members are specially requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild. — South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. King), to-day, Sat, January 28th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911 are now due. Conductors of peals, quarter-peals, etc., will greatly oblige the Hon, Secretary by notification of the same by card.

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

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster. —The annual meeting will take place on Friday evening, February 3rd, at 7.45.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge to-day, Sat., Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting in the parish room at 4. Service in church with an address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at the parish room at 5.45, followed by the general business meeting. 6d. per head will be charged for the tea. The service is being specially arranged, and it is hoped that members will make an effort to arrive in time to attend. Subscriptions are now due. and should be sent to the District Secretary or paid at the meeting. No travelling allowances are paid to this meeting. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham o-day, Sat., January 28th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service at 5.30. The Rev. Canon Arnott (Rector), will provide tea. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis, Sec.*
34, *Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's church, Blackburn, today, Sat., January 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

The Midland Counties Association.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, January 28th. Bells availbable from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 in the Colles Hall, followed by tea 1s. 3d. each), and general meeting at 5 p.m.

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

Orders for reports should be given at once to the local secretary or sent direct to me.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society. — The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's church, Mottram, today, Sat., January 28th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury to-day, Sat, January 28th. For full particulars see circular. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, *Fisher Road, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, to-day, Sat., January 28th. Bells ready at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Emscote today, Sat., January 28th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members requiring the certificate of membership of the Guild should send in their names and remittances of sixpence to the Hon. Secretary.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
1, *Bilton Road, Rugby.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Marlow to-day, Sat., January 28th. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea in the Boy's schoolroom at 5.15 Business meeting at 6 p.m. The bells of the parish churches of Marlow, Lane End, and Wooburn will be available for ringing after 2 p.m Address—REV. S. WINTER, Medmenham Vicarage, Marlow.

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, February 4th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters—Golden Lion hotel, Chapeltown, Pudsey. A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staveley on Saturday, February 4th, this being the first meeting since the restoration of the bells, Bells available from 3 30 p.m.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western District—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Feb. 4th Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, at 6d. per head, followed by the business meeting. Will those intending to be present let me know by Wednesday. February 1st. Subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. Bells available at 3.

T. E. D. LOOSEMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
80, *Elgin Road, Seven Kings.*

Central Northamptonshire Association—Quarterly meetings will be held at Hardingstone on February 4th; Great Addington on February 11th; Kettering on February 18th; and Finedan on the 25th. Usual arrangearrangements. F. WILFORD. *Gen. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The monthly meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, February 4th Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 7.30. Please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway. Dragons Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, how many intend to be present not later than February 2nd.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Eling on Saturday, February 11th. The bells (6) will be available during the afternoon, and it is hoped those of St. Michael, Southampton (8) during the evening. Tea will be provided at The Anchor inn at 5.15. Ringers intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, February 8th.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*
20, *Culver Villas, Winchester.*

The Surrey Association. — The annual meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall North Street, Leatherhead, on Saturday February 11th, preceded by tea at 6 o'clock. The bells (10) will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available for members from 3.30.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, *Wellesley Road. Croydon.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—The first annual dinner to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley, will be held at The Fleur-de-Lis hotel, Foregate, Sheffield, on Saturday. February 11th, at 6 30 p.m prompt. Mr. C. H. Hattersley, President, will occupy the chair. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, price 2s. each, may be obtained from the Committee, or by post up to Monday, February 6th from

SIDNEY F. PALMER. *Hon. Sec.*
87, *Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells at liberty from 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested. as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association —Southern Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Bretforton on Saturdon, February 11th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Short service with an address by the Vicar, Rev W. H. Shawcross, at 5 30. Business meeting after service.

JAMES HEMMING, *Br. Sec.*

The Essex Association — North Eastern District —A bye meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, February 11th. Tea, 9d each, will be provided at The Bell at 5 30, for those giving notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I do not write fairy tales, but honest truth, and Mr. Dench knows that my peals with the 6th in blocks at home were in the office of this paper before he got his, and if the peals had been published as soon as they arrived there never would have been any controversy. As for Mr. Grabham I am very sorry he is blind in expression and name. JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—I should like a word or two upon this subject of authorship of the many compositions recently published in this method in "THE BELL NEWS." When the first peal of Maximus was rung some two or three years ago at Ipswich, and the question of authorship was raised, I referred those concerned to Snowdon's Treatise, and there found the figures over H. Hubbard's name as a 6000 of Treble Bob Maximus. I then said the peal was Hubbard's, and I am still of that opinion, as upon a further search I find Hubbard's same peal Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, with a variation of that composition given as London Surprise by Middleton himself, all published by H. Hubbard in his book dated 1845, all as set out below, the Surprise peals on page 73 heading Major in each case.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

5600.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
56234	-	-	
23564		-	-
52364			-
35264			-

Four times repeated.

C. MIDDLETON.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

5600.

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
32654	-		
56423	-	-	
42563		-	-
54263			-

Four times repeated.

C. MIDDLETON.

On page 108, under heading of Treble Bob Maximus, there is

6000.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-		-
56342		-	

H. HUBBARD.

Now as both these old masters lived for several years after this date, and we have never heard even a whisper of there being a grievance between them, the composition by Hubbard is not a direct variation, and as it has stood as it is for sixty-six years I should think we ought to let it remain. Middleton must have known all about this or be would never produced his Cambridge and varied it as is done for publication. I consider we should say by adding the bob H to first course and producing the second course-end of another part Hubbard produced calling of a course that did not exist in Middleton's composition. This will cause the Rev. Law James not to further pursue bis claim to this composition, while at the same time he is fairly entitled to the honour of having discovered the first composition of Maximus that runs true in Cambridge Surprise, and that is one of the greatest honours obtained in modern time in this Art.

Opinions of the following composition seems to be divided :—

7200.

23456	M	W	H
64352	-		-
35642		-	-
63542			-
56342			-

Four times repeated.

This, to my mind, belongs to the composer who first used this calling. Clearly it does not belong to Hubbard, who used only one bob H, and as with the three H's added it produced such a different composition to Middleton's, I can hardly agree it belongs to him, as he never produced a peal of Royal or Maximus. We know all these course-ends are those used by Middleton, but this fact cannot claim the peal, for as no one knew till a few years ago that Middleton's course-ends would go true in Royal and Maximus is I think conclusive evidence against this claim for Middleton. In saying this I wish also to say my admiration of Middleton's 5600 composition is second to that of no member of the Exercise, I am not doubting that Middleton could have proved the Royal, but we have never heard that he did, and I think there is little doubt by this that it belongs to the Rev. James. In saying that peals of Royal can be put together without a knowledge of course-ends is rather severe, and especially when no one has yet said that the course-ends of Middleton's Major runs true in Royal and Maximus, which knowledge is first aid to composition. The peal of London Surprise may be shortened to 5120 by calling the 4th course B H in any part, and may be reduced to 5152 by omitting any of the three bobs in any one part. In conclusion the following is a clean cut out of Middleton's peal of Major. I don't think it has been previously published, but for reasons previously given I don't think it belongs to Hubbard :—

5400.

23456	M	W	H
43652	-		
56234	-	-	
35264		-	

Four times repeated.

Since writing above I have examined the pages of Hubbard's second edition, which is dated 1864. On page 157 Hubbard's 6000 of Treble Bob Maximus is given, and on page 96 Middleton's Cambridge peal is given with a note that it is applicable London Surprise, all as given above. It also points out how each one is reduced to 5152, but there is no mention that this composition will also go true in Superlative Surprise. Yet this is so, and it can be reduced to 5056, just as Mr. H. Johnson reduced the Cambridge Major to that number of changes On page 65 there is a note to the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples by the Norwich Scholars at St. Michael's Coslany, in 1853, conducted by C. Middleton. How long he survived this date, and whether he ever saw this second edition I do not know. Perhaps some can tell us. Mr. Trollope has correctly pointed out that the first course-end of Hubbard's 6000 is the second course-end of the second part of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major. He could have gone further, as the second course-end of Hubbard is the last course-end of same part of Middleton's composition, as reference to above figures will shew But upon a closer examination you will see Hubbard brings up by bobs what Middleton brings up by plain lead course-ends and vice versa, and one composition is not a variation of the other within the meaning of the variation law. One method having false course-ends and the other a clean proof scale I don't think counts in this case, and so Hubbard's is quite a legitimate composition for both methods. Again, it was composed and published over half a century before Cambridge Maximus was shall I say contemplated. I therefore consider Mr. Pye's suggestion that it was obtained by accident rather than design. Hubbard could have added a bob H to bis composition, but he would not then have the exact 6000 peal. But as previously mentioned, it is only the three bobs that belong to Hubbard, these are all he used, and so whenever bobs H are to Hubbard's kind of calling they belong to those who use them.

Of course amongst the very many peals of Royal and Maximus which have recently appeared, Middleton's course-ends are found applicable to both, although there are some others as mentioned by the Rev. Law James, a certain amount of Middleton's will show itself. But to say these peals are his is making a proposition that I fail to see just, and cannot as a member of the peal collection committee agree to. I agree the peals are built mainly on Mideleton's course-ends. Middleton made his peal of Major, but neither he or Hubbard ever gave us a peal of Royal or Maximus as such in Cambridge. As an example in point, Wm. Hudson gave us his celebrated 120 course-ends for Stedman Triples. These produce as many true and false courses. The job of the composer is to bob and siugle them to one another and so form a truthful round of 5040 changes, and there are many such compositions but they don't all belong to Hudson.

I am quite agreeable to receive and consider any correspondence or question that Mr. Dench may wish to send me, and had I his address would have sent him my reply direct, and so save your columns. H. DAINS.

SIR,—Mr. Dench is quite wroug in thinking Mr. Carter never had peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus with the 6th the extent at home in a block. I was one of those who had the opportunity of seeing them weeks before any were published in this paper. As only a few were published at a time I think Mr. Carter can justly claim those that he sent with them and have since been published. I have good reasons for thinking Mr. Dench never had one peal of Cambridge in his possession till he saw Mr. Carter's. P. O. LAFLIN.

LANTERN SLIDES ON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—Having seen enquiries in your valuable paper re the above, I should like to say that through the kindness of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and Messrs. Mowbray, publishers of Mr. Walter's Book on "Church Bells," I have been able to make a set of thirty slides showing the different stages of casting, inscriptions and trade marks of old founders, "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral, Big Ben and others. I have written a lecture to the above, which has already been given three or four times. If any ringer would like the loan of the slides at any time, if he communicate with me I will do my best to fit him up. ALBERT SIMPSON.

8, Mitchell Street, West Hartlepool.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Mr. Wreaks has resigned the Secretaryship of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, has been asked to act in that capacity pro tem. Any correspondence for Mr. Wreaks should be addressed to him, care of Mrs. Whiteford, 7, Orchard Street, Paisley.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amouunt towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collins, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A. H. Saxby, Captain St. John's Ringers.

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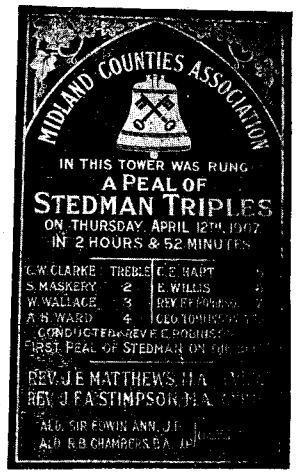

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Preliminary Notice.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "The Bell News." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. Charles D. P. Davies,
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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

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On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

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JOHN J. PEMBERTON ..*Treble.*	BENJAMIN GODDARD .. .. 5.
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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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T. PAGE .. .. 4.	W. J. BENGER .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. T. WHITE.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

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EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWEIT .. .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. *Tenor*

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

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Five Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SHORT.. .. .. 5.
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Being twelve 6-score of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

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Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

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REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. .. 6.
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JOHN W. LAKE .. .. .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First Surprise peal. H. Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON	*Treble.*	EDWARD LLOYD	5.
GEORGE FLINTHAM	2	ISAAC VICKERS	6.
TOM PYLE	3.	JOHN W. WATSON	7.
GEORGE CHESTER	4.	STANFORD J. WOLFE	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON.

NEWINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM	4.
WILLIAM SPICE	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5.
GEORGE J. MABBS	3.	ALBERT J. DAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-two 6-scores of London Doubles, and twenty 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently

JOHN LABUTT	*Treble.*	CHARLES FAIRY	3.
REUBEN SANDERS	2.	EDWIN JONES	4.

HARRY FOWLER .. *Tenor.*

First peal by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

TOM O'HARA	*Treble.*	JAMES A. DIXON	5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY	2.	R. WILFRED COLLIER	6
GEORGE LEWIS	3.	WILLIAM WARBURTON	7.
JOHN H. BRETHWELL*	4.	CLEMENT GLENN	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Rung on St. Stephen's Day, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Major.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS*	*Treble.*	MARK TATE	5.
FREDERICK TATE	2.	HERBERT LUDKIN	6.
J. CLARKE	3.	THOMAS SMITH	7.
CHARLES W. KING	4.	J. A. SHERBURN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN,

*First peal.

RUGBY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in any method by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 7th. First peal in the method with a bob bell by the ringer of the 6th.

LYMINSTER.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. STANFORD	*Treble.*	†J. FARMER	4.
H. TULETT	2.	C. GOLDSING	5.
F. CHIPPEN	3.	*C. HARDING	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. GOLDING.

*First peal. †Elected a member before starting. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	*Treble.*	JOHN W. STEDDY	5.
CHARLES PALMER	2.	ROBERT J. DAWE	6.
WILLIAM C. HART	3	KEITH HART	7.
GEORGE ADES	4.	ALFRED J. TURNER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. EDMUNDSON	*Treble.*	EMMANUEL DUTESON	5.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2.	JOHN WATSON	6.
ESAU WALMSLEY	3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON	7.
FREDERICK HINDLE	4.	JAMES ASHTON	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, and Conducted by WM. E. WILSON

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE	*Treble.*	GEORGE PRICE	5.
JOHN RICE	2.	WILEY J. HAZELL	6.
MISS E. K. PARKER	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4.	FREDK. DENCH	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

T. HENRY HARDY	*Treble.*	HARRY ARGYLE	5.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN.	3.	JOHN A. TOMLINSON	7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4.	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Messrs. Chapman, Argyle and Atkins, for whom this peal was arranged, are Leicester men but now hail from Nuneaton and Cambridge respectively. Mr. Argyle was baptised at this church forty years ago, and greatly desired a peal on the bells.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

LIONEL HARRIS*	*Treble.*	EDWARD C. MERRITT	5.
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND	2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6.
GEORGE PRESTON*	3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Major on the bells.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED CLEMENTS	*Treble.*	DAVID LEGGETT	4.
WILLIAM LEGGETT	2.	CHARLES E. FISHER	5.
HENRY BURCH	3.	GEORGE ABLITT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. E. FISHER.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED CLEMENTS	*Treble.*	DAVID LEGGETT	4.
GEORGE ABLITT	2.	CHARLES E. FISHER	5.
HENRY PUTTOCK	3	WILLIAM SAWYER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN LUCKEY	*Treble.*	NATHAN J. PITSTOW	6.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR	2	WILLIAM WATTS	7.
THOMAS JORDAN	3.	THOMAS J. WATTS	8.
ARTHUR F. JAMES	4.	HENRY J. TUCKER	9.
WALTER PRIOR	5.	PHILIP SPRINGHAM	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

This is the conductor's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

JAMES SHAW	*Treble.*	GEORGE NEYLOR	5.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH	2.	WILLIAM B. FRITH	7.
JAMES COTTERELL	3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY	8.
JONAS S. AMBLER	4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	9.
THOMAS B. KENDALL	5	FRED SALMONS	*Tenor.*

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

Rung as a 63rd birthday compliment to J. Barraclough, and rung on the twelfth anniversary of T. B. Kendall's wedding-day.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble.*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5.
JOHN FLINT	2.	ALBERT R. COPPOCK	6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	7.
GEORGE HOLLIS	4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BURGESS	*Treble.*	HENRY A. HOAD	5.
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	2.	ERNEST O. DENHAM	6.
NELSON COX	3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7.
RICHARD RUNHAM	4.	REUBEN SAWYER	*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

Arranged for Messrs. Hoad and Paice. The former was elected a day previous, before an attempt for Grandsire Caters at the church of St. Laurence, Reading.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble.*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
THOMAS W. GORE	3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	7.
JOHN P. TARLTON	4.	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor.*

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

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL	*Treble.*	BERNAL E. HOWE	5.
HAROLD BROWN	2.	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6.
DICK THORNTON	3.	FRANCIS BARKER	7.
EDWIN WHEATER	4.	ALBERT JAGGER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. BARKER.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A good meeting of this Association was held at Seaford on Saturday, January 21st, about thirty-two members from the following towers putting in appearance: Burgess Hill, St. Peter and St. Nicholas (Brighton), Eastbourne, Southover, Rotherfield, and a good number of the local band. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and was kept up till 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, the Rev. J. B. Ince, in the absence of the Rector, delivering an appropriate address. Tea was provided at the Church Institute at 5.45. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Howse moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and providing the tea, which was seconded by Mr. Morling and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bonnewell said the Vicar was unfortunately kept indoors with a very bad cold, but he hoped that they would all enjoy themselves, and that he was very pleased for tbe ringers to come to Seaford.

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed.

Messrs. Harman and Searle were elected members of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Ince for taking the chair, and also to the churchwardens for their attendance at the meeting.

Messrs. Miller and Swainson said that they were very pleased to be able to attend, and they certainly did not think there was quite so much skill required to ring the bells as they had seen and heard that afternoon.

Another move was made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung till 8 o'clock, when most of the members had to see about catching the train for home. Thus concluded one of the best meetings ever held at Seaford.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. John's, Horninglow, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Sanders, J. Sanders first quarter-peal, W. E. Wiles, J. T. Dyke, A. P. Wakley conductor, J. A. Sanders.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1272 changes. J. Farmer, W. Hoyle, J. Sully, E. Parker, J. Watts, H. Moore conductor.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Peck, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh, C. H. Bird, T. Bartholomew conductor, T. Wilson, F. Willy. For evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples, id 40 mins. H. Cartwright, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh conductor, C. H. Bird, T. Bartholomew, T. Wilson, F. Willey. This ringing was specially arranged for Mr. C. H. Bird, who hails from Scunthorpe. On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Peck, A. Johnson, C. Hudson, H. Haigh composer aud conductor, T. Bartholomew, T. Wilson F. Willey. This quarter-peal is the first by the new company, formed twelve months ago, and was rung to commemorate the first anniversary, and was achieved by dint of assiduous perseverance and practice under the most trying circumstances in consequence of the bad go of the bells. It is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

5008 BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

	W	B	H
23645	–	2	–
62345			–
36245			–
24365	–		–
32465			–
32654		–	–
63254			–
26354			–
35264	–		–
32564			s
32645		–	–
63245			–
26345			–
34265	–		–
23465			–
23654		–	–
62354			–
36254			–
25364	–		–
23564			s
45236	–	M	–
24536			–
53246	–		–
25346			–
32546			–
54326	–		–
35426			–
43526			–
52436	–		–
43256	s		–
24356			–
32456			–

Repeat last twelve courses; omit middle. 2nd and 3rd never above 4ths in the first half-peal.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By the same Author.

	W	M	H
43652		–	
26354		–	–
32654			–
63254			–
42356		–	–
35426	–		–
43526			–
52436	–		–
45236			–
24536			–
53246	–		–
25346			–
32546			–
54326	–		–
32456	s		–
43256			–

Repeat last twelve courses; omit middle for bob at home in the first course.

JOSEPH DEVONPORT.

On Saturday, December 10th, at the Parish Church, Sedgley, there was laid to rest a very old ringer, Joseph Devonport, aged 86 years. He had been a ringer above 60 years, and had rang as recently as the funeral of his late Majesty, King Edward VII. By a strange coincidence he died on the day of his wife's funeral. Deceased had rung several peals and was well known in the district. As a token of respect the bells at the above church were muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following:—J. Ray, J. Brown, W. Mills, jun., F. Evans, W. Mills, sen., J. Jeavons, T. Watton, B. Fullwood.

HOLLOWAY.

On Monday, December 19th, 1910, at St. Mary Magdalene, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Marshall-Periera, J. Cornford, H. Brookes, A. Hart, H. J. Ranzetta, A. Riley. Conducted by H. J. Ranzetta, longest length by ringer of the treble, who is a native of India. It would no doubt be of interest to know if there is any other member of the Exercise who is of coloured origin.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Sunday, January 1st, at the Parish Church, a long touch of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. J. Wood-Higgs and Miss (Nellie) Menday. Mr. Wood-Higgs was for some years, till quite recently, a very respected choirman at the above church, and Miss Menday is sister of Messrs. E. W. and E. J. Menday, ringers at St. Peters. The ceremony was solemnised at St. George's, Kemp Town, Brighton.

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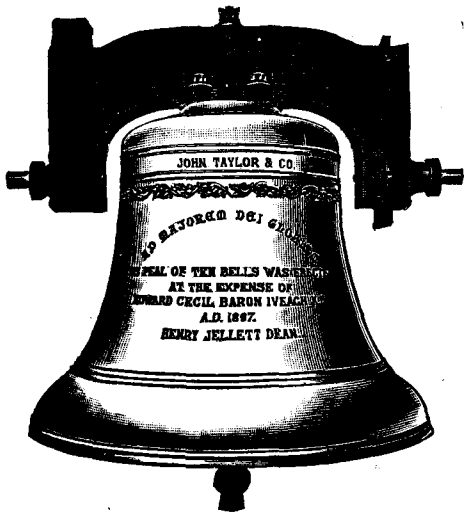

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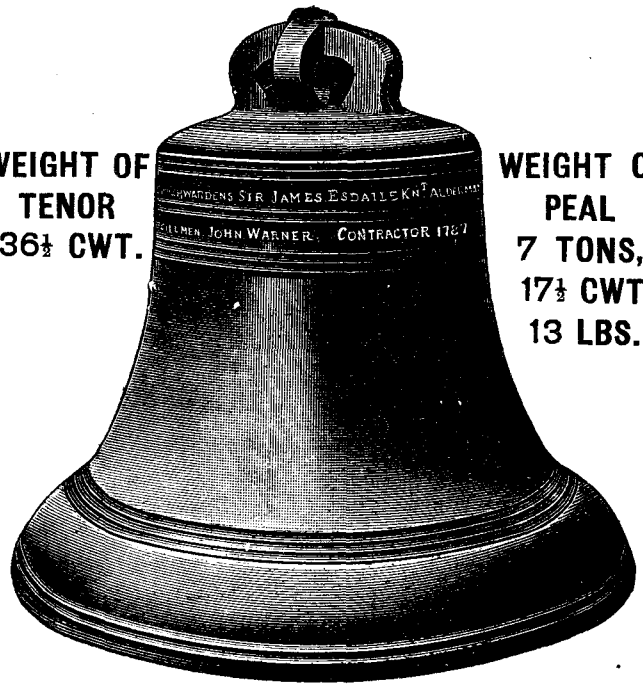

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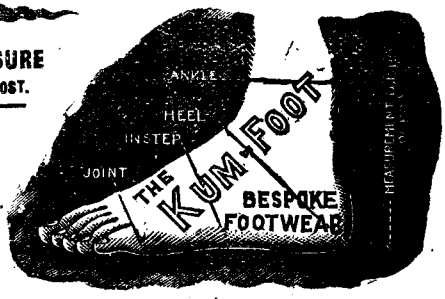

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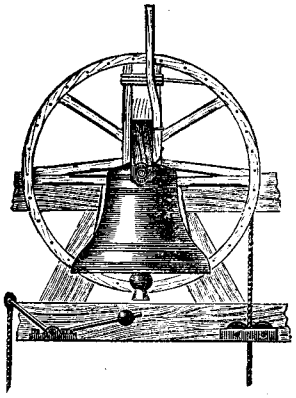

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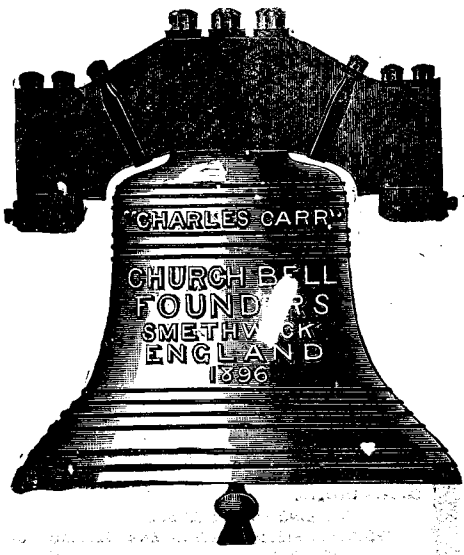

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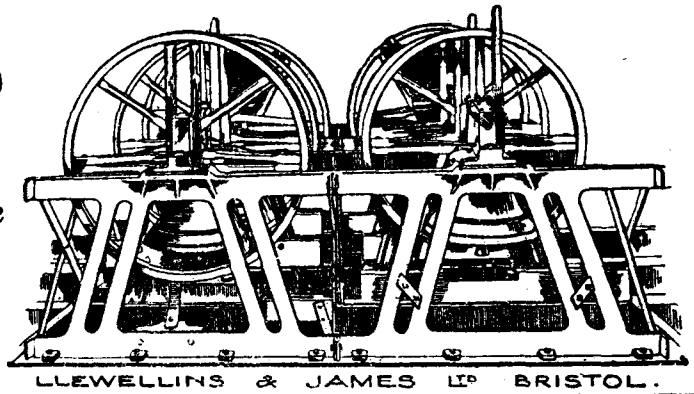

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. ANDREW'S, HILLINGDON.—A pleasing, and it may well be added historical ceremony took place in the tower of this church on Saturday, January 21st, when the Rev. H. G. Bird unveiled and dedicated a handsome peal tablet erected to place on record and commemorate the last peal rang by the late Master of the Guild on January 15th, 1910.

The Vicar conducted a short service in the belfry, and afterwards gave an excellent address to the assembled company, during which he emphasised the fact that the late Master was especially thorough in all he undertook.

At this juncture a course of Stedman Triples was rung, the Vicar taking a rope, so that the ladies of the party might have an opportunity to observe the movement of the ropes when bells are being rung. The course completed, the visitors, which included several ringers, left the belfry, and six of the original band, with the Master of the Guild, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Caversham), and Mr. Alan Macdonald (Norwood), soon had Thurstans' four-part under way. The whole peal was listened to by several well known ringers.

The peal board, which is given by the seven remaining members of the original band, is very effectively designed, and it is conjointly the work of two of the ringers who took part in the record peal—Messrs. Buckland and Lawrence. It was designed and made by the former, and the gold lettering and subsequent finishing is the work of the latter. In this respect it possibly stands unique. There are no doubt many ringers who may like to know the inscription; it is therefore given in full:—

LAUS DEO.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 15, 1910,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
(N. J. Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part),
Was rung in this tower,
In two hours and fifty minutes, by—

Edgar Hancox	...Treble.	Geo. H. Gutteridge	5.
William Lawrence ...	2.	Rev. H. Young ...	6.
William Welling ...	3.	Rob. F. E. Robinson	7.
Richard Buckland ...	4.	Reuben Flaxman	...Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A.

The above was the 1250th and last peal in which the Rev. F. E. Robinson took part. He was called to his rest on February 16th, 1910. This tablet is placed here by his fellow-ringers in the peal, as a testimony to the high esteem in which he was held by them, and by the whole of the ringing world.

At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar extended his hospitality to the band and the other ringers, by inviting them to tea at the vicarage, when some touches of Triples on handbells brought to a close a time long to be remembered by all who were present.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the above Society was held at Luton, on January 14th, and was well attended by members from all parts of the county, also by ringers from other parts of the country. In the afternoon the bells were kept going in various methods. About 4.45 the bells were stopped, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, in addressing the members crowded in the belfry, stated that this was one of the most noticeable meetings that he had attended, first, because in the history of the Society he had never known, as was the case that afternoon, the presence of two lady ringers, members of the Society. It gave him great pleasure to welcome them to the meeting, and he felt sure that all the members enjoyed ringing with them. It was also noticeable because of the cordial welcome that the Society had received from the Vicar, the Rev. Chapman. The Society had in the past received permission to hold meetings in various places, but had not always received the cordial and whole-hearted welcome that had been given that afternoon. What was very noticeable from a ringers' point of view was the fact that a very pleasant ceremony was to be performed, namely that of unveiling two tablets recording peals rung by the Luton company. The progress of an Association was not altogether shown by the number of peals that had been rung in a year, but as the Central Council each year published an analysis, it was well that a few should be rung. He heartily congratulated the Luton company upon their performances, and called upon the Vicar to perform the unveiling of them.

Mrs. Chapman then unveiled one tablet, and the Rev. Chapman in unveiling the other said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be with them and assist in their enjoyment that afternoon. He asked his wife to unveil the first because she was more used to the business than he was, having on a previous occasion unveiled one in her father's belfry. He was willing to become a member of the Society, and desired to do all he could to further the good work of the Society. He considered it a great work, and hoped that all ringers in performing on the bells would consider it as a duty towards God.

Mr. J. W. Barker, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman, said he looked back with pleasure at the time the Luton company were practising previous to ringing the first peal. At that time he was among them, and it was through the perseverance in overcoming difficulties, the enthusiasm in the Art and the energy displayed in ringing that they were able to accomplish the peals. Owing to the different methods that had been rung since, he believed that the company still retained those qualities, and he hoped to see the company one of the leading eight-bell companies of the Association.

The Rev. A. Rust, Hon. Secretary, seconded the vote of thanks. He strongly emphasised the remarks regarding the welcome that had been given to the Society. As a Secretary he could say that no more cordial welcome could have been given, and it made his work a pleasure.

The vote was carried with acclamation, and, after the

Vicar had given a suitable response, the members adjourned to an excellent tea arranged by the local hon. sec., Mr. A. King. After tea the members were invited, especially as this was a most auspicious year in the history of the country, and the bells would be in great demand, to send in to the committee suggestions for furthering the influence of the Society.

The members then kept the bells going till late in the evening, when all expressed themselves as having enjoyed a very pleasant half-day.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Havant on Saturday, Januaray 21st, members being present from Titchfield, Fareham, Wickham, Bishops Waltham. Portsea, and Havant. A service was held at the parish church before tea, when the Rector (Canon Scott), gave them all a very warm welcome, and also an excellent address, impressing his hearers in what ever they had to do, do it well. Canon Scott also presided at the tea, which was held after, being supported by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews), the Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. J. Whiting (Secretary), and Mr. G. Chappell (Assistant Hon. Secretary).

The Master on behalf of the members, thanked Canon Scott for his warm welcome, and for his very able address.

Canon Scott, in reply, said he always welcomed such gatherings, and was sorry to have to leave their meeting, but had other engagements.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, the Rev. C. E. Matthews presiding. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and adopted.

The chairman then announced that all the offices were now vacant, and nominations would be taken to again fill them. The Rev. C. E. Matthews was re-elected chairman; Mr. J. Whiting (Secretary); Mr. G. E. Chappell (Assistant Secretary); Mr. Harding and Mr. Chappell representatives on the Central Council; Mr. Symons Auditor.

Places for the next meetings were chosen: West Meon on Easter Monday; Portsea on August Bank Holiday; Curdridge in October, and the annual meeting at Fareham in January 1912.

The balance-sheet and accounts for the past year were presented, the same shewing a balance in favour of £9 on the year's working. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted.

Twelve new members were nominated. Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Scott for the use of the hall for tea and meeting, use of the bells, etc., and to the Rev. C. E. Matthews for presiding. The members then adjourned to the belfry for the remainder of the evening.

JOHN ASPINWALL.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the above, who was one of Lancashire's oldest ringers. Born in 1836, he died on January 21st, 1911, in his 74th year after a fortnight's illness. A native of Ormskirk, where his father was steeplekeeper at the parish church, he first learnt the principles of change-ringing. Coming to Liverpool in 1853, he soon established himself with the Cathedral company of that time, and was the means of several peals being rung at the Cathedral and St. Nicholas. He was the only man who rang the St. Nicholas tener single-handed over 3 hrs. in an attempt of Treble Bob Maximus. In 1875 he severed his connection with the Cathedral, and later went to Dr. Watson's (Ian McLaren) church, where he rang up to his death. He was a member of the College Youths, Lancashire Association, Chester Guild, and the Liverpool Guild. He was one of the first to help to form the Lancashire Association, and attended the first meeting which was held in Wood Street, Liverpool. He rang upwards of 100 peals, including the first Caters on handbells in Liverpool, and rang his last peal at Port Sunlight in 1908. As a ringer he was one of the best, always willing to give a helping hand wherever he possibly could; many a ringer owing something to his tuition, especially on heavy bell ringing.

He was interred at Smithdown Cemetery on January 25th, four of his brother-ringers following him to his last resting-place. The officiating clergy were the Revs. C. A. Clements, and D. E. Morton. Ringers from the local towers were present A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. Hammond, Hughes, Woodhall, and Jennion.

At night a date touch of Minor was rung at Grassendale with the bells half-muffled, and the following night at Garston a peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. On the Sunday the 8th bell was tolled at St. Peter's, Church Street (ex-Cathedral).

HOGNASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

A large clock is to be erected in the parish church of this village, the gift of the late Mr. J. H. Smith, of Derby. It will be fitted with all the latest improvemeuts, and will doubtless be a great boon to the village. The work is being done by John Smith and Sons, Midiand Clock Works, Derby. The same firm are also making a large chiming clock with four 7ft. dials for Elland church, Yorkshire, and they recently made the Town Hall clock there.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Preliminary Notice.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "The Bell News." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. Charles D. P. Davies,

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; and St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7 30, the others at 8 p m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th Inst.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The London County Association late the St, James's Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 11th. By kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers the tower of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, will be open for ringing from 4.50. Tea will be provided at 6.30 at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, to all those who let me know by the 9th inst. Business meeting at 7.30. All members are specially requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Sat., February 4th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters—Golden Lion hotel, Chapeltown, Pudsey. A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staveley to-day, Sat., February 4th, this being the first meeting since the restoration of the bells, Bells available from 3 30 p.m.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., Feb. 4th. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 at 6d. per head, followed by the business meeting. Subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. Bells available at 3. T. E. D. LOOSEMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
80, *Elgin Road, Seven Kings.*

Central Northamptonshire Association—Quarterly meetings will be held at Hardingstone on February 4th; Great Addington on February 11th; Kettering on February 18th; and Finedan on the 25th. Usual arrange-arrangements. F. WILFORD, *Gen. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The monthly meeting will be held at Leek to-day, Sat., February 4th Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 7.30. Please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway. Dragons Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, how many intend to be present not later than February 2nd

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Eling on Saturday, February 11th. The bells (6) will be available during the afternoon, and it is hoped those of St. Michael, Southampton (8) during the evening. Tea will be provided at The Anchor inn at 5.15. Ringers intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, February 8th.

JAS W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*
20, *Culver Villas, Winchester.*

The Surrey Association. — The annual meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, North Street, Leatherhead, on Saturday. February 11th, preceded by tea at 6 o'clock. The bells (10) will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available for members from 3.30.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, *Wellesley Road, Croydon.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—The first annual dinner to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley, will be held at The Fleur-de-Lis hotel, Foregate, Sheffield, on Saturday. February 11th, at 6.30 p.m prompt. Mr. C. H. Hattersley, President, will occupy the chair. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, price 2s. each, may be obtained from the Committee, or by post up to Monday, February 6th from

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*
87, *Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells at liberty from 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Southern Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Bretforton on Saturdon, February 11th Bells available at 4 p.m. Short service with an address by the Vicar, Rev W. H. Shawcross, at 5 30. Business meeting after service.

JAMES HEMMING, *Br. Sec.*

The Essex Association — North Eastern District.—A bye meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, February 11th. Tea, 9d each, will be provided at The Bell at 5 30, for those giving notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. — A meeting will be held at Sturry on Saturday, February 11th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. H. P. Brewer, Vicar, will be taken in the Parish Hall. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.

E. TRENDELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5 30. Business to follow. All members intending to be present at tea please notify the undersigned by Thursday, February 9th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Essex Association.—The next meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, February 18th. Bells at 4 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5 o'clock. 9d. per head. All members and friends welcome. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Northern Branch. — The first quarterly meeting of this branch since its re-organisation, will be held on Saturday, February 18th at Holy Trinity, Old Hill, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev E. Brewer. The bells (8 will be available from 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4 30, and tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Bells available afterwards. All members are heartily welcomed to the meeting and the tea, which will be free to those who let me know of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, February 15th.

E. J. DOWLER, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
54, *Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Bell inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2s. each. Short service with an address at 3.30 p.m.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—Established 1755.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal, Temple Row, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 30 p.m., J. S. Pritchett, esq, M.A, Presiding Ringing Master, in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5 50. Tickets (which must be produced on entry), free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrears; to other members and friends 2s. 6d each.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District. — Orders for reports should be given at once to the Local Hon. Secretary, HARRY WAKLEY,
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Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, January 25th, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Minor, 1911 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 471 Plain Bob. T. Hammond, sen., T. Jennion, G. R. Newton, E. Caunce, W. Davies, J. Allen. Conducted by G. R. Newton. The bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Aspinwall, who was formerly a ringer at the above church. The whole pull and stand was also rung.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY.—On Monday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Walters, G. F. James conductor, Miss M. W. Nightingale, C. Gregory, R. James, W. Grace, C. Greenough, R. Slade. Composed by R. G. Rice.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, January, 22nd, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Bellamy conductor, T. R. Flint, T. Burnham, W. Tite, J. Clarke, J. Hickman, H. Whittle, H. R. Cobbin.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETLEY.—On Saturday, December 10th, a peal of Treble Bob Major came to grief in the last course after ringing 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. G. Rowe, H. W. Wilkes, W. Edwards, G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, L. Page, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On December 31st, to ring out the old year, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Burles, J. Fenwick, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell, A. Martin, F. Hayes conductor. On January 1st, to ring in the new year, 720 Plain Bob. J. Burles, J. Fenwick, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, A. Martin, F. Mitchell conductor. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Burles, J. Fenwick, J. Allen, F. Hayes, A. Martin conductor, F. Mitchell On January 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Fenwick, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, J. Allen, A. Martin. F. Hayes conductor. On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Jones, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell, A. Martin, F. Hayes sonductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, November 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Page conductor, G. Cross, J. Cross, W. Page, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, T. Page, S. Weaver. On Monday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 49 mins. W. Richards, G. Cross, H. Page, J. Cross, W. Page, T. Hamlin, T. Page conductor, S. Weaver.

CHIPPENHAM.—On January 18th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Turner, P. Fordham, W. Stannard, C. Cooke, G. Lock, R. Cooke, conductor.

KENNINGTON.—On Monday. January 30th, at the church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. J. Jerome, H. J. Walter, A. Walton, T. H. Wyatt, A. S. Miller, A. T. Miller, G. W. Wild conductor, K. C. Wightman.

NEWTON LONGVILLE.—On Saturday, January 21st, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Best, H. Hopkins, J. Marks, S. Smith, E. Mkager, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor, G. Hopkins.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Mr. Wreaks has resigned the Secretaryship of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, has been asked to act in that capacity pro tem. Any correspondence for Mr. Wreaks should be addressed to him, care of Mrs. Whiteford, 7, Orchard Street, Paisley.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £325 is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.—BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild (9 contributions)	65	15	10
Other subscribers (as per list acknowledged in the "Eastern Daily Press" and in "THE BELL NEWS")	59	4	0
Collection at dedication service March 6th, 1919, Amount above average	3	0	0
Interest from bankers	0	10	8
	£128	10	6

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d
Mears and Stainbank (for the bell)	67	8	3
Day and Son (for the bellframe and hanging) ...	53	9	0
Expenses in connection with the service on Mar. 6	2	12	0
Notices in "Eastern Daily Press"	1	16	0
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The Committee (Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. P. Burton, and D. O. Holme) desire to thank all those who have so generously subscribed to the fund, and whose support has rendered it possible to carry through the scheme.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes
At St. Patrick's Cathedral,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES.
Tenor 45 cwt.

Gabriel Lindoff ...	...Treble.	George Annesley Ruth	7.
Thomas Grant ...	... 2	Christopher Murray ...	8.
Andrew J. Corrigan	... 3.	James W. Townley ...	9.
William E. Lynch*	... 4.	Robert S. F. Murphy ...	10.
Harold R. Greene...	... 5	Lord Justice Cherry ...	11.
George Booker* ...	... 6.	John W. Noblett...	...Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by Gabriel Lindoff.

*First peal. This is the first peal upon the twelve, the trebles of which have recently been presented by the President of the Society, the Right Hon. Lord Justice Cherry. The new trebles were supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and weigh respectively 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., and 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs. At the same time the flat 6th was also hung for ringing, so that there is also a perfect peal of eight in F with the 9th of the peal of twelve as tenor. The work has given the utmost satisfaction.

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Correspondence.

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

CAMBRIDDE SURPRISE AND WESTMINSTER.

SIR.—Mr. Pye's letter in your issue of January 21st is not a satisfactory answer to mine. The first part of it is simply a repetition, in other words, of what he said in his first letter, and repetion is not proof. He then makes a personal insinuation which is not creditable to him. I stated that I had the false course-ends of Royal and Maximus in 1899, and he certainly ought to have believed me. Last spring I had an invitation to Bristol for a peal of Cambridge Royal, and proceeded to produce a new peal. I had the three false course-ends then, but I worked the whole proof scale out as I had not touched the matter for several years, and as one some times does make a mistake in the working, and after testing it several times and not finding the mistake I crossed the 24365 out, hence the false composition. I tested it again when Mr. Lindoff kindly pointed out that they were false, and coming fresh to it found the mistake immediately. Mr. Pye then states that he cannot agree with Mr. Trollope "that a peal may be claimed by 2 authors when the calls are the same and produce the same course-ends." Now this is the point which really matters, because it affects a large number of peals in many methods, and it ought to be thoroughly underst od. I proved in my last letter that the two peals are not identical but only similar. Mr. Trollope proved the same thing; the proof is absolutely true and cannot be upset, but Mr. Pye evidently does not understand it, or else he would agree with the conclusion drawn from it that the two peals are not the same. Probably Mr. Pye is not by any means alone in not understanding the proof, and this is no disgrace to him, because he has not had the necessary training to follow such proofs. Let me therefore give an analogical proof, which will appeal to most readers of "THE BELL NEWS." The figures

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are not a complete statement; they may be compared to the ground plan of a house which does not tell you how many stories high the house is, and when you say that these figures in Kent and Cambridge are the same, it is like saying that two houses are the same because they have the same ground plan, although one is three storeys high and the other only two.

KENT MAXIMUS.	CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.
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are totally different, and you can only make the mistake of thinking them the same if you ignore the words at the top which may be compared to the plans of the elevation of the two houses. Of course this is only an analogy, and can easily be evaded, but it explains the mathematical proof which cannot be evaded. Now I turn to Mr. Trollope. If my peals are only variations of Middleton's peal because they are built up of parts of the same courses, much more are all twin bob peals of Stedman Triples (Norwich Variation) only variations of Thurstans' peal because they are built up of the whole of the same courses.

Lastly I turn to Westminster. Mr. Dench's statement in your issue of January 21st alters the whole position. Westminster belongs to whomsoever produced it first, and publication has nothing whatever to do with the matter, as Sir Arthur Heywood stated at the last Council meeting at Manchester. The question can then only be settled by Mr. Dams and Mr. Dench privately, and when they have compared notes they will easily be able to let us know who had it first, as I am sure neither of them wishes to appropriate that which belongs to some one else.

H. LAW JAMES.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—If Mr. Laflin thinks again he may be right. The conductor of the peal rung at Cornhill on January 28th had my peals in his possession before any of Mr. Carter's were published. I have nothing to add to my letter of the 21st, except to remind Mr. Carter that I first published the peals. I have also lived long enough to know that eminent men before me have claimed peals on these grounds alone. I relinquish all claim to Westminster Major, published under my name in your issue of January 7th.

F. DENCH.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me that peal No. 868 in Oxford Diocesan Guild Report for 1900, and rang at St. Laurence, Reading, on January 16th, 1900, is false. I sincerely regret having rang it, and tender my apology to the band that took part in it.

F. W. HOPGOOD.

THE PEAL AT BOW, CAEAPSIDE.

SIR,—So many fine performances are done now adays that they are apt to be taken as a matter of fact. Years ago we put up boards for Grandsire Triples, now we ring London Surprise and straight forget about it. But I do hope the peal at Bow will be an exception. No finer heavy bell performance has been done in the history of ringing, and if any peal deserves a board this one does.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BISHOPS STORTFORD (reported last week).—Mr. Tucker's 200 peals.—Seven methods on six bells 2, conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 47, conducted 33, Darlaston Bob Triples 3, conducted 3, Oxford Bob Triples 6, conducted 6, Stedman Triples 19, Plain Bob Major 12, conducted 10, Grandsire Major 1, conducted 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1, Duffield Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob 21, conducted 13, Oxford Treble Bob 6, conducted 3, Double Norwich Court 19, conducted 3, New Cumberland Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 19, conducted 6, Cambridge Surprise 9, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Grandsire Caters 13, conducted 12, Stedman Caters 6, conducted 1, Plain Bob Royal 1, conducted 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 6, conducted 3, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1. Total 200, conducted 97.

THE PEAL AT CRAWLEY (reported last week).—This peal constitutes a record in being the first peal of Major conducted by a lady. It was at the invitation of the Crawley band that the peal was conducted by Miss Parker (herself a native of Crawley), on the 16 h anniversary of the long peal of Superlative, four members of the original band taking part, viz., Messrs. Parker, Dench, J. Rice, and F. W. Rice. The rate of ringing was approximately the same—29 changes per minute—for both peals. The sincere thanks of those who took part are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rice, who entertained them both before and after the peal.

THE PEAL AT CHESTER. — Robert Sperring's 100 peals.—Grandsire Doubles 1, conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 27, conducted 12, Minor in three methods 2, Minor in four methods 6, conducted 1, Stedman Triples 7, conducted 3, Stedman Caters 1, conducted 1, Union Triples 2, Oxford Bob Triples 2, conducted 1, Double Oxford Bob Triples 2, Plain Bob Major 10, conduoted 2, Double Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Royal 1, Single Oxford Major 1, Donble Oxford Major 2, Kent Major 17, conducted 13, Oxford Major 1, Kent Royal 4, couducted 2, Double Norwich 6, Saperlative Surprise 7, conducted 1. Total 100, conducted 27.

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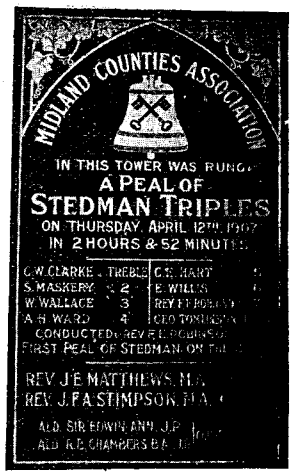

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1911.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, January 28th, and although the attendance numerically was very small, it was thoroughly representative, members being present from the following amongst other places: Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Hinckley, Ilkeston, Langham, Loughborough, Leicester and South Wigston, in addition to the local members. The bells were set going about 2.30 and ceased about 8.0 p.m., touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples and Double Norwich being some of the methods rung.

Tea, which was served in the Colles Hall at 5 o'clock, twenty-six members and friends sitting down, was followed by the business meeting, the vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor) taking the chair, supported by the Rev. Kennedy (curate of Melton), W. W. Worthington, esq., the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. C. Wakley), the hon. sec. (Mr. W. E. White) and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the chairman briefly reviewed the peals rung by the Association and published in "THE BELL NEWS" since the previous meeting, making special mention of the peal of Handsworth Royal rung at Aston Manor, the first ever rung in the method, which was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter. It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. R. H. Bartram, seconded by Mr. B. Mitchell, to ask the Revs. J. P. Hales and M. H. Pimm to undertake the duty of auditing the accounts of the Association. One honorary and twenty-nine ringing members were unanimously admitted.

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TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

G. H. STONESTREET	*Treble.*	A LAURENCE	5.
HERBERT MARKWELL	2.	WILLIAM LATTER	6.
JOSEPH SMITH	3.	KEITH HART	7.
GEORGE EDWARDS	4	*SIDNEY CORKE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal.

[Our correspondent adds that owing to some misunderstanding or oversight, this peal has not been sent before.]

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS	*Treble.*	G. IRVINE	5.
H. HATTO*	2.	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6.
J. HANDS	3	R. T. HIBBERT	7.
G. ESSEX	4	E. W. MENDAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS	*Treble.*	G. IRVINE	5.
H. HATTO	2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6.
G. ESSEX	3.	A. W. OSBORNE	7.
E. W. MENDAY	4.	R. T. HIBBERT	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS. and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BROOKS	*Treble.*	EDGAR HUMFREY	6.
EDMUND HIMS	2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7.
FRANK BARRATT	3.	JOHN MONK	8.
RICHARD DEAL	4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.	9.
RICHARD G. RICE	5.	EDMUND BANNISER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER H. HITCHMAN	*Treble.*	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN	5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY	2.	EDMUND BANNISTER	6.
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MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D flat.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	6.
WILLIAM HEWETT	2.	THOMAS MANNERING	7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS	8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	9.
JAMES E. DAVIS	5.	LNC.-SGT. F. HOLDEN	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE*	*Treble.*	*JOSEPH LORD	5.
CHARLES LAMB*	2.	RICHARD MOUNT	6.
ALBERT C. DARNELL*	3.	RD. HENRY BARTRAM	7.
SIDNEY PROCTOR*	4.	*JOSEPH GILSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

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

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Treble.*	FRED STURMAN	4.
JOHN B. MARTIN	2.	HARRY MEADOWS	5.
BERNIE SADDINGTON	3.	GEORGE LINES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

First peal of Major on the bells, *First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MATTHIAS HOBBS	*Treble.*	EDWARD CHAPMAN	4.
DAVID J. NICHOLS	2.	CHARLES W. BIRD	5.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	3.	†FREDK. W. SAWFOOT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY	*Treble.*	WM. H. B. WILKINS	5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7.
FRANK BENNETT	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. PITSTOW. and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON	*Treble.*	JOHN SADLER	5.
WALTER SADLER	2.	ERNEST NEWMAN	6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH	7.
FRANK CLAYDON	4.	DAVID ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

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

BREEWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

THOMAS H. REEVES	*Treble.*	JOHN PERRY	5.
ROBERT PICKERING	2.	WILLIAM FISHER	6.
WALTER HUGHES	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7.
REV. E. V. COX	4.	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

CHARLES EALES	*Treble.*	FRANK HOCKADAY	6.
HAROLD BENNETT	2.	ERNEST W. MARSH	7.
LEWIS GREEN	3	WILLIAM FORD	8.
WILLIAM D. JAMES	4.	*GEORGE PARE	9.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	5.	WILLIAM SHEARS	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

*First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Arranged for L. Green, of Exeter.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 33¾ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING*	*Treble.*	WALTER THOMAS	5.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	2.	ERNEST CHANNEL	6.
CHARLES R LILLEY	3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT	7.
HENRY W. WILDE	4.	THOMAS ROWLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY

*100th peal; reference elsewhere. Arranged for C. R. Lilley, who was over for this day; also another of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON	*Treble.*	BERTRAM HEAD	5.
ALBERT T. BAKER	2.	WILFRED OVERTON	6.
JOHN ELCOCK	3.	HORACE W. OVERTON	7.
FRANK S. DOWNING*	4.	*WILLIAM JONES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

*First peal in the method. F. Downing is the first local man to take part in a peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently

J. GRANGER	*Treble.*	P. A. SMITH	4.
A. MATTOCK	2.	D. CRASHLAY	5.
J. ROWLINSON	3.	A. J. ABRAMS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. J. ABRAMS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER	6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2.	ALFRED B. PECK	7.
HERBERT LANGDON	3.	FREDK. DENCH	8.
FRANK M, BUTLER	4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	9.
FREDK. J. HARDY	5	GEORGE R. FARDON	*Tenor.*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal on ten bells. This composition has the 6th in 2nds the first 32 courses, with the 3rd in 5ths the first nine courses, and the 5th at home the next 23 courses in the tittums. The last twelve courses has all the 5-6-7-8-9s in the handstroke home position, with the treble in 2nds place.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble.*	WM P. GARRETT	5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON	2.	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR	6.
ARTHUR S BOAR	3.	JAMES MOTTS	7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	CHARLES CRAPNELL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of April Day, Morning Star, Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Old Doubles, and two 720s of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDR. C. LAMBERT	*Treble.*	JOHN O'NEILL	3.
THOMAS CRABB	2.	HERBERT G. PRATT	4.

LIONEL HAMMOND .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS	*Treble.*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5.
HENRY HODGKITS	2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	6
HUBERT EDEN	3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	7.
WM. G. WHITEHEAD	4.	FREDK. WHITE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSYON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN BASS	*Treble.*	ALFRED DAVIES	5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2.	GEORGE PIGOTT	6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	3.	CHARLES F. WHITE	7.
WILLIAM SHORT	4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

THOMAS ALDRED*	*Treble.*	WALTER FERN	5.
FRED H. DEXTER	2,	JOSEPH CADLE	6.
REV. R. P. FARROW	3.	*GERALD GRIFFIN	7.
GEORGE WALKER	4.	*HARRY CORNFORD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

*First peal

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MOORE, JUN.*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM JONES	6.
JOHN T. DAVIES†	2.	EDWARD ROWLANDS	7.
EDWARD LLOYD	3.	CHARLES PRICE	8.
JOHN CLUTTON	4.	ALFRED LEA	9
ROBERT JONES	5.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY MOORE, JUN.

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

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

C. R. LILLEY	*Treble*	G. IRVINE	5
E. W. MENDAY	2	QUARTER-MASTER HIBBERT	6.
W. WEBB	3.	R. T. HIBBERT	7.
G. ESSEX	4.	H. SIMMONDS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

Rung with the bells muffled.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amouunt towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collison, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A. H. Saxby, Captain St. John's Ringers.

Margate.

In connection with the above Mr. J. W. Steddy, of Edenbridge, writes: For many years he was well known through Kent, belonging to Staplehurst, Tunbridge Wells and Edenbridge bands previous to enlisting in the Army. I hear that through contracting fever during the South African War he was invalided out, and the War Office granted 6d a day for a few years. This has been stopped long since. On behalf of his wife and family I shall try and help Mr. Saxby in his efforts.

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TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By W. Hyde Inglesant.

5136.

No. 1.

23456	M	3	W	H
*46532	2	x	2	2
34625	2		2	2
43526	2			2
25346			2	2
34256			1	1
52436			2	2
25456			2	

The 6th the extent at home,

5088,

No, 2,

23456	M	3	W	H
54326			2	2
46325	1			2
†43165	1	x	2	2
62345			2	2
45236	1		2	2
25346			2	1
23456			1	2

5th and 6th in 6ths place only, course marked †, 8th, tenor and 9th called out slow,

BOB MAJOR,

By G, Cross, *Norwich*,

6144,

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	–	1		–
35264				–
23564				–
56234	–			–)
25634				–)
62534				–)
53624	–			–
65324				–
43526			–	–

Repeat five times, Single halfway and end, Omit bobs braced in any five parts, and will be 5024,

5040,

By the same Author,

23456	W	M	H
64325	s	–	–
36425			–
43625			–
62435	–		–
46235			–
24635			–
63425	s		–
46325			–
34625			–
62345	–		–
36245			–
32645			s
63245			–
26345			–
23645			s

Twice repeated, Bob for single at first wrong in 2nd and 3rd parts, 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6.hs,

5376,

By the same Author,

23456	W	M	H
64235	–	–	–
62435			s
46235			–
23465	–		–)
42365			–)
34265			–)
26345	–		–
32645			–

Five times repeated, Omit calls bracketted in one part will shorten the peal to 5152,

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

By H, Dains,

5056,

23456	M	W	H
56423	5·4		
46325	–		
36524	–		
45236	5·4		
34256		–	
53246		–	
42635	–	–	
34625		–	
42356	x		
53624	–	–	
25634		–	
32654		–	

Repeated. Has the 5th extent in 5·6, 4th and 6th each at six course-ends in 4ths; 2nd and 3rd are only at course-ends in 6ths place,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Central Division.)

A good meeting of this Association was held at Seaford on Saturday, January 21st, about thirty-two members from the following towers putting in appearance: Burgess Hill, St. Peter and St. Nicholas (Brighton), Eastbourne, Southover, Rotherfield, and a good number of the local band. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and was kept up till 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, the Rev. J. B. Ince, in the absence of the Rector, delivering an appropriate address. Tea was provided at the Church Institute at 5.45. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Howse moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and providing the tea, which was seconded by Mr. Morling and carried unanimously.

THE LATE W, J, COLLISON,

On Wednesday, January 25th, the remains of the above was laid to rest in the Margate Cemetery, The cortege, accompanied by the widow, relatives, and the St, John's ringers, and representatives from Quex Park, Birchington, and St, Peter's, proceeded to the parish church of St, John's, where the coffin was received by the Vicar, the Rev, Sir C, J, Shaw, Bart,, and the first part of the service took place here, His brother-ringers bore the body to the grave, and after the lowering of the coffin, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave with the bells deeply craped. Besides numerous wreaths from sorrowing friends, there were respectively one each from St. John's, Margate. St. Peter's, Broadstairs, and Quex Park, Birchington ringers.

On Monday evening, January 23rd, 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the deceased by Messrs. Smith, Saxby, Enderby, Wilson, F. Reeve, Burgess, Blytheman, and Lade.

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CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Sunday, January 1st, at the Parish Church, a long touch of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. J. Wood-Higgs and Miss (Nellie) Menday. Mr. Wood-Higgs was for some years, till quite recently, a very respected choirman at the above church, and Miss Menday is sister of Messrs. E. W. and E. J. Menday, ringers at St. Peters. The ceremony was solemnised at St. George's, Kemp Town, Brighton.

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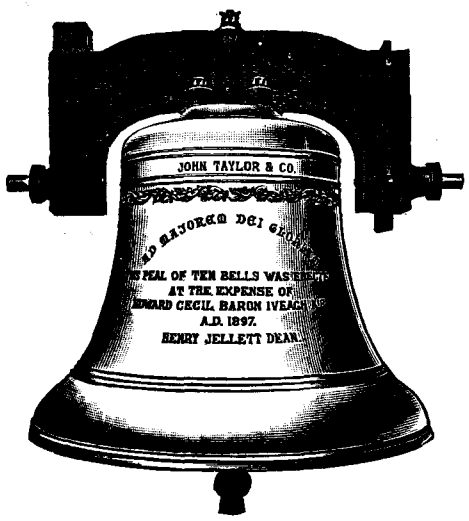

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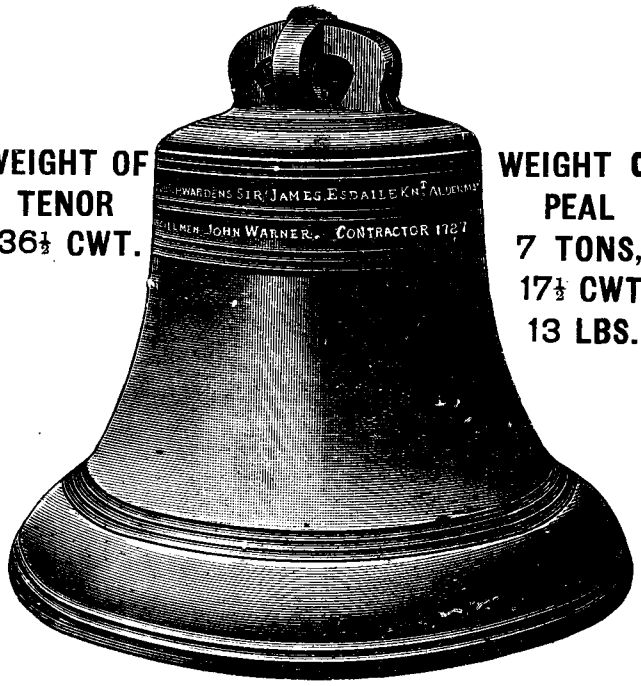

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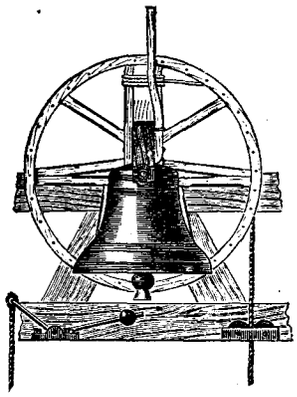

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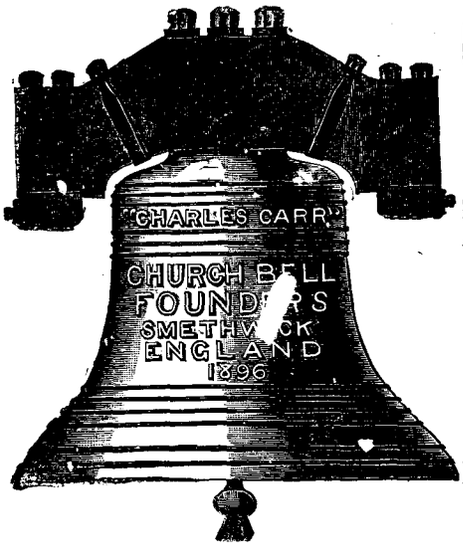

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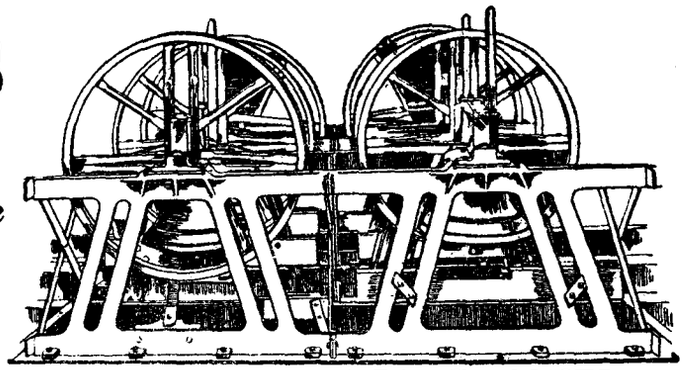

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the South Bucks. and East Berks. branch of this Guild was held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Marlow. The towers of Marlow, Wooburn and Lane End were open to ringers from 2 p.m. The service was held in the parish church at 4.30 p.m., when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Batchelor, Vicar of Cookham. The members of the branch then met at tea. The business meeting began at 6 p.m. with the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in the chair, owing to the much regretted and unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Drummond, chairman of the branch. The Master was supported by the Revs. A. Fearon, A. L. Whitfield, Upton Wooler, S. Winter, hon. sec. of the branch, and about eighty members representing sixteen towers.

The Hon. Secretary expressed the grief of all the members in the great loss which they had sustained in the death of their late Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The news of his death had brought a sense of personal bereavement to all the members. A resolution expressing the grief of the members, and gratitude for the services of the late Master was thereupon put from the chair, and the company expressed their assent by rising and standing in silence.

A very full report of the peals rung during the last year was presented by Mr. J. J. Parker, foreman of the Farnham Royal belfry, by which it appeared that thirty-one peals had been rung, conducted by sixteen different persons. Two peals of Bob Minor, twelve of Grandsire Triples, seven of Stedman Triples, four of Double Norwich, one of Forward Major, one of Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by Mr. F. Hayes, one of Stedman Caters and one of Stedman Cinques. The peal of Forward Major at Hughenden is said to have been the first peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild; and the peal of Grandsire Caters at High Wycombe is claimed to be the first peal on ten bells rung by all Bucks. men. The hon. secretary and treasurer presented a balance sheet which shewed a balance in hand of £11 1 9, the numbers of members having increased in each section. There were 293 members in all on the branch roll.

The Master gave the Chairman's address. He paid a tribute of affectionate regard to the memory and work of the late Master, and thanked the branch for their kind reception of himself. He congratulated the branch on the work done and on the possession of a tower with twelve bells, and such good bells as those of High Wycombe. He reported that the Robinson Memorial Fund amounted to £110, and invited members to send in their subscriptions to it. He concluded by a feeling reference to the message of the sermon, and the high level to which the work of bellringing had been raised in the service of the Guild.

A very hearty vote of thanks was then put from the chair and accorded with acclamation, to the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. H. J. Light), to the preacher (Dr. Batchelor), to the Organist (Dr. Bath), the choir and the blower. To the managers of the school for the use of the room, and to Messrs. Harry and Lewis Collins of the local belfry. The Rev. Canon Drummond was re-elected chairman of the branch, the Rev. S. M. Winter, Vicar of Medmenham, hon. sec. and treasurer. Messrs. G. Martin, J. C. Truss, W. Parker, R. H. Biggs and R. Smith were re-elected as branch representatives on the Guild Committee. A request from the Binfield belfry to be transferred to the Sonning Deanery Branch as being a more accessible district was agreed to. The tea was very excellently provided and served by Mr. C. Carter, of the Bridge restaurant.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Western District was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, February 4th. About thirty members and friends attended representing Dagenham, Leytonstone, Loughton, Romford, Walthamstow, Wanstead, West Ham and Woodford. The bells were raised about 3.30 p,m. Tea was served in the parish hall at 5, Mr. G. A. Black, district master presiding, supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Secretary, and Mr. C. Howard, Master. Three new members were elected. Barking was selected for the next meeting.

The Rev. H. T. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and hall. This was seconded by Mr. Howard and carried unanimously.

Mr. Black then said a few words on the favourable progress the Association had made in the last few years, remarking on the fact that few peals had been rung latterly, and offering to undertake arrangements for any attempts to be made, if those wishing to take part or conduct would communicate with him. He suggested that meetings for practice in the higher methods might be arranged, and congratulated the Dagenham company on their progress, concluding his remarks by wishing the new band at Chigwell Row every success under Mr. Margetson's instruction.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Townsend for the efficient way he arranged the tea; also to Mr. Black for presiding. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going in all Standard methods until about 9 o'clock.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, February 18th, an attempt will be made to ring a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 12,896 changes, on the bells of St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon., starring between one and two o'clock.

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Ringers who have found themselves in the neighbourhood of Oxford, have for the most part visited Kidlington. Having done so, they will doubtless agree, that among other happy recollections, is that of a man whom it was good to have met; good, because he was so simply attractively and helpfully good, and yet was far from claiming any merit, save that he always tried his best. Such was Harry Judge in the various departments of life, as husband and father, as farm labourer, and church bell-ringer, and hardest of all which was his portion these last few years—as bearer of a painful cancer, which closed a life of great activity almost in its prime. It was all with the same spirit. Here was a man doing a man's work. Here was a disciple rendering himself worthy of the great Master whom he owned.

The following is a record of his peals: Grandsire Doubles 1, conducted 1: Triples 33, conducted 15: Stedman Triples 63, conducted 8; Cinques 1; Double Norwich Court Major 1; Treble Bob Major 5; Grandsire Caters 1. Total—135; conducted 24.

The peal of Double Norwich was the famous one of 17,024 changes in which he rang the treble. The last peal of Stedman he conducted was called from a seat in the ringing-chamber, when he was no longer able to handle a rope. He was a good and safe ringer, and a most painstaking and efficient teacher. The Oxford Diocesan Guild is the poorer for his loss, but the richer for the fruits of such a life. C. W. O. J.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held in the Church House, Emscote, Warwick, on Saturday, January 28th, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. B Dickins. The Rev. C. Carew Cox presided, supported by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. G. Dickins), and Messrs. Adams, George, Roberts, Watson, White, Small, and the Hon. Secretary. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. A. Coleman mentioned that he was leaving the county at the end of February to reside in his native county of Norfolk, and much regretted that it would necessitate him resigning the Secretaryship of the Guild, but he preferred not to resign now, ar there was much detail work to be completed before the annual meeting in July next, and when he laid down the reins of office, he would like to leave a clean slate for his successor to start with.

The chairman said that they would all be very sorry to lose Mr. Coleman, as he had put his whole heart and soul into the work, and by his energy the Guild had increased to the extent it had. They were very glad that Mr. Coleman was going on with the Secretaryship until the annual meeting, as it would be a great help to his successor, and he thought anything further had better be said at the annual meeting.

Mr. Coleman proposed, and Mr. Hessian seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 29th. Messrs. Cox, Seaward, Freeman, and Watson were elected members of the Guild.

Mr. Dickins proposed, and Mr. Coleman seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Pinfold for kindly making arrangements for the meeting of the Guild. Touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, and Stedman Triples were rung in the afternoon at All Saints, Emscote; and in the evening at St. Mary's, Warwick, touches of Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Stedman Caters were rung. There was a good attendance of ringers present.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Warmley, about five miles from Bristol, on Saturday, January 28th. The peal of six was raised in peal about 4.30, and were kept ringing until 6 o'clock, when the service was held, at which about 60 members were present. The Rev. R. Stevens read the lersons, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey the prayers, and the Vicar, who was afterwards made a Performing Member of the Association, presided at the organ.

After service by the kind invitation of the Vicar, tea was partaken of at the vicarage, where justice was done to the inner man by about 56. After tea the meeting was held, which turned out to be one of the most successful ever held by the branch, as no less than twenty new members, including four honorary, were proposed.

The Rev. R. Stevens proposed in a few words, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Warmley for the use of church and bells, and also for the tea, and the Rev. F. Young, of Pucklechurch, seconded, also saying a few kind words to each member.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until nine o'clock. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were the methods rung, and also touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Crandsire Caters and a course of Cinques was rung on the handbells, bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings ever held by the branch. The next meeting will be held at Chippenham on February 25th.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Thursday, February 2nd, an attempt was made to ring Parker's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but in the fourth part a change-course occurred, and the condnctor called "stand." Rung with the bells half-muffied as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, founder of the Kent County Association, who died on Sunday, January 29th, and was buried on Thursday, February 2nd. The ringers were: P. Chapman, J. Baker, G. Thompson, G. Feggle, J. Maynard, W. Latter conductor, G. Turley, C. Chapman.

On Sunday, January 29th, for the services, and also on Monday the bells were rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Miss Louisa Saint, of Groombridge, who was buried on January 28th. The deceased lady's father was for many year's Rector of Speldhurst, and the present Rector was curate-in-charge under the Rev. —. Saint, and succeeded him as Rector on his retirement.

W. BENNETT.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above, who was one of the oldest ringers at Westbury-on-Trym. The funeral took place on January 19th, after which the bells were rung deeply muffled as a last token of respect.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 23rd; and St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7 30 the others at 8 p m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th Inst.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

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The London County Association late the St, James's Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Sat., February 11th. By kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers the tower of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, will be open for ringing from 4.50. Business meeting at 7.30. All members are specially requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. B. O. Sharp), at Heston, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.

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

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing is suspended until further notice, owing to the breakdown of the tenor.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Eling to-day, Sat., February 11th. The bells (6) will be available during the afternoon, and it is hoped those of St. Michael, Southampton (8) during the evening. Tea will be provided at The Anchor inn at 5.15.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*
20, *Culver Villas, Winchester.*

The Surrey Association. — The annual meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, North Street, Leatherhead, to day. Sat., February 11th, preceded by tea at 6 o'clock. The bells (10) will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available for members from 3.30.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, *Wellesley Road, Croydon.*

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—The first annual dinner to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley, will be held at The Fleur-de-Lis hotel, Foregate, Sheffield, to-day. Sat., February 11th, at 6.30 p.m prompt. Mr. C. H. Hattersley, President, will occupy the chair. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec*
87, *Bradley Street, Crookes Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Middleton, to-day. Sat., Feb. 11th. Bells at liberty from 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Southern Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Bretforton to-day, Sat., February 11th Bells available at 4 p.m. Short service with an address by the Vicar, Rev W. H Shawcross, at 5 30. Business meeting after service.

JAMES HEMMING, *Br. Sec.*

The Essex Association — North Eastern District —A bye meeting will be held at Feering to-day, Sat., February 11th. Tea. 9d each, will be provided at The Bell at 5 30, for those giving notice to

A SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis Sec.*
Sandpit Road Braintree.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. — A meeting will be held at Sturry to-day, Sat., February 11th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. H. P. Brewer, Vicar, will be taken in the Parish Hall. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.

E. TRENDELL, *Hon. Dis Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association—Quarterly meetings will be held at Great Addington on February 11th; Kettering on February 18th: and Finedon on the 25th. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Gen. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, to-day, Sat., February 11th. Bells ready at 5 Meeting at 7.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough to-day, Sat, Feb. 11th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5 30. Business to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Essex Association.—The next meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, February 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock.

JOHN F PENNING, *Hon Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5 o'clock. 9d. per head. All members and friends welcome.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Northern Branch. — The first quarterly meeting of this branch since its re-organisation, will be held on Saturday, February 18th at Holy Trinity, Old Hill, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev E. Brewer. The bells (8) will be available from 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4 30, and tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Bells available afterwards. All members are heartily welcomed to the meeting and the tea which will be free to those who let me know of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, February 15th.

E. J. DOWLER, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
54, *Tiverton Road Bournbrook, Birmingham.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, February 18th Tea at The White Lion at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newington-next-Hythe (6 bells), on Saturday, Feb, 18th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev —. Buckwell), has promised to preside at the meeting. Just a gentle reminder—Subscriptions are now due.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Bell inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2s. each. Short service with an address at 3.30 p.m.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 25th The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A service will be conducted at 4 o'clock in St. Thomas's church, and an address given by the President of the Guild—Rev. A. Gray Maitland. A free tea will be provided for all who notify me of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, February 22nd, to which all past and present members of the Guild are cordially invited. An important business meeting will follow, at which the Vicar of Dudley will preside.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec.*
177, *High Street, Dudley.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Pre-Lent meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, February 25th.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shere and Albury on Saturday, Feb. 25th. 2.30.—Bells available Albury (6); Shere (8). 5.30.—Service at St, James' church conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. C. Hill), Preacher: Rev. H. E. Crowley, Rector of Albury. 6.15—Tea at The White Horse, Shere. Tea tickets 6d, each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters at The White Horse hotel, Town St. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Business and nomination meeting at 7.30 p.m,

A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal, Temple Row, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m., J. S. Pritchett, esq., M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5 50. Tickets (which must be produced on entry), free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrears; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District. — Orders for reports should be given at once to the Local Hon. Secretary,

HARRY WAKLEY,
160, *Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.*

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. James, I wish to inform that gentleman that I was not talking about the plans of houses. I was talking about the authorship of peals. He says I have not given a satisfactory answer to his letter. I did not expect to satisfy him, so I am not surprised at that. I object to Mr. James' claim for two reasons: first, because he uses the calling of the late H. Hubbard's peal; and secondly, because his peal contains nothing but course-ends of Middleton's peal of Major. Now the only difference is in the proof of the two methods, and anyone with any knowledge of composition would know that in a method like this, where the extension is so simple, it would be ridiculous to look for additional false course-ends when you extend the method to higher number of bells. Therefore all that was necessary in this case was to see that the composition was confined to Middleton's course-ends. As Mr. James does not intend te give up his claim to the peal, I certainly claim the 5040 of Royal on page 574 to be mine, as I introduced fresh blood into this, it is certamly more original than the one he claims, and so I am in a position to prove I had it months before he produced it, but still I had no intention of doing so, had he not insisted in his claim to the other.

Mr. James complains about a personal insinuation I made. What I said was evidently not far out, as past events have proved. He says he got out the proof in 1899, and still had it last year, when he produced his false compositions. His explanation on this point is a very poor one indeed. When composers get out proof scales, and use them with success, they dont come to the conclusion year's after that they are wrong, and shut their eyes to reality. W. PYE.

SIR,—If the words used by the Rev. H. Law James in last week's issue be of any note, viz, "publication has nothing whatever to do with the matter, as Sir Arthur Heywood stated at the last Central Council meeting at Manchester," Mr. Dench must give up all claim to the peals alluded to. It is not for the value of the peals, but it is the way Mr. Dench first got them printed. "This is all." JOHN CARTER.

[It should be borne in mind during this controversy, that all Mr. Carter's peals of Cambridge were in this office week's before we received Mr. Dench's peals from Mr. Cockerill. We only made a break in the publication of Mr. Carter's peals to afford Mr. Dench an opportunity of publishing his. As thiogs have turned out, we should have published all Mr. Carter's peals that were in hand first, which would have prevented this unpleasantness.—ED.]

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT SHEFFIELD.—W. Allwood's 100 Peals.—On tower bells—Minor—Plain Bob 1; Four methods 1; Seven Treble methods 15; Fourteen ditto 1: Twenty-one ditto 1; Grandsire Triples 3: Caters 6: Bob Major 6; Royal 1; Kent Major 11 (including 7040 and 11,232); Royal 7; Oxford Major 4; Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 8; Stedman Triples 7; Caters 7; Superlative Major 5: New Cambridge Major 2. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 3; Caters 3; Bob Major 5; Kent Major 1. Total—100.

THE PEAL AT HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.—H. L. Garfath's 100 Peals.—Seven Minor methods 1: Grandsire Triples 15; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 21: Caters 8; Bob Major 10; Royal 1; Kent Major 3; Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 14 (a); Superlative 7; Cambridge 1; London 2; Bristol 2. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 7; Caters 1; Stedman Triples 3. Total—100. (a) includes a 7392. Also took part in a false peal of Bob Royal.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This peal was specially arranged to oblige Robert H. Hayward, who hails from Marlsford, near Framlingham, Suffolk. It is also worthy of note that this was the 300th year of that beautiful bell's existence—the 11th bell—to the ring of twelve bells, that the church of St. Mary-le-Tower contains, which was cast by Miles Graye, of Colchester, and also the famous Lavenham tenor bell cast in 1626.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks)—On Monday, November 21st, at All Saints church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1910 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Hedge, C. Jackson composer and conductor, M. Hedge, T. Whitfield, T. Stockdale, A. B. Cook, T. Southwick, T. Harrison.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, February 1st at St. John's church a date touch, 1911 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 231 Kent, 240 Oxford, 240 Violet, 240 New London, 240 Oxford Single, 240 College Single, 240 Stanstead, 120 each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Canterbury Pleasure. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT.)

AMBLESIDE.—On Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 21 mins. J. Brickhouse. W. Nevinson, A. Newton, J. Holme, T. Hewertson, W. Sharp, W. Robinson conductor, R. Satterthwaite.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEST DIDSBURY.—On Saturday, January 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Turner, G. Turner, W. Holbrook, R. Davies. F. Page, R. Newton, H, Chapman conductor, H. Dransfield.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, January 10th, at St. Modwen's church, 1280 Double Norwich Major in 56 mins. A. P. Wakley, W. Smith, *W. W. Worthington, C. Draper, *H. Hurdman, J. Griffin, J. Swinfield, L. Bullock conductor. *Longest length in the method.

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, November 21st, a date touch of Minor, being 720 Oxford Bob, and 1196 Plain Bob in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. Fletcher, W. Hilliam, G. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Canon James, who had been Rector of the parish for the last thirty-six years, and who was laid to rest in the churchyard that afternoon.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Wednesday, November 9th, for practice at the Cathedral, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major in 57 mins. G. Jones, R. Sperring, J. Sconce, J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde, W. Sconce, H. Dew conducror, E. Channell. Composed by W. Pye.

ECCLESTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, November 4th, for practice at the parish church, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major in 53 mins. S. Jones, R. Sperring, G. Jones, J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), W. Sconce, H. Dew, E. Channell. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EALING.—On Sunday evnning, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Major in 48 mins. W. Lawrence, J. A. Trollope conductor, E. Cole, F. Bennett, J. Davis, C. F. Winney, W. Hewett, A. Harding.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1910, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 360 each of Cambride Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Simon's, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Albert Robinson ...	...Treble.	Charles Stapleton	... 4.
Percy Cook	... 2.	Charles W. Clarke	... 3.
Walter Finedon ...	... 3.	William Stapleton	...Tenor.

Conducted by W. Stapleton.

*First peal in fourteen methods. First peal in fourteen methods by the Association.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 18, 1910, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt.

F. S. Sparkes* ...	...Treble.	C. Powell	... 4.
F R. Sparkes... ...	... 2.	T. J. Dixon	... 5.
R. E. Sparkes... ...	... 3.	W. H. Bicknell ...	...Tenor.

Conducted by T. J. Dixon.

*First peal. This is the first peal by a local band on the bells. First peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Holy Trinity Society.)

On Monday, December 26, 1910, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

Harry Burdock ...	...Treble.	Charles Willshire...	... 5.
Charles Willshire, jun....	2.	Maurice Smither ...	... 6.
Henry Hutton ...	... 3.	Charles Hazelden...	... 7.
Henry L. Garfath...	... 4.	Alfred H. Pulling...	...Tenor.

Composed by C. Middleton, and Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in the Diocese of Winchester by an entirely local company, and is the first peal in the method by all. It is H. L. Garfath's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CH NGES

Walter Emmett*...	...Treble.	Ernest Ridgley ...	... 5.
Frederick Goddard ...	2.	Arthur Harding ...	... 6.
Joseph Lock	... 3.	George Spencer ...	... 7.
Thomas Beadle	4.	*Charles Reed ...	...Tenor.

Conducted by George Spencer.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Guildford District.)

On Thursday, December 29th, 1910, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

James Hunt	...Treble.	Charles Willshire...	... 5.
Charles Willshire, jun....	2.	Septimus Radford	... 6.
Henry L. Garfath... ...	3.	Frank Blondell ...	... 7.
Maurice Smither	4.	Alfred H. Pulling...	...Tenor.

Composed by S. Thurston, and Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Guildford District.)

On Friday, December 30, 1910, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of ss. Peter and Paul,

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

Henry Burdock ...	...Treble.	Henry L. Garfath	... 5.
Charles Willshire, jun ...	2.	Septimus Radford	... 6.
Charles Willshire	3.	Frank Blondell ...	... 7.
Maurice Smither	4.	Alfred H. Pulling...	...Tenor.

Composed by G. Lindoft, and Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1910, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

G. Holmes*	...Treble.	J. J. Peake	... 5.
S. Thorpe*	... 2.	J. G. Woddy	... 6.
J. G. Kinchin	... 3.	R. Todd...	... 7.
J. T. Frenchum	4.	A. Morton	...Tenor.

Composed by W. Royle, and Conducted by A. Morton.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. *First peal.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St, Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

William Aldis ...	...Treble.	John Aldis, jun. ...	... 5.
John Wilson, jun.	2.	Alfred Funnell ...	... 6.
John Aldis, sen.	3.	George Points ...	... 7.
Frederick Whitham ...	4.	William Steele ...	...Tenor.

Composed by Dr. F. W. Meadows, and Conducted by W. Steele

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

The Parish Church Bells.—On Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st, the Committee of the bell fund, of which Mr. R. V. Smith is hon. secretary, considered tenders for the rehanging and repair of the peal at the parish church, and that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was accepted. The whole of the work will be completed for a sum not exceeding £250. The sum required is not yet wholly subscribed, and donations towards the necessary balance will be received by Dr. Hubbard. The work will be commenced at once.

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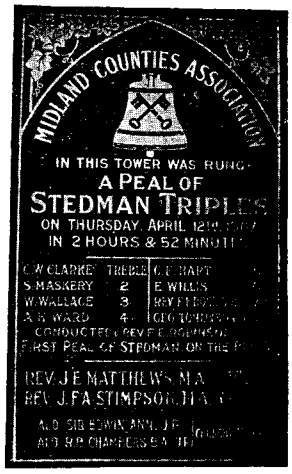

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1911.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Stradbroke on Thursday, January 19th. By kind permission of the authorities, the fine ring of eight at the parish church, the eight at Horham, the six at Wingfield, and the five at Hoxne were open to the use of the members throughout the day, and good ringing was done at all of them.

Dinner was served at The White Hart, Stradbroke, presided over by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, supported by the Revs. G. R. Shackleton (Stradbroke), S. W. H. Aldwell (Wingfield), H. Drake (Braiseworth), and E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash); Messrs. J. Motts, W. Ireland, F. C. Lambert, G. Moy and F. Day (District Secretaries), and C. E. Borrett (Secretary). Over fifty members were present from many places in the diocese, and considering the almost inaccessible position of Stradbroke, the meeting was a great success, and will probably do some amount of good in the district.

At the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal toasts were given by the chairman, and loyally received by the company. Owing to the late hour, the business meeting was made as brief as possible—a short statement from the Secretary, and the election of thirty new members concluding this part of the proceedings. The bells were soon set going again, whilst others stayed in the dining-room to hear the local men play tunes on a very fine set of handbells. The usual votes of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells was unanimously carried and acknowledged by the Rev. G. R. Shackleton.

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The Metropolis.

THF SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

MISS EDITH K PARKER*	*Treble.*	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS	6.
LC-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN*	2.	FRANK BENNETT	7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	8.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	4.	*JAMES PARKER	9.
FRANK SMITH*	5.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method, also on the bells, and by the society. Rang on the 14th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. J. D. Matthews.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble.*	HARRY FLANDERS	5.
WILLIAM PYE	2.	WILLIAM HEWETT	6.
JOHN J. LAME	3.	REUBEN SANDERS	7.
ISAAC G. SHADE	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT P. TURNER*	*Treble.*	*CHARLES J. TRICKER	5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG	6.
JOHN E. MILLER	3.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	7.
GEORGE BESTER	4.	ALFRED DODSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN C. MITCHELL	*Treble.*	ALFRED H. WINCH	6.
JOHN HOWES	2.	SEDLEY J. COLLINS	7.
REUBEN CHARGE	3.	ARTHUR DEAN	8.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	4.	JOHN H. B. HEBSE	9.
JAMES W. DRIVER	5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by C. CHARGE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

EDWARD F. COLE	*Treble.*	*GEORGE A. CARD	5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER*	2.	*WILBY J. HAZELL	6.
GEORGE RADLEY*	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4.	*GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

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

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt

FRED C. MAYNARD	*Treble.*	HENRY J. MAYNARD	6.
CHARLES T. COLES	2.	GEORGE SPENCER	7.
JAMES C, ADAMS	3.	HARRY FLANDERS	8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	4.	FRED A. NUNN	9.
ALBERT W, COLES	5	ROBERT E. STAVERT	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2.	FREDERICK DENCH	8.
HARRY R. PASMORE	3.	RICHARD F. DEAL	9.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4.	ALFRED A PECK	10.
HERBERT LANGDON	5.	JOHN W. GOLDING	11.
HENRY R. NEWTON	6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	*Tenor.*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

This composition was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 10th, page 533, No. 1 peal, and has been in the conductor's possession and other members of the band for some months.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK HAIRS*	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5.
WILLIAM HEWETT	2.	*SEDLEY J. COLLINS	6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES*	3.	WILLIAM NUDDS	7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS,

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Grimes and Collins.

Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 31 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. A. DANIELL, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5-6.
HERBERT LANGDON	3-4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY

This peal was arranged by Mr. R. A. Daniell, who very kindly entertained the visitors.

The Provinces.

MAIDS MORETON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

H. STOPPS*	*Treble.*	E. NICHOLS	4.
A. JONES*	2.	H. JONES	5.
W. R. JOLLEY	3.	*H. HAYDEN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. R. JOLLEY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of the bells; also the Dedication Festival.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	*Treble.*	R. ALDER GOFTON	5.
WILLIAM STORY	2.	ALF. F. HILLIER	6.
GEORGE T. POTTER	3.	ROBERT RICHARDS	7.
THOS. T. GOFTON	4.	JOHN STUART	*Tenor.*

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. T. POTTER.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY	*Treble.*	WALTER PERKINS	5.
ALFRED EVERETT	2.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	6.
JAMES WARD	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7.
FRED CAUSBY	4.	JOHN B. MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HALIFAX, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS	*Treble.*	GEORGE NAYLOR	5.
JAMES COTTERELL	2.	ALBERT JAGGER	6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3.	FRANCIS BARKER	7.
JONAS S. AMBLER	4.	FRED SALMONS	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

First peal in the method by the Halifax and District Association.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD AMBROSE	*Treble.*	FREDK. MERRETT	5.
LEONARD F. TAYLOR	2.	FREDK. PEARCE	6.
WILLIAM HULBERT	3.	ALEXANDER EVANS	7.
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE	4.	HARRY POWELL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by LEONARD F. TAYLOR.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR	*Treble.*	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON	2.	JAMES MOTTS	8.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY*	3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	9.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD*	4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	10.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	11.
WILLIAM MOTTS	6.	EDWARD EVANS	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Further reference elsewhere.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. GEORGE	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM ROWE, SEN.	5.
ALBERT MARKS	2.	CHARLES J. FRAY	6.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4.	OWEN GILES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells. First peal by an entirely local band since their augmentation from six to eight last year.

CAYTHORPE.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY PROCTOR*	*Treble.*	ARCHIE C. STOKES	5.
ARTHUR MACKEARS	2.	GEORGE SCOTT	6.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES	3.	JOHN CRAGG	7.
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4.	JOHN W. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

*First peal of Major.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS RICHARDS	*Treble.*	JOHN PAULTON	5.
JAMES JONES	2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	6.
WILLIAM H. JONES	3.	FRANK BENNETT	7.
JAMES HOPKINS	4.	CHARLES ALLEN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON	*Treble.*	FREDK. W. DIXON	5.
ALFRED HARDWICK	2.	ROBERT W. JENNISON	6.
WILLIAM B. SMITH	3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	7.
THOMAS BANCROFT	4.	JAMES HORNER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. This makes the 100th peal rang on the Stansted bells.

Will Mr. F. Barraclough, of Chichago, U.S.A., be kind enough to forward his correct address at once to F. Gilbert, 25, Grove Street, Raunds, Northants.

SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.

LEONARD STIMPSON* ..	..*Treble.*	THOMAS STIMPSON	3.
CHARLES WALVIN*	2.	*HENRY CARTLEDGE	4.
HERBERT FRETWELL	..*Tenor.*		

Conducted by HERBERT FRETWELL.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Bob Minor and three eeach of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

J. BROGDEN TAYLOR*	..*Treble.*	*HARRY ENTWISTLE	4.
HERBERT WORMWELL* ..	2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON ..	5.
TOM REDMAN	3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal of Minor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM*	..*Treble.*	HORACE F. STUBBS	6.
RICHARD F. LANE	2.	CHARLES HARRIMAN.. ..	7.
JOHN SMITH	3.	JAMES HUTCHBY	8.
WILLIAM SMITH*	4.	EDWARD READER	9.
ERNEST ABBOTT..	5.	*WILLIAM THORLEY ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal in any method. Taken from J. Carter's broadsheet, being No. 3, starting from 1, 2, 3.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.	*Treble.*	RICHARD LANGFORD	5.
JAMES HENRY RIDING ..	2.	*HARRY FURBER HOLDING	6.
ALBERT CRAWLEY	3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING ..	7.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ..	4.	WILFRED GILL	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

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

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM LAMBERT	5.
JOHN HOLMAN	2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6.
JESSE J. MOSS	3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ..	7.
THOMAS BETTISON	4.	JOHN FLINT	..*Tenor.*

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

Quickest peal on the bells.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. BENBOW ..	..*Treble.*	JOHN M. BROOK	5.
JOHN HALL	2.	WILLIAM ALLSOP	6.
ARTHUR BENTLEY	3.	GEORGE PIPER	7.
ARTHUR KENWORTHY* ..	4.	FRED WATKINSON ..	..*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

*First peal away from the treble.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society,)

On Wednesday, December 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty four Minutes,

At 33, Holly Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BURGAR	1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN	5-6.
JOHN THORPE	3-4.	R. WILFRED COLLIER ..	7-8.

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

Umpire—Sidney F. Palmer.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The St Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1910, in Two Hours ana Fifty Minutes,

At 33, Holly Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

WALTER ALLWOOD ..	1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN	5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS	3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	7-8.
R. WILFRED COLLIER			9-10.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—J. Atkin. This is the conductor's 250th peal, and W. Allwood's 100th. Further reference elsewhere.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amouunt towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collison, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A. H. Saxby, Captain St. John's Ringers.

Margate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Mr. Wreaks has resigned the Secretaryship of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, has been asked to act in that capacity pro tem. Any correspondence for Mr. Wreaks should be addressed to him, care of Mrs. Whiteford, 7, Orchard Street, Paisley.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

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WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £333 9s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

A CURIOUS CHURCH BELL.

Down in the mountains of Bulgaria, peasants have'nt the money to invest in church bells. Still it is'nt the most comfortable thing in the world to come to church, away too soon, and so there muet be something to sound the summons.

At Doubnitza, the town whence hailed the brigand Zandansky, who captured Miss Stone, they have solved the problem in simple wise. One of the iron yokes, used for harnessing the oxen. who serves everywhere as horses do with us, is suspended from a chain, and this then from the pole that crosses the cathedral porch. It goes without saying that the yoke is one no longer for it to stand the strain of restive oxen. A simple iron bar then serves to beat the gong, and call the faithful to devotions.

FELIX J. KOCH.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 25th. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting at 4.30. A tea will be provided. All names to be sent in by Wednesday, February 22nd, to H. T. KNOWLES, Hon. Sec. 35, Redland Road, Malvern.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Upchurch on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. allowed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911, are now due, and should be paid on or before this meeting. EDWARD A. ALLEN, Hon. Soc,

DUFFIELD MAJOR.

BY G, CROSS, *Norwich*,

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BOB MAJOR,

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By the same Author,

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WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.

The ringers connected with St. James's church, accompanied by their wives, paid a visit to the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 21st, being met at the station by Mr. Richard Newton, a very close friend of the party, who also acted as guide. After having viewed the interior of the hall, which was most interesting, an inspection was made of the tower, first the ringing-chamber, then the bells, then up to the clock, and a good number of the party took the opportunity of standing in the clock face, and small objects they looked against the mighty dials. Then up they went again to see the bell fixed for striking the hour. They had but a few minutes to wait before the mighty hammer let them know it was 4 o'clock. After descending to the ringing-chamber the bells were raised, and a 360 of Kent Minor was rung on the front six. J. Buckley, F. Garside, W. Marsden, F. Page, R, Newton, J. Lawton. Then some touches on eight and ten bells were rung. They then adjourned for tea, and after supplying the inner man, a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Newton for the splendid arrangements he had made for our enjoyment.

Mr. Newton in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the pleasure it had given him to find he had made our outing so successful.

A short visit was then made to the Cathedral, where the members of the Manchester branch were holding their meeting, the bells being well rung by members of the branch. Tracks were then made for the return journey home, Glossop being reached about 10.30, all being highly pleased with the afternoon's enjoyment.

APPLETON, BERKS.

The anniversary of the opening of the Appleton bells will be held as usual at The Plough inn. Dinner at 4 o'clock.

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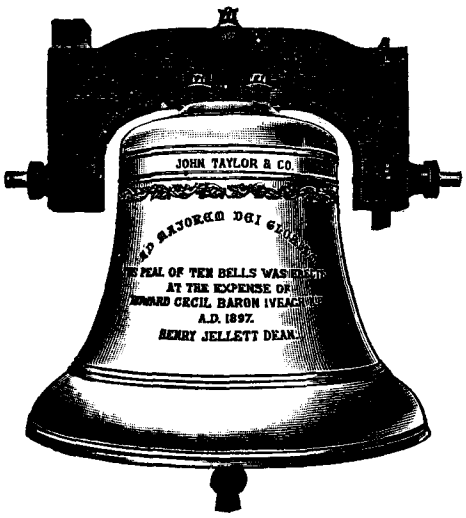

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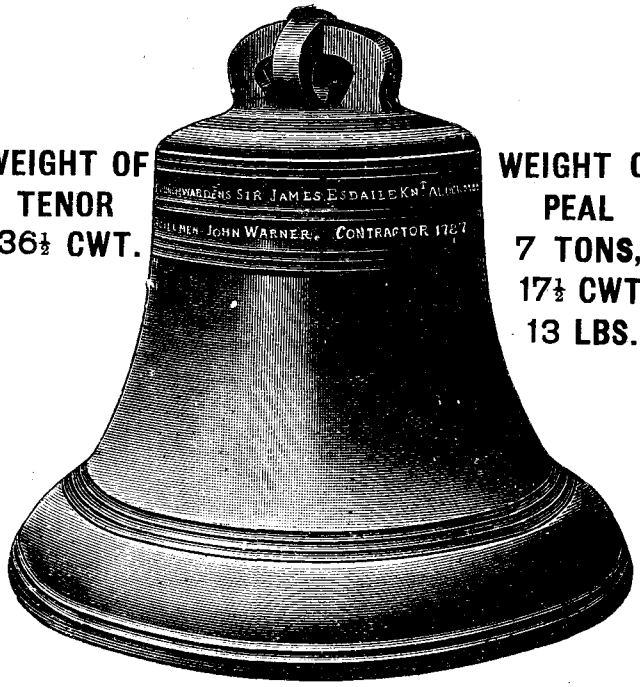

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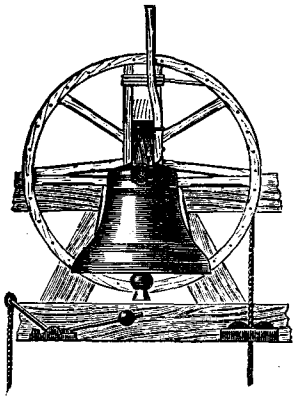

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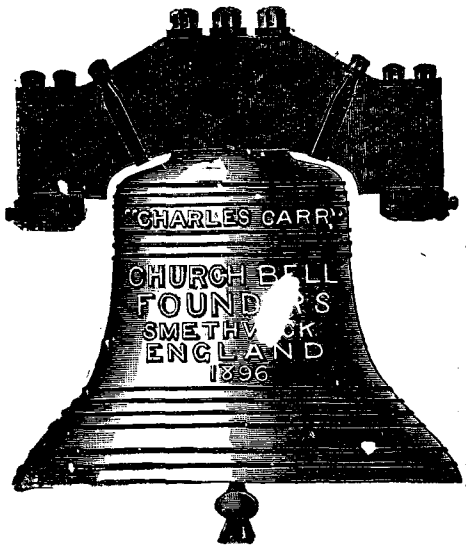

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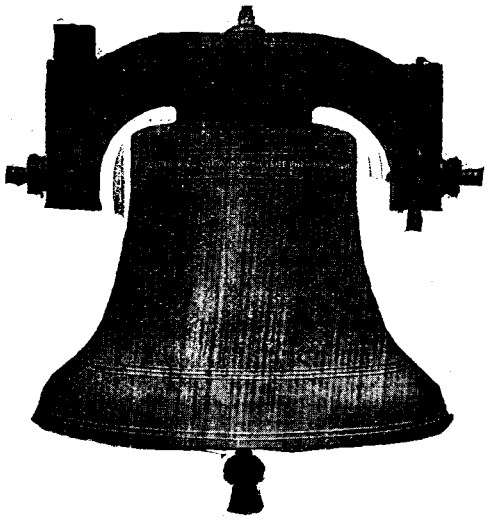

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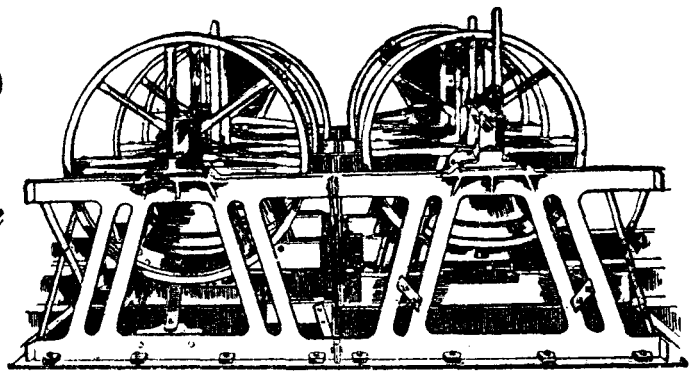

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual gathering of the Tonbridge district of the above Association was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 28th, and was well attended. Among the bellringers who were present were Messrs. W. Steed, G. H. Stonestreet, J. Wolfe, G. Rabbit, A. Laurence, S. Corke, and A. E. Headey (Tonbridge), W. Latter (district secretary), S. Faithfull, A. Jarvis, H. Porter, J. Smith, W. Smith, G. Thompson, T. Verrall, A. Rootes, and H. Outridge (Tunbridge Wells). The following villages were also represented:—Hadlow, Hever, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Westerham, Benenden, and Lyminge.

A number of the bellringers first proceeded to the belfry and rang a lengthy peal, and after the annual meeting they returned and the bells again rang out for some considerable time.

A short service was held in the Tonbridge Parish Church. It was conducted by the Rev. Douglas Leonard, curate, and an interesting address on bells was given by Canon C. G. Baskerville, vicar. The hymn selected was "Hark! on high the cheerful music. Hark! the concert of the bells."

After the service in the church the bellringers adjourned to the Parish Church Room, where an enjoyable meat tea was served by Mr. Whimsett, the well-known local caterer, of the Tonbridge Tea Rooms.

Col. C. E. Warner, V.D., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. Douglas Leonard, Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne), Mr. W. Latter (district secretary), etc.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. S. H. Monypenny (vicar of Hadlow), Mr. F. A. Saunders (churchwarden at Tonbridge Parish Church), Miss Rosina Macalpine Leney (sister-in-law of the Rector of Speldhurst), and Mr. D. Wright (of Westerham).

The District Secretary read his report, in which he congratulated the members on the prosperity of the district, and said that on looking back through the books to the time when they first elected him to the office of the district secretary, 17 years ago, he found the district then consisted of eight towers, with 76 practising members, and they had only one district meeting a year. Last year, although they added no new bands, the district consisted of 17 towers and 150 practising members, 26 new practising members, and one new hon. resident life member (Mr. C. Brasier, of Rotherfield) were elected during the year. They thus had a net increase of eight practising members on the preceding year, and although this was not a large increase, he thought it was satisfactory, as from various causes ringers were constantly changing their residence in the district, or giving up ringing. The number of honorary members remained the same, viz., 21. He deeply regretted to have to record the deaths of three members during the year, Mr. J. Preston, of Edenbridge, at the age of 53; Mr. E. Smith, of Chiddingstone, at the early age of 29; and Mr. D. J. Kettle, of Seal Chart, at the age of 78; and in each case they were borne to their last resting place by their brother ringers with every mark of sympathy and respect. Four district meetings had been held during the year, and were all well attended. He was glad to say that the practice instituted at Chiddingstone in May, 1909, of having a short service at these meetings had been maintained and very much appreciated by the members, and they were indebted to the clergy at the various churches for arranging the services, and also to the organists and choirs for their kind assistance. The report proceeded to give particulars of the various meetings held during the year, and in connection with the summer gathering which took place at Speldhurst, the Secretary stated that it was of particular interest owing to the fact that on this occasion the election of the first lady ringer by the district took place, Miss Bennett, of Greenwich, being the lady who had that honour. An interesting ceremony took place at Lamberhurst during the year, when a peal board recording the first peal of Minor rung by the local band, and subscribed for and erected by the parishioners, was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. Langhorne). At the request of the ringers he attended the meeting, and suggested that a fitting memorial to his late Majesty, King Edward VII,, would be the addition of two trebles to the church bells to complete the octave. Nothing definite had been decided yet, but he hoped that something would shortly be done in the matter. Nothing had yet been done at Edenbridge, but an application to the central committee of the Association for an increased grant from the Belfry Repair Fund was granted. Eleven peals were rung during the year, viz., at Hadlow, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Marden, Seal Chart, Speldhurst, Penshurst, Tonbridge. (2), Westerham and Limpsfield: while in addition to these, peals had also been rung at Buxted, Rotherfield (Sussex), Canterbury, Maidstone, Rolvenden, and Barming, and which members of the district had taken part. The Lamberhurst and Horsmonden ringers were to be congratulated on accomplishing two peals in one day at Buxted and Rotherfield, and also the Seal Chart Band, who rang seven 720's of Minor, when three of the bands scored their first peal. In conclusion, he desired to return his sincere thanks to the clergy, churchwardens, organists, choirs, and local secretaries at the various places where they had held meetings, for their kind assistance, and to those who had so generously entertained them to tea on these occasions.

The balance-sheets showed that the receipts had amounted to £20 7s., the principal items being honorary members' subscriptions, £5 5s.; and 148 practising members' subscriptions, £14 16s. The expenditure had amounted to £5 5s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 1s. 6d.

The Chairman thought that the Association was to be congratulated upon having such a report and balance-sheet. He thought the gratitude of every member was due to Mr. Latter for having produced such a result.

Both reports were adopted.

Mr. Wolfe proposed, and Mr. J. Smith seconded, the re-election of Mr. W. Latter as district secretary, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. Latter briefly expressed his thanks.

Mr. Wright was re-elected district representative on the Central Committee on the proposition of Mr. Selby, seconded by Mr. Steed.

Mr. Latter referred to the question of the next quarterly peal. He said the idea was to give ringers who did not often have a chance of taking part in a peal. He could not say that the peals had not been a success, as one of them had, but the trouble was that the ringers did not make application to take part in the peals, and he (the Secretary) had to get whom he could at the last moment. The question was whether they would continue the quarterly peal in the present way.

Mr. W. Smith, of Tunbridge Wells, suggested that they should try to get a central tower so that bands could practice together regularly. It was not always possible to make up a band in one village.

Mr. Selby thought the suggestion an excellent one, but did not see why it should lead to the giving up of the quarterly peals. He thought that, on the other hand, it should result in more peals being rung.

Mr. Steed asked if combined practices had not been tried and found unsuccessful.

The Secretary said the difficulty was that the members did not always turn up.

Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Selby seconded, that quarterly practices should be held at fixed dates.

The proposition was carried, and it was further decided to hold such practices at Tonbridge (Parish Church) and Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's), Double Norwich, Chiddingstone and Hadlow, Stedman.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Chiddingstone, the spring meeting at Hadlow, the summer meeting at Speldhurst, and the autumn meeting at Lamberhurst.

Mr. Selby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Baskerville for his address in the church, and for lending the Parish Church; the Rev. Douglas Leonard for his assistance; and Col. Warner for so kindly presiding at the meeting.

Mr. W. Smith seconded, and the proposition was warmly carried.

Col. Warner briefly responded and said he was sure the Vicar would appreciate the fact that they liked his address.

Mr, W. Latter proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. L. Schreiber for his presence, and the motion was warmly carried.

The Vicar of Shipbourne replied, and remarked that he thought he had never listened with greater pleasure to an address than he heard that afternoon from Canon Baskerville. The vitality of the Vicar of Tonbridge, after being 30 years in holy orders and reaching the age of 78 years, was really wonderful, as were also his excellence of delivery and clearness of ideas.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, January 21st, at Congresbury, when between 40 and 50 members were present. Burnham, Bristol, Congresbury, Highbridge, Huntspill, Kewstoke, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, Yatton, and others.

Divine service was held in the Parish Church at 4.15, by the Vicar, the Rev. Maunsell Eyre and Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson. A very interesting address was given by the Rev. Maunsell Eyre. Tea was partaken in the schoolroom, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mr. Poultney provided tea in excellent style. The business meeting followed; the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read. The first business being the the election of officers for the year, the retiring officers, the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson (president of the branch), Mr. Arthur Davies (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. G. Chamberlain (member of the General Committee), were all thanked for past services and unanimously re-elected. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a satisfactory balance. Brent Knoll was proposed as the next place of meeting. Six honorary and twenty-three performing members were duly elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for arranging service address and use of bells. The rev. gentleman suitably responded, and gave the Association a very hearty welcome to Congresbury. During the afternoon and evening some capital touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and Stedman Triples were rung on the fine peal of bells which have just lately been increased to eight by the addition of two new trebles; the go and tone of the bells reflect great credit on the firm of Messrs. Llewellin's and James, of Bristol, who have lately carried out the work. Congresbury has now one of the finest peals in the district.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch since its formation was held at Bretforton on Saturday, February 11th, and proved in every way a successful meeting. The District Secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, intended to be present, but was unavoidably absent through illness. The bells were available at 4 p.m., and were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, some good striking being very noticeable. A young band has recently started to learn change ringing, and they are to be congratulated upon their progress. Service was fixed for 5.30 p.m., and was well attended, the Rev. W. H. Shawcross giving an appropriate address on bells. The next move was for tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Churchwardens. A large home-cured ham was in readiness to supply the wants of the needy. Next came the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Thirty new members were elected, including the Churchwardens, J. Ashwin, Esq., and J. T. Johns, Esq., they becoming honorary members; the Vicar also being elected a performing member. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Bretforton, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Little Comberton, where change ringing is at present very dull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY.—On Sunday, February 5th, by the Shipley Branch, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at West Grinstead Church, with the bells half-muffled, before the morning service, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, late Rector of this Parish, and who was interred there on Thursday, February 2nd, amid many manifestations of sympathy. In the evening at Shipley Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung before the service. After service, 720 Violet,

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting this year of the Winchester branch was held at Eling on Saturday, February 11th. The bells at Eling were available during the afternoon and evening, and those of St. Michael's, Southampton, from 6 to 9 p.m., the methods rung on them being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Minor and Triples.

An excellent tea was provided at The Anchor inn, at which over forty members were present. The Vicar of Eling (Rev. T. Thistle), presided, and there were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (General Secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. Andrews (Captain of the Cathedral band), Mr. G. Williams, Mr. W. H. George, and members from Winchester, North Stoneham, Southampton, Dibden, Curdridge, and the Eling band. Apologies were read from Canon Braithwaite (chairman of the district), and from the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews). As the result of a suggestion made by the district secretary at the last annual meeting, an interesting paper on "Good Striking" was read by Mr. G. Williams, in the course of which he quoted advice given more than 250 years ago, and which he said ringers would do well to keep constantly in mind to-day. He promised to continue the paper on a future occasion.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, the caterer, and the district secretary.

The Ven. Archdeacon Fearon, the Ven. Archdeacon Robinson, the Rev. Canon Vaughan, the Rev. W. Annesley (Froyle), aud the Chapter Clerk (F. Bowker, esq,), have recently become hon. members of the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Canterbury district of the above Association held a meeting at Sturry on Saturday, February 11th. The tower was opened at 3 p.m., and many touches in well-known methods were successfully brought round. The Rev. G. Hyde Smith, Rector of the neighbouring parish of Wickhambreaux, visited the tower during the afternoon. Members attended from Boughton, Canterbury, Faversham, Hernhill, Ospringe, and Wickhambreaux. Six members were elected.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore heartily thanked the Vicar for his kindness in inviting the members, and in providing them wirh such an admirable tea, and in reply the Vicar expressed his great pleasure in meeting the members of the Association, his gratification on the general improvement of ringers as Churchworkers, and his hope of another meeting at Sturry in the future.

AN IMPOSTOR.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, writes: "Kindly allow me through your paper to warn ringers against a man who is going about the country taking advantage of the liberality of ringers.

Previous to starting for a peal on February 6th, he came to us and said he was looking for work, and that he was willing to turn his hand to anything if he could only find a job. Thinking he was a honest man, I told him if he would come to Surfleet on the following morning I would find him work for a week or so, and do my best to find him a regular job. He readily agreed to this, and as he said he had had nothing to eat since morning, I gave him something to get some food and a night's lodging. He had also received help from another member of the band before he saw me. I have not seen anything of him I have since heard that he has been to other towers in the district, and obtained help by the same means. He told us that he was a ringer, and that he was a glass blower by trade, and that he came from somewhere near Birmingham, and had rung a lot of peals with Mr. J. Carter.

It would be a good thing if someone would get hold of him and have him locked up—I would come forward and prosecute—because the majority of ringers are working men, and it is not right that their hard earnings should be taken from them by rogues like him."

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual ringers' supper took place on Saturday, January 14th, at The Clarence hotel. The Rev. J. Ker Thompson presided, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. W. Crandon. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from the Vicar, Messrs. Whitaker and Cox, the Rev. G. Lewis, and others, The visitors included the Rev. E. Austin, Messrs. Woodward and Hutson, and Mr. Iley. A capital supper was provided by host and hostess Pruen. Ample justice having been done to the good thiugs provided, the remainder of the evening was spent with the usual toasts, harmony, aud recitations. The party broke up just before 11 o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Staveley on Saturday, February 4th. Members attended from Sheffield, Ranmoor, Bolsterstone, Bolsover, Chesterfield. Worksop, Wolverhampton, Killamarsh, and Wingfield. The methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Yorkshire Surprise, upwards of fifty ringing members being present.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

To-day, Sat., February 18th, an attempt will be made to ring a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 12,896 changes, on the bells of St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon., starring between one and two o'clock.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Mr. Wreaks has resigned the Secretaryship of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of 106, Bank Street Clayton, Manchester, has been asked to act in that capacity pro tem. Any correspondence for Mr. Wreaks should be addressed to him, care of Mrs. Whiteford, 7, Orchard Street, Paisley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 25th. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting at 4.30. A tea will be provided. All names to be sent in by Wednesday, February 22nd, to H. T. KNOWLES, Hon. Sec. 35, Redland Road, Malvern.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Upchurch on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. allowed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911, are now due, and should be paid on or before this meeting. EDWARD A. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT CHISWICK.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will allow me to supplement the notice, appearing in your last issue, of the handbell peal rung at my house by a band of College Youths, by stating that Mr. Henry Dains acted as umpire, and that the peal was also heard by Mr. A. B. Bennett. R. A. DANIELL.

LECTURE ON BELL CASTING.

SIR,—Would you kindly announce that the Lecture by Mr. Simpson on "Bell Casting," illustrated by lantern slides, mentioned in your issue of January 28th, will be given at St. Matthias' Schools, Earls Court, on Monday, February 27th, at 8.30 p.m. Admission free. The Schools are in Warwick Road, one minute from the entrance to Earls Court Station.

WM. T. ELSON.

CONGRATULATIONS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your paper to congratulate the Guildford (Holy Trinity Society) on their remarkable performances during the past twelve months. Early in 1910 they rung their first peal of London Surprise, which was followed in the autumn by their first peal of Bristol Surprise; then on December 26th they also placed Cambridge Surprise amongst the records for the year. On Friday, February 10th, Norfolk Surprise was also accomplished, thus making four Surprise methods rang in twelve months. Really a fine achievement. All the peals are the first by a local band in the Winchester Diocese, and the Bristol was the first peal in that method by the Guild. May further success attend the efforts of Mr. A. H. Pulling (the conductor) and his band is the sincere wish of JAMES HUNT.

Guildford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LONG ASHTON.—Mr. John Thomas's 150 peals.—Bob Minor 6 (including 1 on handbells) conducted 4, Bob Major 8, conducted 3, Grandsire Triples 30, conducted 24, including 4 on handbells, Grandsire Caters 5, conducted 1, including 1 on handbells, Stedman Triples 34, conducted 8, Stedman Caters 20, conducted 2, Stedman Cinques 5, Forward Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, conducted 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 6, Superlative Surprise 4, conducted 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 9, conducted 2, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, conducted 1, London Surprise Major 10, conducted 2. Total rung 150, conducted 50.

THE LATE REV. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

On Thursday, February 2nd, the funeral of the above rev. gentleman (founder of the Kent County Association) took place at West Grinstead. At Canterbury Cathedral a half-muffled peal was rung in 3 hrs. 38 mins.—5069 by G. Lindoff—but owing to a shift-course just before the finish (only six sixes in fact) between 2 and 3. the bells failed to come round properly—1 2 3 came at back-stroke instead of at hand in the next (third) change of the six.

Mr. R. G. Pritchard, of Edgbaston House, Trevor Street, Llandudno, writes: "I am sailing from Liverpool on March 4th for Chicago. I am going out on the chance of getting work and to try my luck in a new country. Would you be kind enough to give me any addresses of ringers in connection with the bells in Chicago. Do you think they might help me to get work? I am a member of the North Wales Association, and can ring the Standard Methods. Perhaps you can also give me particulars of where the bells are in Chicago, in fact any information that will lead to me finding the ringers and bells will be welcome."

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON.—On Tuesday, January 3rd, for practice, 576 London Surprise Major. N. R. Bailey, F. J. Smith, J. M. Bailey, H. C. Gillingham, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailep conductor. On Sunday, January 8th, for morning service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Youngman, F. J. Smith, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, N. R. Bailey.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, January 15th, for Divine Service at St. Peter Mancroft, on the back eight bells (tenor 43 cwt.), 504 Stedman Triples. E. Beckett, H. J. Borrett J. Freeman, F. H. Phillips, G. Mayers, R. E. Chichester, J. E. Burton conductor), C. W. Bullen.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 23rd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Armstrong H. Armsrrong, J. E. Miller, J. A. Dart conductor, G. Bester, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, R. W. Young.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PUDSEY.—On Sunday, January 8th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Hoyle, R. Mathers, J. Place, F. Thorp, E. Mann conductor, F. W. Jones.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLIP.—On Saturday, January 14th, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Clarke, G. E. Stone, W. H. Beckley conductor, J. Malins, S. W. Prosser, G. Jones. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. G. Judge, of Kidlington, who for a short period acted as Instructor to the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH.—On Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Mrs. R. Whittington. H. Tidy, C. Charman, A. Charman, W. Charman conductor, E. Worsfold. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

HORNCHURGH. — On January 14th. for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Chaplin, F. Ottley, C. Rochester, A. Chaplin, W. Watson conductor, J. Dale.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amount towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collison, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A. H. Saxby, Captain St. John's Ringers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.-Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 23rd; and St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7 30, the others at 8 p m.
The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th Inst.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43 *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. B. O. Sharp). at Hestor, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., on Saturday, March 4th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Hartley. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, with meeting to follow. Members and friends are cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive same at earliest possible moment. C. T. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
228, *St. Johns Road, Walthamstow.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing is suspended until further notice, owing to the breakdown of the tenor.
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.-The next meeting will be held at Roydon to-day, Sat., February 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock.
JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association -Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day. Sat, February 18th. Bells open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5 o'clock. 9d. per head. All members and friends welcome. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association —Northern Branch. — The first quarterly meeting of this branch since its re-organisation. will be held to-day, Sat., February 18th at Holy Trinity. Old Hill, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Brewer. The bells (8) will be available from 3.30. Service in the parish church at 4 30, and tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Bells available afterwards. All members are heartily welcomed to the meeting and the tea. which will be free.
E. J. DOWLER, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
54, *Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.-A district meeting will be held at Sawston to-day. Sat., February 18th. Tea at The White Lion at 5 o'clock. P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newington-next-Hythe (6 bells), to-day, Sat., Feb, 18th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev —. Buckwell). has promised to preside at the meeting. Just a gentle reminder-Subscriptions are now due.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Bell inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2s. each. Short service with an address at 3.30 p.m.
G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 25th The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A service will be conducted at 4 o'clock in St. Thomas's church, and an address given by the President of the Guild—Rev. A. Gray Maitland. A free tea will be provided for all who notify me of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, February 22nd, to which all past and present members, and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited. An important business meeting will follow, at which the Vicar of Dudley will preside.
HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec*
177, *High Street, Dudley.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Pre-Lent meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, February 25th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at The Ben Lomond hotel at 4 30. Tea same place at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify.
CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, *Greenbank Crescent. Darlington.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shere and Albury on Saturday, Feb. 25th. 2.30.—Bells available Albury (6); Shere (8). 5.30.—Service at St, James' church conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. C. Hill), Preacher: Rev. H. E. Crowley, Rector of Albury. 6.15.—Tea at The White Horse, Shere. Tea tickets 6d, each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.
JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters at The White Horse hotel, Town St. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Business and nomination meeting at 7.30 p.m.
A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Bowdon and Stockport Branch. — Next meeting at Hayfield, Saturday, February 25th.
A. T. BERSTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hailsham (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members letting me know the Thursday previous. Will secretaries of bands please note subscriptions for 1911 are now due. G. H. HOWSE, *Div. Sec.*
Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Hertfordshire Association.-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be prepared, members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All members and friends are cordially invited.
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Rossendale Branch —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Chorley, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea in the Church Institute, 1s. each, to those who notify me by Thursday, February 23rd.
E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association -Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The White Lion at 5 30 p m. Will those who intend to be present please notify Mr. J. Cadwell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than a day before the meeting.
F. WHITBREAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

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

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association. — The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Haworth on Saturday. March 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by March 13th.
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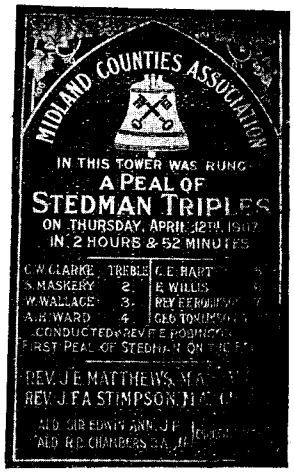

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WILLIAM DENT	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FAYERS	5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS	6.
FREDERICK PARBER	3.	THOMAS W. GARRARD	7.
GEORGE LAMBERT	4	W. R. JOHN POULSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

BARZILLAI HAWKINS	*Treble.*	HENRY L. GARFATH	5.
REV. G. COLERIDGE	2	CHARLES GILES	6.
ALBERT E. REEVES	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN.	4.	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE BUGGS*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM WOODGATE	5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN*	2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6.
THOMAS E. LOOSEMORE	3.	ERNEST PYE	7.
GEORGE R. PYE	4.	GEORGE H. JAYE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY F. DAWKINS.

*First peal in the method.

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BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM E. SHARPE	4.
WOODBURN NEVINSON	2.	JOHN HOLME	5.
THOMAS F. HEWITSON*	3.	ROGER SATTHERTHWAITE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung to celebrate the Old Year out and the New Year in. *First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN B. MARTIN	*Treble.*	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	2.	FRED CAUSBY	6.
ALFRED EVERETT	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7.
JOHN J. MAWBY	4.	FREDK. JONES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lbs.

ALFRED B. BEADSMORE*	*Treble.*	†JOSEPH CURTIS	5.
GEORGE HATTON, SEN.*	2.	JOHN H. DUNMORE	7.
GEORGE HATTON, JUN.*	3.	†ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK*	4.	*JOHN CURTIS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST W. BEADSMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN SMART	*Treble.*	ALFRED W. GROVES	5.
HENRY STALHAM	2.	BENJAMIN BASSETT	6.
HARRY EVANS	3	GEORGE GATLAND	7.
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP	*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY WILSON*	*Treble.*	JOSEPH SYMM	4.
JAS. ROBERTSON	2.	EDWARD LOWERY	5.
JOHN PIGG*	3.	JAS. SYMM	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAS. SYMM.

*First peal.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt

HARRY PEVERELL .. ..*Treble.*	G. W. PEVERELL .. .. 5.
CECIL C. RYDER .. .. 2.	E. J. TITT .. .. 6.
EDWARD HIND .. .. .. 3.	THOS. WICK .. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROBINSON*.. .. 4.	JACKSON PALLISTER ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Peverell, churchwarden at St. Andrew's.

NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAN AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED A. HILLIER.. ..*Treble.*	R. A. GOFTON .. .. .. 5.
GEO. T. POTTER* .. .. 2.	*JOEL HERN.. .. .. .. 6.
EDWARD A. HERN* .. .. 3.	THOMAS GOFTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY.. .. .. 4.	W. H. BARBER.. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by THOS, T. GOFTON.

*First peal of London.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 21 cwt.

W. BROWN .. ..*Treble.*	J. CRAWFORD .. .. .. 5.
JAS. ANDERSON 2	G. A. WARD .. .. .. 6.
G. GREEN .. .. 3.	G. SIDDLE .. .. 7.
A. MYERS .. .. 4.	F. SHERATON .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by G. A. WARD.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2. 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ..*Treble.*	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
PERCY PAINE .. .. .. 2.	FREDK G BRETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED A. ANDREWS .. 3.	JACK WILLIS .. .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	GEORGE J. JENKINS .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

R. H. RICHARDSON .. ..*Treble.*	†GEORGE R. TRUSS .. .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	†JOHN B. HALLIFAX .. .. 6.
REV. C. J. STURTON† .. 3.	GEORGE LADD .. .. .. 7.
HERBERT WILSON* .. .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

†First peal in the method. *First peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. HUDD .. ..*Treble.*	*CHARLES COLLIER .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. TEMPLE .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DAVIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS F. KING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 4.	EDMUND KING .. .. ..*Tenor,*

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

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

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3. 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES HUNT† .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM BURGESS .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. .. 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM T. EDMUNDSON *Treble.*	EMMANUEL DUTESON .. 5.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. .. .. 6.
ESAU WALMSLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
FREDERICK HINDLE .. .. 4.	JAMES ASHTON .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. SHOLICAR, and Conducted by WM. E. WILSON.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 5.
WM. C. MINCHIN* .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES .. .. 7.
H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 4.	WILFRED G. COOK .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. J. Finch to Miss O. Jones, which took place at Wrexham on December 27th.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILES*	*Treble.*	GEORGE BULL	5.
JOSEPH DYKE	2.	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH	4.	GEORGE ROBINSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1911, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST MCWILLIAM	*Treble.*	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW	5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN	2.	WM. ABBISHAW	6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW	3.	FRANCIS BARKER	7.
GEORGE W. STEEL	4.	WALTER CHAPMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATHERSLEY, and Conducted by W. CHAPMAN.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 31¼ cwt.

HENRY BRIDLE	*Treble.*	GEORGE YEO	5.
JESSE B. TYLER	2.	LEWIS MOORE	6.
EDWARD J. RIDLER*	3.	JOHN THOMAS	7.
GEORGE H. GALE†	4.	†JOSEPH CAPLE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. This was the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Friday, January 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT BEECHAM	*Treble.*	HAROLD PRATT	5.
J. WILLIAM TILLEY	2.	SAMUEL GROVE	6.
EDWIN GRICE*	3.	GEORGE HITCHMAN	7.
HARRY GROSVENOR	4.	*WM. H. GROSVENOR	*Tenor.*

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM HICKLING	*Treble.*	WILLIAM E. WHITE	4.
WALTER WHITE	2.	GEORGE H. SIMPSON	5.
THOMAS KIRBY	3.	THOMAS SQUIRES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

First peal in the four methods on the bells and by all except the ringer of the 4th.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat,

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Hon. Sec.

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COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At Christ Church, Coseley,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Fred Colclough*	Treble.	James Adams	5.
Samuel Pearce	2.	John A. Brown	6.
Titus Lowe	3.	William Smith	7.
Edward Unitt	4.	*Fred Butler	Tenor.

Conducted by J. A. Brown.

*First peal.

SEDGLEY STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Bruerton's. Tenor 19 cwt.

Fred Colclough	Treble.	John A. Brown	5.
Fred Evans	2.	James Adams	6.
Tom Watton	3.	William Smith	7.
Tom Griffiths	4.	*Arthur E. Reed	Tenor.

Conducted by J. A. Brown.

This peal contains 182 bobs and 58 singles.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 20¾ cwt. in E flat

Alfred Clayton	Treble.	Alfred T. Jones	5.
James Rumble	2.	Amos Clarke	6.
Sidney Roper	3.	Frank Holder	7.
Alfred Trappitt	4.	Charles W. Gordon	Tenor.

Composed by A. Knights, and Conducted by Frank Holder.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who has been a member of the Beddington company from the year 1869, when the bells were cast and dedicated.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The St. Andrew's Society Rugby.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Joseph A. Fenton	Treble.	Sydney Small	5.
James George	2.	Alfred J. Hessian	6.
Harry O. White	3.	Joseph B. Fenton	7.
Walter Malins	4.	John W. Chandler	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by Joseph B. Fenton.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild. First peal in the method by all except the 2nd and 7th men.

HULME (Manchester).—On Thursday, January 12th, at St. Philip's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. P. Bartram, first attempt to ring changes, W. Cooper conductor, R. Newton, F. Page, H. Chapman, J. Darbyshire.

NEWBURY (Berks).—On January 30th, at St. Nicholas church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Laidler, J. Royce, Miss Nightingale, D. Geater conductor, W. Lipscombe, T. Laidler, S. Quinton, E. Challis.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1910, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

George Wilson	Treble.	Charles F. Bailey	5.
Fredk. J. Smith	2.	Norman R. Bailey	6.
James M. Bailey*	3.	Charles Samson	7.
Ernest S. Bailey	4.	Edgar H. Bailey	Tenor.

Composed by C. Middleton, and Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

*First peal in the method away from the treble, and fiftieth peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Beine 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

Arthur Chapman	Treble.	Charles W. Clarke	4.
William V. Newman	2.	John B. Martin	5.
Harry Gayton	3.	Alfred H. Martin	Tenor.

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

First peal on the bells.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday January 7, 1911, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Evan Coles	Treble.	William G. Miller	5.
William B. Biss	2.	John Clutterbuck	6.
Fred Chamberlain	3.	Allen Rowley	7.
John Harris	4.	William Bolton	Tenor.

Conducted by Allen Rowley.

First peal on the bells, which are a fine ring by Taylor, and were given to Radyr church by Colonel and Mrs. H. Oakden Fisher. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. D. Phillips, for the use of the bells, and Mr. T. A. Share for having everything ready.

WOKINGHAM.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

Joseph White*	Treble.	*Harry Bungay	5.
James North*	2.	*Arthur Price	6.
John Rance*	3.	†Frank Lush	7.
Joseph Richardson	4.	William J. Paice	Tenor.

Composed by J. Burton, and Conducted by Wm. J. Paice.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Paice, parents the of conductor, who recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding.

A GOOD Permanent Situation offered to a suitable man, well up in the laying and sealing of drains. A good ringer of Major methods, and willing to give his services in local tower. Good churchman preferred. State experience with testimonials to Draining, care of Editor.

CORRECTED ISSUE]

DUFFIELD MAJOR.

BY G. CROSS, *Norwich*,

12345	I	B	O
54213	–	–	–
25413		–	
42513		–	
15243	–	–	
21543		–	
45123	–	–	
14523		–	
51423		–	
24153	–	–	
12453		–	
14253		S	
52413	–	–	
452 3		–	

	I	B	O
12543	–	–	
51243		–	
25143		–	
41523	–	–	
54123		–	
21453	–	–	
42153		–	
41253		S	

Four times repeated.

5088 BOB MAJOR.

BY H. PRICE.

	W	B	M	H
23645	–	2		–
62345				–
62453		–		–
45236	–	–	–	–
24536				–
52436				–
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Five times repeated. Bob or plain for single, home, halfway, and end. The 6th its extent home.

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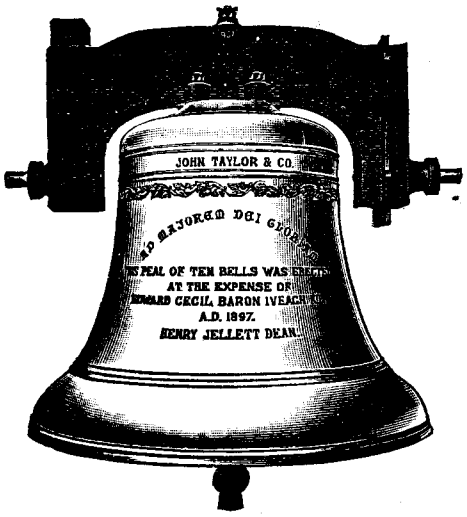

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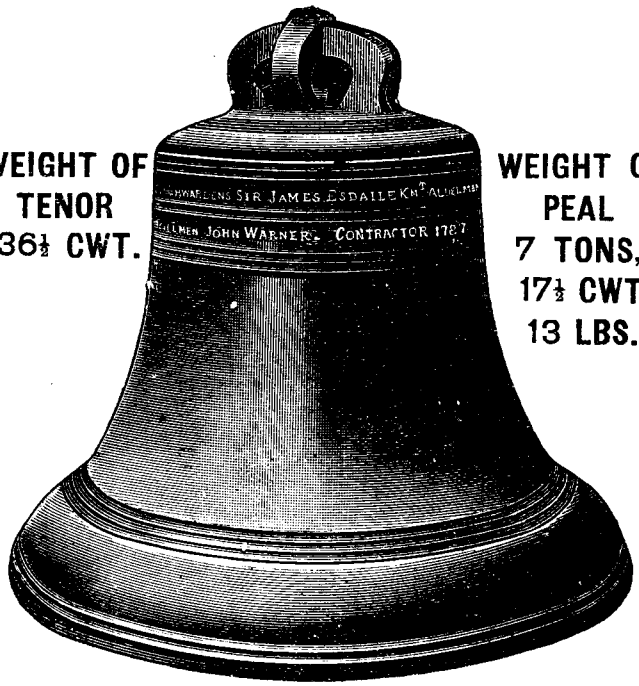

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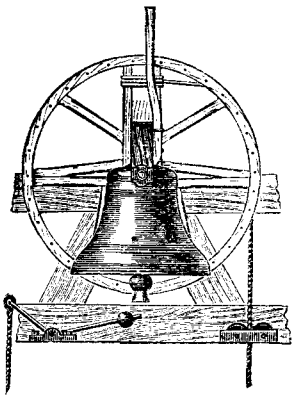

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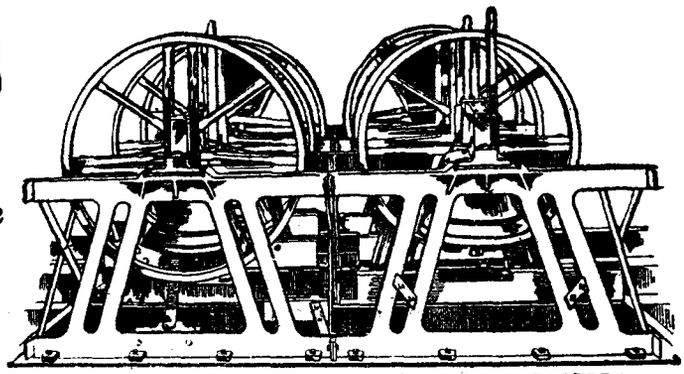

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch since its re-organizatton, was held at Old Hill on Saturday, February 18th, and was a great success in every way. The bells were set going at 3.30 to Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Superlative. Service followed at 4.30 in the parish church, Mr. Bassano presiding at the organ, which was most appreciated, followed by a most excellent address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Brewer), which was listened to by a very good congregation. Tea followed in the school, when between 60 and 70 sat down to a splendid repast, provided by a few friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Kidderminster was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, July 1st, and the quarterly peal is to be attempted at Old Hill, conducted by Mr. A. E. Parsons. Fourteen new members were elected, including the Vicar and churchwarden, and the whole of the Old Hill company. Mr. J. Pigott was elected as representative on the Central Committee.

Mr. J. R. Newman (District Secretary), proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and presiding at the meeting; and also to the friends who had provided such a splendid repast; also the ladies to whom the success of the tea was due.

Mr. T. J. Salter seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Vicar and Mr. Parsons suitably responded, the Vicar saying how pleased he was to welcome the ringers for their first meeting under the new system, and he hoped to have the pleasure of such another successful gathering on some future occasion.

The bells were kept going until 9 o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Forward Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Miss S. Pigott taking part in several touches, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 18th, when a very good gathering of ringers were present from Brigg, Scunthorpe, West Stockwith, Haxey, East Retford, and Worksop, besides the local company. The bells of the parish church were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. A short service was held in the afternoon at which the form of service in the Guild report was used, the lesson being read by the Rev. A. H. Bek, assistant-curate at Brigg parish church. At the conclusion of the office those who were present had the opportunity of listening to an excellent and instructive address delivered by the Rev. E. Letts, which was based upon the text—"Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all to the glory of God."

Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. Linley presided. After the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and one new member was elected. Mr. J. Tinker was re-elected ringing-master, and the re-election of F. Butler as District Secretary was confirmed. With a slight alteration in regard to dates, it was unanimously agreed to again adopt the use of printed cards announcing district meetings for the next twelve months.

A hearty vote of thanks from the chair was given to the visitors, and duly responded to by Messrs. Frewin, Atkinson, Parkin, Bird, and H. Warburton.

This was followed with an interesting paper by Mr. F. Linley in reference to the parish church and town of Gainsborough in by-gone years.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; to Mr. Montgomery for presiding at the organ: the choir boys, the Rev. E. Letts for having so kindly addressed those present at the service, and last, but not least, to Mr. F. Linley for presiding at the meettng were unanimously carried, and thus was brought to an end a very successful meeting.

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For the past 60 years an unweildly organ has completely blocked the XVI. Century Tower of the above Church. This instrument has now been removed into the north aisle, and an elegant Gothic arch, and the beautiful old beams supporting the ringing chamber, laid bare.

Last Sunday, for the first time for half a century, the ropes were brought through the floor of the belfry, and the ringers stood at their work, as in years past, on the ground floor of the tower. Of the bells in this Church two are of the tenth year of Charles the First, but one is pre-Reformation, bearing as it does the mark of Richard Mellour, and probably announced to the villagers the death of the first Henry Tudor if the news, of such an event ever found its way to so out of the way a part of Derbyshire.

On last Sunday too the old custom (which for 30 years has fallen into abeyance,) of ringing the treble bell at the conclusion of Morning Service, was resumed. The Churchwardens book, belonging to this Parish, is evidence of much candle grease consumed in by gone times in ringing the Curfew. Will it be worth the expenditure of more candle grease to set going again the memento of Norman tyranny?

PONTESBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

Saturday, February 18th, was the day fixed by the Condover ringers to try for a peal of Grandsire Doubles. The above place was chosen as there had never been a peal rung there, and as most of the ringers only commenced change-ringing twelve months ago, it was thought they would like to ring the first peal on these bells. E. R. Trevor Corbett, Esq., of Dorrington, who is taking a great interest in change-ringing, and only commenced to

ring a bell just twelve months ago, made all arrangements and provided a conveyance to take the ringers over to Pontesbury.

The ringers were accompanied by the Vicar of Condover (Rev. P. L. Underhill), who heard the commencement of the ringing. On arriving at Pontesbury they were informed that a funeral was to take place at the church at 4.30, which stopped them from making a start for the peal till after the funeral was over. Still, there was no time lost, as the Vicar of Pontesbury (Rev. T. R. Seddon) had kindly provided tea, as it was thought advisable to have tea before starting for the peal, which was very much enjoyed by all. Tea being over, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea and allowing them the use of the bells, a start was made for the peal, and to the delight of all the young ringers, proved to be a success, after having rung two hours and forty-three minutes.

This young band are just starting to practice Triples, and it is the wish of all that they will soon be able to accomplish a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the above Association was held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, February 11th. There was a good attendance, about forty-five members being present, over which the Rev. R. Catterall presided, and accorded a very hearty welcome to the meeting.

After formal business, the place of the next meeting was arranged for, viz., St. Albans, Rochdale. Mr. Jas. Jacques, who for a period of eight years, has held the position of Branch Secretary, tendered his resignation on account of his prospective emigration to Canada.

The resignation was accepted, with general regret from the members, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton (President of the Lancashire Association), made a presentation to Mr. Jacques of a gold model of a bell, which he described as a "perfect model." He hoped Mr. Jacques would find that his career in Canada would be successful, and that when he looked upon the bell, he would remember his old associates in bell-ringing. He went with their best wishes. Mr. Elsee also alluded to the late Rev. — Heelas and his energy in helping to provide a full peal for Middleton Tower. Mr. Jacques suitably responded. The bell contained an inscription commemorating the occasion. The election of a new secretary resulted in Mr. J. H. Bastow, of Oldham, being elected. Mr. Bastow was formerly Branch Secretary and a member of the Middleton company.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. B. Claydon, A. Allsop, G. Roberts, C. Waitman conductor, W. James, T. Bioore, B. Leedham, W. Parr.

SELSTON.—At the parish church, on Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, in 25 mins. T. H. C. Hand, J. E. Anness, W. Wharmby conductor, H. C. Harrison, W. Dobbs, A. Elliott.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS.—On Sunday evening, January 29th at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Hurdman, J. F. Godfrey, J. T. Botterill, R. Marriot, T. J. Musson, R. Mount conductor.

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345261	2 4 7 9
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253164	2 4 7 9
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This 5000 has 86 course-ends, and has the whole of the 40 course-ends with 6-7-8-9 at handstroke, and the 6th behind the 9th at 37 tittums course-ends. The course-ends come up at every 9th six.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 6th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected Representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible, The rights of Representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any Representative, or of any change in the representation itself. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Hon. Sec.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Fredk. S. Price	Treble.	Percival Price	5.
James E. Hexter	2.	Edward J. Boot	6.
Neville Widdowson	3.	Albert Coppock	7.
Joseph Bailey	4.	Richard Drage	Tenor.

Conducted by Albert Coppock.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bailey.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 16, 1911, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Harry Walter	Treble.	John Howes	5
Alan R. Macdonald	2	Robert E. Stavert	6
John H. B. Hesse	3	George Spencer	7
Bertram Prewett	4	William Warne	Tenor.

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDRACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 16, 1911, 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Herbert Knight	Treble.	Jesse Screen	5
William R. Small	2	Daniel Jones	6
William Fisher	3	James E. Groves	7
Henry Farlow	4	Robert Pickering	Tenor.

Composed by J. Carter, and Conducted by J. E. Groves.

ROTHERHAM.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Monday, January 16, 1911, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

George Oakes	Treble.	Rupert Richardson	5
George Lewis	2	Thomas Lee	6
Sidney F. Palmer	3	R. Wilfred Collier	7
Clement Glenn	4	William Hirst	Tenor.

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

Quickest peal on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.-THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1911, in 3 Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Emmanuel Wickham	Treble.	William E. Waland	5
Thomas B. Kendall	2	*John Joyce	6
James Cotterell	3	Joseph Broadley	7
William Joyce	4	George A. Nettleton	Tenor.

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and Conducted by T. Kendall

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Further reference next week.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday January 17, 1911, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

Thomas Turner	Treble.	Frederick Brunning	5
Alfred E. Bowell	2	George Murton	6
William E. Bason	3	Frederick Day	7
Alphaeus Berry	4	Ernest F. Poppy	Tenor.

Composed by H. Hubbard, and Conducted E. F. Poppy.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Tuesday, January 17, 1911, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Albert V. Moore	Treble.	Thomas Riley	5
Jesse Moss	2	Walter Robinson	6
Charles Mason	3	George W. Bemrose	7
Fred R. Kettleboro	4	John Flint	Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. Bulwer, and Conducted by J. Flint.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Joseph Revill, who was interred at Bolsover on the above date: He had been churchwarden a great number of years, and Sunday School Superintendent for about forty years.

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

SIR,—I have been engaged recently in entering peals rung in one of our Association peal books. Many people have seen the book, and invariably put the question to me—"Where is this to be kept"? Now, Sir, it has dawned upon me that to have for our large Guilds and Associations a kind of Museum in London for the safe keeping and insuring of property such as peal books or any other valuable property which the said Associations might possess, would be worthy of the best traditions of ringers and ringing. Our Secretaries are often working men, and have not the necessary room for anything extra in their homes, not to mention the anxiety of keeping valuable property which does not belong to them. If a portion of some existing museum could be procured (the Central Council might act in the name of the different societies throughout the country) a small annual fee would not hurt any of them. The various Secretaries must of course have access to the property of their particular Society upon demand. Ringers throughout the land will have as much to do in celebrating the coming Coronation as any of His Majesty's subjects, and it would be a fitting reward if some such memorial could be procured. JOHN BEAMS.

Kensington and Chelsea School, Banstead, Surrey.

AN IMPOSTOR.

SIR,—The same person that imposed on Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, also visited Bangor. The same plausible tale procured for him monetary assistance, and, due to the kind influence of our Vicar, a permanent situation. He was also supplied with good warm clothing, with which he decamped in a couple of days. I trust the publication of these incidents will not deter other bands of ringers from extending their generosity to some unfortunate brother, but would suggest that an address where reference could be made be demanded in the first instance, to which demand no honest person could object.

MORRIS J. MORRIS.

In Memoriam.

ALEC HUCKSON.

We regret to announce the death of Alec Huckson, of Braintree, which took place on January 27th, at the age of 83 years. The deceased was the father of change-ringing in the district. He came to reside in Braintree in 1858, just about the time of the restoration of the parish church, which was then the centre of the battle ground upon which was waged the great fight for the church rates. Mr. Huckson was engaged by the contractor as foreman. The fine old heavy ring of five, tenor 22 cwt., were in a deplorable condition, and orders were given to recast them into a lighter ring of six. The deceased was instrumental in teaching a young band the mysteries of the Art. By strenuous perseverance the band became the most noted of its time in the county; about fifty Minor methods were practised, including nearly all the then known Surprise methods. They were the first band to ring 720 London Surprise in the county, conducted by F. Rudkin. He was one of the founders of the Essex Association, and although for several years not able to attend its meetings, took a lively interest in watching its progress. He has taken part in several peals of Minor, including one in fourteen methods, usually ringing the tenor, and was a most accurate striker. His last appearance in the belfry was in 1899 at the opening of the two trebles to complete the octave. It was his pleasure to listen to good striking, and at the conclusion of a peal was often in the churchyard to offer his congratulations.

The funeral took place on January 28th. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. F. Rudkin, district master N.E. division. In the evening a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled, conducted by C. H. Howard, three of the band, Messrs. Rudkin, Dyson and Hammond took part with the deceased in ringing the first 720 of London Surprise in the county

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £356 0s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PLYMOUTH.—This peal was arranged to bid farewell to W. D. James, son of C. James, esq., J.P., of Plymouth, and donor of the two trebles in Charles' tower, who is leaving for Birmingham, previous to going to Cambridge. On Tuesday the ringers were entertained to supper at "Ingledene," the residence of Mr. James, when the band presented him with a brief bag as a mark of respect.

Mr. W. Marsh, in making the presentation, referred to the high regard and esteem in which Mr. James was held by the Charles' band, and in reply Mr. James said that he should always look upon the three years that he was connected with the ringers at Charles as three of the best years of his life. He also thanked Mr. W. Marsh for his instruction, and all the ringers for the sympathy shewn him. Since starting to learn to ring about 2½ years ago Mr. James has rang six peals—Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 1.

THE PEAL AT GLODWICK.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice Schofield, on her 21st birthday. After the peal the ringers were entertained at dinner at the house of Mr. Schofield, where after a splendid repast the evening was spent with handbells, songs and Lancashire sketches. The ringers wish Miss Schofield many happy returns.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amouunt towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collison, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A H. Saxby, Captain St. John's Ringers.

Margate.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The first meeting of this branch will be held at Hallow to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting at 4.30. A tea will be provided. H. T. KNOWLES, Hon. Sec.

35, Redland Road, Malvern.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Upchurch on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. allowed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911, are now due, and should be paid on or before this meeting. EDWARD A. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

SOLDIER'S BELLS FOR ALDERSHOT.

Subscription lists will shortly be ready. Anyone willing to assist with the above object kindly communicate with C. Edwards, Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line) Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.

W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. B. O. Sharp), at Heston, to-day, Sat., February 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., on Saturday, March 4th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Hartley. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, with meeting to follow. Members and friends are cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive same at earliest possible moment. C. T. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
228, *St. Johns Road, Walthamstow.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing is suspended until further notice, owing to the breakdown of the tenor.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinchbeck to day, Sat., February 25th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Bell inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2s. each. Short service with an address at 3.30 p.m.

G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dudley to-day, Sat., February 25th The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A service will be conducted at 4 o'clock in St. Thomas's church, and an address given by the President of the Guild—Rev. A. Gray Maitland. A free tea will be provided for all, to which all past and present members, and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited. An important business meeting will follow, at which the Vicar of Dudley will preside.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, *Hon. Sec*
177, *High Street, Dudley.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Pre-Lent meeting at Jarrow to-day, Sat., February 25th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at The Ben Lomond hotel at 4 30. Tea same place at 5 p.m. CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
26, *Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shere and Albury to-day, Sat., Feb. 25th. 2.30.—Bells available Albury (6); Shere (8). 5.30.—Service at St, James' church conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. C. Hill), Preacher: Rev. H. E. Crowley, Rector of Albury. 6.15.—Tea at The White Horse, Shere. Tea tickets 6d, each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The next meeting will he held at Armley to-day, Sat., February 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Headquarters at The White Horse hotel, Town St. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Business and nomination meeting at 7.30 p.m,

A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck Leeds.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Hayfield, to-day, Saturday, February 25th.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hailsham (8 bells) to-day, Sat., Febrnary 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will secretaries of bands please note subscriptions for 1911 are now due. G. H. HOWSE, *Div. Sec.*
Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Hertfordshire Association.-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford to-day, Sat., February 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be prepared, members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All members and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, to-day, Sat, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Chorley, to-day, Sat., Feb. 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea in the Church Thursday, February 23rd.
Institute, 1s. each. E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association -Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Sat., February 25th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at The White Lion at 5.30 p m.

E. WHITBREAD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.-Established 1755.-The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal, Temple Row, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m., J. S. Pritchett. esq., M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5.50. Tickets (which must be produced on entry), free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrears; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane church on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 4th. Meeting at 5 o'clock.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The unveiling of a peal-board by the Vicar, recording a peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Alkmund's church, Derby, will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be at the disposal of the ringers after the ceremony, when it is hoped a good muster will be present, ladies especially invited, and a welcome to any ringers outside this Association. J. PAGETT.
107, *Abbey Street, Derby.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 30. A good attendance is requested. JAMES H. BASTOW, *Br. Sec.*
13, *Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, March 11th, and not at Biddulph on March 4th as stated on the cards. Tea will be provided at 6d. each Those intending to be present please notify me not later than March 27th, as we shall only provide tea for those who have notified us of their intention to be present.

REV. C. E. DONNE, J. JOHNSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
143, *Flint Terrace, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks, Branch,—The quarterly meeting will be held at Padbury, Bucks. on Saturday, March 11th. Service at 3.

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

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready from 3 p m. to 7 p.m.

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

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Haworth on Saturday. March 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by March 13th.

GEO. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGES OF ADDRESS —Mr. G. F. Margetson has removed from Woodford, to "The Sparrows' Nest," Grove Lane, Chigwell Row, E.—Mr. Arthur Coleman's (Hon. Secretary of the Warwickshire Guild) address will be as follows; after March 1st, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk. All correspondence in connection with the Guild should be sent to 1, Bilton Road, Rugby, until the annual meeting of the Guild in July next.

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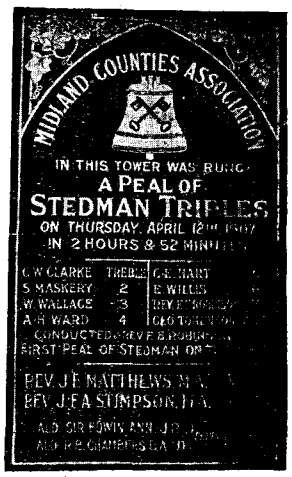

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1911.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

After a silence of seven months the tower of the parish church has signs of animation again. The old ring of six bells given in the place of three 17th century ones by a Mr. Brear, an ancestor of the present Rector, in 1824, has a few days ago been removed from the tower to make room for a new ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

The scheme has been initiated and handsomely supported by the Rector and his brother, Mr. Lupton Topham, and other members of that family. The tenor will be upwards of 17 cwt., and the peal will be one of the finest in the district, both in quality of tone and for modern improvements of fittings. And although an isolated country parish, Middleham will be noted for its bells.

Further notice of the formal opening of the peal will be notified beforehand through this paper.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble.*	HARRY FLANDERS	5.
WILLIAM PYE	2.	WILLIAM HEWETT	6.
JOHN J. LAMB	3.	REUBEN SANDERS	7.
ISAAC G. SHADE	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLEWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

HERBERT WM. LIDBEITER*	*Treble.*	CHARLES DELL	5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER	2.	WILLIAM J. NEW	6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT	3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4.	GEORGE SPENCER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Chandler and Spencer.

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

On Monday, January 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

SIDNEY F GOWLETT	*Treble.*	HERBERT W. HIBBERT	5.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	2.	RICHARD F. DEAL	6.
HENRY T. GOWLETT	3.	FREDK. J. HARDY	7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4.	FRANK J. HAIRS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	6
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2.	HENRY S. ELLIS	7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	8.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	9.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.*	5.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Duffield Royal by all the band, on the bells, by the Association, and in the metropolis. *First peal on ten bells

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

On Monday, January 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	*Treble.*	FREDK. J. HARDY	5.
HENRY T. GOWLETT	2.	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	3.	RICHARD F. DEAL	7.
WILLIAM TEUSS	4.	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble.*	BERTRAM PREWETT	6.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	*WILLIAM HEWETT	7.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	*JAMES E. DAVIS	8.
FRANK BENNETT*	4.	ERNEST PYE	9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN*	5.	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal in the method. It is also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung in London.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN E. MILLER	*Treble.*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	ERNEST PYE	6.
ALFRED PYE	3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4.	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor.*

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

The Provinces.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt

PERCY J. PAINE*	*Treble.*	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	5.
FREDK. G. BRETT	2.	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6.
LNC-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN	3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7.
EDWARD TRENDELL	4.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN	*Tenor.*

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

*First peal of Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE PARR	*Treble.*	FRANK HOCKADAY	6.
WALTER H. MARSH	2	ERNEST W. MARSH	7.
REGINALD DOBSON	3.	WILLIAM FORD	8.
WILLIAM D. JAMES	4	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	9.
HAROLD BENNETT	5.	FRANCIS PURSE	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

Reference elsewhere.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.

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

On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Primrose, Tulip, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. B. BUDD	*Treble.*	GEO. BOLLAND	4.
TOM LATIMER	2.	GEORGE W. STEEL	5.
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE	3.	WALTER CHAPMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, HORNINGLOW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, one each of Oxford Bob, and Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER*	*Treble.*	JOHN HOUGH	4.
JOSEPH T. DYKE*	2.	*ALBERT P. WAKLEY	5.
HERBERT HURDMAN	3.	DAVID COTTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in five methods by all, and in the Burton district.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5180 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

First peal of Major on the bells, and by all the band.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, January 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY F. GOWLETT	*Treble.*	GEORGE R. FARDON	5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6.
FRANK J. HAIRS	3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	4.	WILLIAM A. BROOKS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble.*	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	5.
FREDK. PEECEY	2.	WALTER S. WISE	6.
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7.
LEONARD HARRIS	4.	ALBERT SOUTHEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH, OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEO. JORDAN.

Rung in honour of T. Jordan's 40th birthday. This was W. T. Prior's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. It was also the 100th peal rung in this tower by W. Watts.

MERTHYR TYDVIL. GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDVIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART NO. 1.

W. MORGAN	*Treble.*	A. E. SLATTER	4.
E. THOMAS	2.	T. STEDMAN	6.
F. CHAVE	3.	C. E. LILLEY	7.
W. ROBERTS	4.	J. SMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. E. LILLEY.

MUSIC specially arranged in MSS. (if not in print) to suit almost any number of ringers and bells. Terms, etc., on application from WM. GORDON, 44, CELTIC STREET, WEBBNE, STOCKPORT.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Thursday, January 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. 48 lbs.

WILLIAM J. SEVIER	*Treble.*	JOHN AUSTIN	5.
JESSE GILLETT	2.	THOMAS NEWMAN	6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	3.	ERNEST E. DAVIES	7.
FRANCIS E. HART	4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor were rung by the same men that rang them for the first peal of Double Norwich twenty years ago. Rung for Mrs. Hart's birthday.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble.*	EDWARD H. LEWIS	5.
GEORGE JONES	2.	JAMES MORGAN	6.
HENRY DEW	3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT	7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON	4.	HENRY W. WILDE	*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Duffield by the Guild; also first ever rung in the county of Chester.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Four Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

GEORGE HOLMES	*Treble.*	*SIDNEY F. PALMER	7.
JAMES EVINSON*	2.	BENJAMIN GILL	8.
WILLIAM BURGAR	3.	*RICHARD W. COLLIER	9.
JOHN THORPE*	4.	SAMUEL BOOTH	10.
SAMUEL WOOD	5.	WILLIAM DAVIES	11.
JOSEPH MELLOR	6.	†HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

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

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. FOX	*Treble.*	J. MONK	5.
F. WEBB, SEN.	2.	T. PAYNE	6.
G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.	3.	H. MILES	7.
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.	4.	J. FRANKLIN	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. MILES.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. H. Judge, who was laid to rest that day.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ..	..*Treble.*	ALBERT CLEGG	5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER	2.	EDWIN SHAW	6.
JAMES LEES..	3.	JOSEPH GODDARD	7.
SAMUEL STOTT	4.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Reference elsewhere.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in B flat.

ALFRED TABRUN, JUN,*	..*Treble.*	HENRY F. COOPER	5.
WILLIAM J. RICE	2.	ALFRED RICHELL	6.
HARRY BUSH	3	HARRY RICHELL	7.
ARTHUR HEAD	4.	FREDERICK NEWMAN..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

*First peal in the method.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES J. NORTH ..	..*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	5.
WILLIAM HEWETT	2.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN ..	6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3.	JAMES E. DAVIS	7.
ISAAC EMERY	4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor.*

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

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PAREE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FRANK COLE	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SMITH	5.
WILLIAM HALE..	2.	WILLIAM HASTINGS.. ..	6.
WILLIAM AVERY	3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	7.
WILLIAM STAITE	4.	HUBERT HANKS.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

A GOOD Permanent Situation offered to a suitable man, well up in the laying and sealing of drains. A good ringer of Major methods, and willing to give his services in local tower. Good churchman preferred. State experience with testimonials to Draining, care of Editor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighe Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ON THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS†	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR E. PAYNE	5.
MATTHIAS HOBBS†	2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS	6.
ROBERT F. TURNER	3.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ..	7.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ..	4.	†ALBERT V. INNS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

†First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARSIH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH	..*Treble.*	THOMAS POTTS	5.
THOMAS HARROP	2.	WILLIAM JONES	6.
HARRY COOPER	3.	JOSEPH BENTLEY	7.
EGMONT T. MALKIN.. ..	4.	HARRY PEMBERTON ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOSEPH BENTLEY.

First peal by the ringers of the 5th, 6th and tenor.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt,

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

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours ana Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES JONES* ..	..*Treble.*	THOMAS WILLIAMS	5.
LIONEL LONGNEY	2.	CHARLES WROBLEY	6.
ARTHUR HADLEY	3	CHARLES LAYTON	7.
WILLIAM RANFORD*	4.	ANDREW LAYTON ..	..*Tenor,*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

*First peal of Major. These bells go the reverse way round, and it is the first peal of Major on them by the Gnild.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WALTER PERKINS ..	..*Treble.*	CHARLES KELLER	4.
JAMES THOMAS WARD ..	2.	WALTER JOSEPH GEEMAN	6.
JOHN BLACKWELL MARTIN	3.	JOHN MAWBY	7.
JOHN HUBERT HORN.. ..	4.	ALFRED HENRY MARTIN ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

This is J. B. Martin's 100th peal for the Association, a list of which appears elsewhere.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Grandsire, and two of Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor about 10 cwt.

ELLIOT QUINNEY	*Treble.*	HARRY ARGYLE	4.
E. HARRY STONELEY ..	2.	HERBERT CURE	5.
D. HAROLD ARGYLE	3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

First peal by the ringer of the treble.

Handbell Peals.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 2, WESLEY TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

FREDK. W. THORP.. ..	1-2.	*ERNEST MANN..	5-6.
FREDK. W. JONES	3-4.	ERNEST HOYLE	7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by ERNEST MANN.

Umpire—George Bolland. *First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on handbells in the town by a local band, and is also the first peal on handbells and the first peal in the method by the first three ringers. The age of all the ringers is under 20, that of 1-2 being 16, and the average age 18¼.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, January 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

JAMES HUNT	1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER ..	5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN.	3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH ..	7-8.

Conducted by C. WILLSHIRE.

Umpire—S. Radford. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, January 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT..	1-2.	CHAS. WILLSHIRE, SEN.	5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER ..	7-8.
*FRANK BLONDELL	9-10.		

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—S. Radford. *First peal of Caters on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE.—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a date touch of 1911 London Surprise Minor, in 1 hr. 7. mins. A. S. Allen, J. W. Lake conductor, J. Osborn, F. Blood, A. E. Larkinson, R. Richardson.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 25th, at Holy Trinity church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Miles, C. Doe, J. Rance, J. North, A. Payne, J. North, W. J. Paice, B. Hawkins conductor.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Monday, January 23rd, for practice at All Saints church, 180 Stedman Triples. J. Rance, H. Bungay, J. White, J. F. Mattingley, A. Price, F. Lush, W. J. Paice conductor, W. Rhodes.

BLEWBURY.—On Wednesday, January, 4th, 2520 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's ten-part. Miss M. W. Nightingale, T. East conductor, G. F. James, J. Napper, J. S. Napper, M. E. Caudwell, J. Dearlove, A. Woodley.

HAGBOURNE.— On Tuesday, January 17th, 2562 Grandsire Triples, being the last half of Holt's ten-part. H. Bishop, T. East conductor, W. Napper, J. Napper, J. S. Napper, M. E. Caudwell, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick. Longest touch by ringers of treble and 3rd. On Tuesday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by E. Barnett. W. Cox, H. Bishop, W. Napper, R. G. Rice conductor, T. East, J. S. Napper, J. Dearlove, W. Warwick. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 2nd.

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DOWNHAM MARKET.—On January 7th, 1008 Bob Major. H. Robinson, A. Bacon, J. Doughty, W. Goodrum, E. Barker, J. Mardell, G. Neal, A. Ferguson conductor.

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NOCTON.—On Tuesday, January 31st, at All Saints church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Willey, J. Semper, F. R. Semper, H. Bowcock, C. Semper, F. W. Stokes conductor, First 720 of Cambridge Minor by all.

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ORLINGBURY.—On January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. *S. Butler, ‡G. A. Blackley, ‡W. T. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor, T. Butler. *First quarter-peal. ‡First in the method. First ten 6-scores on the bells called differently.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ECCLESTON.—On Tuesday, January 10th, at the parish church for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. S. Jones, F. J. Usher, W. Dunning, A. E. Richards, J. Thomas, H. W, Wilde conductor. First 720 of Minor ever rung on the back six. Tenor 27 cwt.

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POOLE.—On Thursday evening, January 5th, in the belfry of St. James's church, four 168's of Grandsire Triples. E. Bloom, L. Tucker, C. A. Line, H. James, F. W. Townsend conductor, F. P. Case.

REDHILL.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Maynard, W. Streeter, E. Harman, A. Gear, A. Bashford, G. Croucher, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards. Rung in honour of the 14th anniversary of the opening of the bells, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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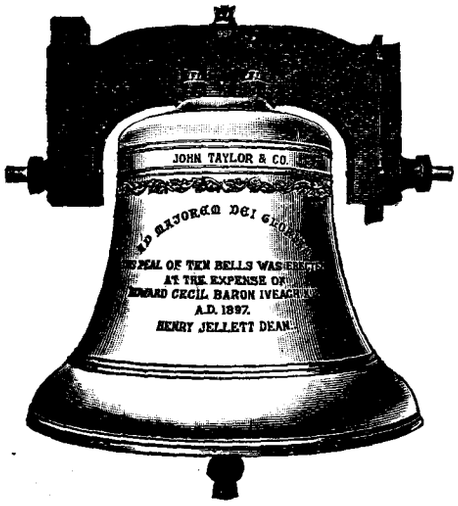

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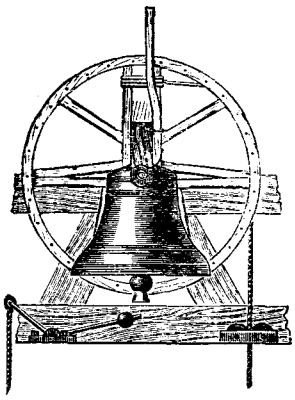

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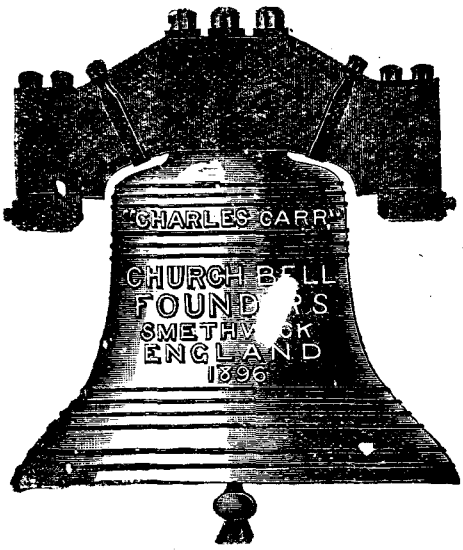

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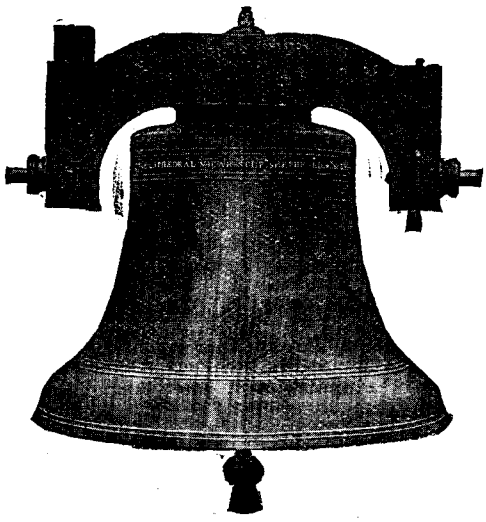

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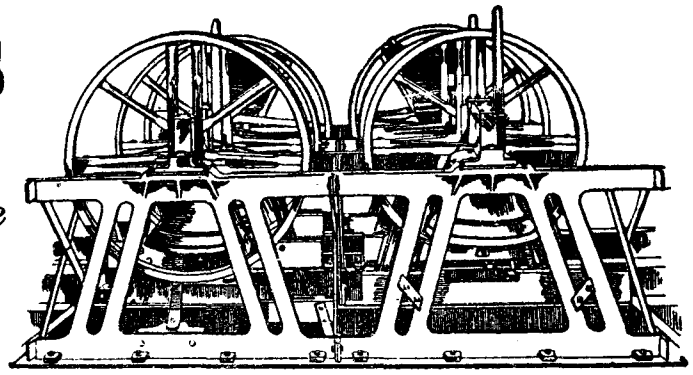

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District took place at Shere and Albiuy, on Saturday, February 25th, the weather being responsible for a small attendance, between 30 or 40 only being present. Service was held in the picturesque old church of St. James, Shere, the Rector (Rev. F. C. Hill), conducting, and Rev. H. E. Crowley (Rector of Albury), giving a very practical address on "O ye servants of the Lord." Tea took place at the far-famed "White Horse" Hotel, presided over by the Rev. J. D. Wortley, in the absence of the Rector. Several new members were elected. The ringing master (Mr. A. Pulling) gave an excellent report of the ringing for the past quarter in which the Holy Trinity (Guildford), Clandon and Cranleigh bands had done exceeding well. Mr. Pulling tendered his resignation, and proposed Mr. J. Hunt as his successor, stating as his sole reason the lack of time. The Rev. G. B. Harding (Shalford) observed that after the report they had just heard he was sure the meeting would feel they could not better their present master. It was finally decided that Mr. Pulling should continue in office with Mr. J. Hunt as deputy. Mr. C. Willshire gave an interesting resume of the Central Committee meeting at Basingstoke, and said that Guildford still headed the list of districts, and mentioned that the Guild had now a balance of £45 on the general funds and over £20 on the special purpose funds. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Puttenham on March 11th. The model ringing-chamber was afterwards visited and various methods rung, including Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire Triples.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

The first annual dinner to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley took place at The Fluer-de-Lis hotel, Fargate, Sheffield, on Saturday, February 11th, and judging by the amount of enthusiasm displayed, it is certain the venture has become an accomplished fact and firmly established. Both men were members of the Sheffield Parish Church company for 48 years and 42 years respectively, and were prime movers in the formation of the St. Peter's Society in 1883, Mr. Lomas being elected the first president and Mr. Hattersley as treasurer. Their decease took place in 1896 and 1905, respectively. They were both staunch members of the Exercise, and it is due in a great measure to their strict and firm methods in all matters appertaining to change-ringing, and particularly to their insistance on good striking, that Sheffield gained a reputation in the ringing world.

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Ringing took place at the Parish Church from four p.m. to six p.m., all the standard methods being rung on the twelve bells by mixed bands.

The dinner was very ably served by host Joseph Taylor, who at one time was a practical ringer, and still takes an interest in all that takes place in the city and district.

Just 50 members and a few friends sat down to an excellent repast, and although this number may appear small, it must be remembered that it is only just recent that the Society has been resuscitated from a few faithful members.

The inner man having been satisfied and the tables cleared, an excellent musical programme was given, together with social intercourse, provided entertainment for the remainder of the evening.

The chair was occupied by Mr. C. H. Hattersley (president), and was ably supported by Mr. W. Lomas (honorary treasurer), Mr. Sidney T. Palmer (honorary secretary), etc., etc. Mr. F. Willey (vice-president), was absent through unavoidable circumstances.

The proceedings commenced with a well rendered pianoforte solo by Miss Rowley, which was followed by a good rendering of "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations on the handbells by Messrs. Evinson, Burgar and Dixon, Mr. Rowley caused amusement by his song "All for the sake of Finnagan," and Mr. Tom Rew well earned the applause he received for a couple of clarionette solos.

In giving the toast "Prosperity to the Sheffield St. Peter's Society," Mr. C. Hattersley briefly gave the history of the society right from the formation up to the present time. Speaking of ringing that took place in Sheffield in his younger days, he said that peals were then few and far between, and that whereas at the present time peals were rung one day and forgotten the next, there was a great deal of talk both before and after a peal was accomplished in the olden days. In comparing the standards of ringing, he was of opinion that the striking was equally as good then as now, and most particular were the two men whose memory they were now honouring, but great strides had been made in the number of methods now rung. There was one feature that he considered had not advanced pro ratio, and that was that few ringers took up the work of composing, and with the exception of just one or two, the ringers of the district were content to leave this branch of the art entirely to those already in the field. He also applied the same remarks to conducting, and stated that if anyone felt desirous of studying these branches, he would only be too pleased to give any assistance that lay in his power. He also reminded the company that the first handbell peal ever accomplished was a peal of Treble Bob Major rung in Sheffield in October 1811, which was very nearly a 100 years ago, and as he had rung with some of the men who had partaken in this and other peals, he was the only living link between the past and present generations of Sheffield ringers. In conclusion, he said it gave him great pleasure to see so many present at this their first dinner, and he urged all members to unite in promoting the true art. Ringers should not be content with merely pulling a rope, but should strive to make themselves a name by taking a

greater interest in the higher elements of campanology, which with perseverance would induce a greater infusion of superior knowledge.

A touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was well struck by Messrs. Thorpe, Lewis, Glenn, Palmer and Dixon, and Mr. Glenn also gave an excellent rendering of "The Harmonius Blacksmith" on the handbells hung in a frame.

In reply to the previous toast, Mr. W. Lomas, in an excellent speech said he was proud of the honour conferred on him to reply, inasmuch as his late father was the first president of the society. Owing to a certain amount of opposition, the society had never been a large one, but the embers had been left aglow, and a breeze having now sprung up, he hoped they would continue in good fellowship and prosperity.

An original recitation, entitled "My Thoughts of the Sheffield Parish Church Company," by Mr. Palmer, came as a surprise, and brought forth rounds of applause. Mr. W. Allwood tapped a course of Bob Royal on the handbells in fine style, the Chairman remarking that it was forty years since he had witnessed a similar performance.

The toast of the "Visitors and Ladies" was given by Mr. J. T. Rew, who in a witty speech intimated that judging by the present trend of events, the time was not far distant when the order of things would be reversed and the men would become the guests of the ladies at similar functions. This was ably responded to by Mr. Rowley, who eulogised the virtues of the Sheffield ladies as compared with others he had met in other localities.

Mr. Palmer gave the toast of the host and hostess, to which Mr. Taylor suitably replied.

Mr. Glenn, in glowing terms, gave the toast of the Chairman, which was accorded musical honours.

And so ended a red letter day for the ringers of Sheffield and district, with great promises for the future.

RINGERS AT DINNER.

At the kind invitation of G. Black, Esq., of Wanstead, a select company of 14 members of the Essex Association converging from Woodford, Chigwell Row, Wanstead, Leytonstone and West Ham, assembled at Raynor's restaurant at Leytonstone on Thursday evening February 23rd.

Beneath the brilliancy of the incandescent light, and surrounded by dainty and pretty decorations, the dining-room presented an attractive and cosy appearance as the ringers took their seats, with Mr. Black in the chair, and Mr. W. Miller as vicegerent.

A good dinner doth make the heart of man glad, smooth off the rough edges of acrimony, and kindle the warmth of friendship. This was apparent after the choice and well-prepared dishes had disburdened themselves of their contents to the harmony of knife and fork, the table cleared, and the festivities of song, music, cigars, etc., followed.

Mr. Black gave the toast of "The King," which was heartily responded to. Then came a pianoforte selection given by Mr. A. Fiddes, followed by a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells by Messrs. Miller, Moule, Wightman, Doran and Torble.

Mr. G. Dawson then gave a capital song, and Mr. H. Pooley gained an encore by his clever rendering of "Playing the Game in the West." Messrs. Morse and Wightman pleased the company by a few tunes on the handbells.

Then followed the toast of the evening, "Our host, Mr. Black," given by Mr. W. Miller, who said: "Everyone who knew Mr. Black held him in the highest esteem, not only as an efficient ringer, but as a gentleman who added lustre and character to the art. They were proud of his partizanship, and he knew all would desire that the future would keep him in the bonds of friendship."

Following the draining of cups, Mr. Black responded by assuring all of the pleasure it gave him to have the opportunity of meeting them. Since his initiation into the art of change-ringing, other changes had come up, more onerous in the affairs of life, and perhaps more intricate to accomplish, especially when he found himself booked for a peal. However, he felt the same devotion to the science, and would ever render what assistance he could to promote the art and benefit the ringers.

Messrs. Fiddes and Margetson gave a selection on the violin and the piano, which was well received, followed by a song from Mr. F. Doran in capital style, accompanied by Mr. Black on piano. Next came Mr. H. Torble, with his familiar song, "Round goes the Wheel," Margetson accompanist. Mr. Pooley having again responded to his encore, a course of Grandsire Triples by Doran, Moule, Wightman and Hayden came next on the programme, at the conclusion of which the reporter apologised for having to leave to catch the last train to "Sparrow's Nest," thanking Mr. Black for his generosity and the company for their favours.

Now the rest of the acts of the celebrated Minor Surprise ringers of Leytonstone, on this particular night, and all that they did after the writer had gone, must be relegated to the realm of conjecture, and shall not be found in the books of the chronicles of G. F. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Chippenham on the 25th February last. About 20 members attended. Service was held at 5.30, followed by a tea and business meeting, the meeting being presided over by the chairman of the branch—Rev. H. A. Cockey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on the 1st April. One honorary and four performing members were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches for the service arranged and for the use of the bells, etc. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major and Double Norwich Major were rung at both churches.

WRINGTON CHURCH BELLS

Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of rehanging these grand bells. Four trebles have been promised to make them a ring of ten. About £420 is required for the rehanging, and about £356 0s. is already in hand. Any subscription, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by John H. B. Hesse, 15, Bolton Gardens, Teddington. The work will be entrusted to Mears and Stainbank.

WANTED a Situation as Gardener (single-handed). No objection to pony or cow. Change-ringer, conductor or instructor on any number of bells.—Address, Gardener, office of this paper.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. For evening service 726 Oxford Delight, and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. After evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Chaplin- A. Playle, G. Playle (conductor Woodbine and Oxford), R. Miles (conductor Kent and Oxford Delight), E. Hawkins, E. Butler, and F. Freestone.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH.

LYTHAM.—On January 29th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob. C. Kerr, J. Fell, H. Willing, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On Sunday morning, February 5th, for morning service, 720 London Single. C. Kerr, J. Fell. H. Willing, D. McLellan, J. Hardman, J. Tipping. For evening servike 720 Oxford Bob. C. Kerr, D. McLellan, H. Willing, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, S. Allanson. All conducted by J. Tipping.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, February 11th, for Divine Service, 1248 Double Norwich Major in 47 mins. G. Jenny, H. Day, A. Bowmer, A. Hutchinson, H. Hill, F. Hill, H. George, J. Pagett composer and conductor. Rung for the first time; also first quarter-peal in tho method on the bells. On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Jenny, C. Pilcher, A. Bowmer, F. Hill, H. Day, A. Hutchinson, A. Haslam, H. George conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On January 25th, at Great St. Mary's, 720 Kont Treble Bob Minor. B .C. Roberts, Rev. A. H. Boughey, A. C. Blytb, R. O. Street, O. W. Shelton, E. M. Atkins conductor. This is believed to be the first of Treble Bob ever rung on tower bells by resident members of the Guild. On February 6th. on handbeils, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. B. Roberts, Rev. A. H. Boughey, E. M. Atkins, R. O. Street.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Thursday, Februare 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. A. Tomlinson, W. Briggs, F. Hindle, E. Walmsley, E. Duteson, J. Watson, W. Wilson conductor, W. Edmundson, J. Ashton. Longest length in the method by all the band.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday morning, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Panl's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 43 mins. H. Cook, F. Symonds, E. R. Mackrill, C. Bird, E. Cole, J. Kent, F. Skevington conductor, C. Hunt.

HARBORNE.—On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service, a quatter-peal of Grandsire Teiples in 45 mins. G. Such, G. Tillep, E. Grice, H. Pratt, H. Grosvenor. G. Hitchman conductor, G. Gibbs, W. H. Grosvenor. Bung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dowager Lady Wiggin, of Metchley Grange, Harborne.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service, 1694 Grandsires Triples in 1 hr. F. Bigg, H. Walton, A. Walton, T. Wyatt, A. Miiler, T. Miller, G. Wild conductor, K. Wightman.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks.)—On Monday, February 6th, for practice at the parish church, 1248 Double Norwich Major in 46 mins. A. Gill, W. Brook, J. Carter, H. Walters, J. Lenten, J. Jackson, F. Moody, A. Walker condnctor.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—Gn Febreary 7th, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *Miss M. Thompson, *S. Cox, L. Willars, A, Bell, H. Brown, J. Clarke cohdnctor, J, Willars, W. Thompson. *First quarter-peal, aged 16 years. Rung as a compliment to W. Thompson on his 50th birthday, it being his daughter who rang the treble.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Sunday, February 26th, on handbells, in 25 minutes, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Goakes, H. Goakes, T. Haines, H. Banham, R. Narborough, C. Goakes (conductor). This was the first 720 by all except the ringer of the second and the conductor. The ringer of the treble is 11 years of age.

In Memoriam.

DAVID POPE.

Wisbech has lost one of its best known inhabitants in the death of Mr. David Pope, the old verger and parish clerk of St. Peter's, after a very brief illness, on Friday 10th. Campanology was one of his hobbies, for starting at the age of 18 years he continued as a ringer up to the time of his death at the age of 74. For many years he had been captain of the local company, and on Sunday his fellow ringers rang a half-muffled peal before the morning and evening services. At the morning service the concluding voluntary was Beethoven's Funeral March. In the evening the organist's introductory voluntary was Schubert's Funeral March, and at the conclusion of the evening service the Dead March in Saul was played, the congregation reverently standing. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. The first portion of the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, assisted by the curate, the Rev. A. Parham. The seat of the deceased was draped with purple, as was the processional cross and the gown worn by him while carrying out his duties in the church was placed on the coffin together with his wand of office. The deceased took a great interest in friendly societies, having been an Oddfellow for over half a century, and at the time of his death was treasurer of the Neptune Lodge. Representatives of this Lodge headed the procession in large numbers. The C.E.M.S. was also represented, the Secretary carrying a floral cross. The Men's Service Committee followed and then came the bellringers, two of whom (Messrs. Narborough and Duffield) carried a huge floral bell suspended between two poles. After the ceremony a muffled peal was rung. Mr. David Pope came of an old Wisbech family, and remembered five Vicars. In a service of thirty-seven years as verger and parish clerk he could relate many interesting experiences, among which quite recently he had the honour of conducting the Queen and two of the Princes round the church when they paid a surprise visit.

AN APPEAL.

I kindly ask if the readers of this paper will assist me in subscribing a small amouunt towards the widow and three young children of the late Mr. W. J. Collison, who passed away on January 20th, after a very lingering and painful illness, at the age of 37 years. The deceased, who served during the best part of the South African War, came to Thanet about eight years ago, and joined the St. John's, Margate, ringers and took a very active part in instructing the younger members. Through no fault of his own he has been unable to provide for those he leaves behind, and for these I humbly make this appeal. Whatever sum you can send me will be gratefully received and appreciated. A. H. Saxby, Captain St. Johh's Ringers.
Margate.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Upchurch on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. allowed. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1911, are now due, and should be paid on or before this meeting. EDWARD A. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

SOLDIER'S BELLS FOR ALDERSHOT.

Subscription lists will shortly be ready. Anyone willing to assist with the above object kindly communicate with C. Edwards, Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Richard Williamson ...Treble.	*Harry Tompkins ... 3
Thomas Ablitt ... ... 2.	Matthias Hobbs ... ... 4.
Thomas Butler ... ...Tenor.	

Conducted by Matthias Hobbs.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

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

Walter Prior... ... ...Treble.	John Luckey... ... ... 5.
William Watts ... ... 2.	William T. Prior ... ... 6.
Nathan J. Pitstow... ... 3.	Thomas J. Watts... ... 7.
Thomas Jordan ... ... 4.	George Jordan ... ...Tenor.

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and Conducted by G. Jordan.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred Davies ... ...Treble.	*Abraham Greenfield ... 5.
Joseph Faulkner* ... ... 2.	*Albert Prestidge ... ... 6.
Harry Hill* ... ... 3.	*Walter Prestidge ... ... 7.
Harry Price ... ... 4.	†John Massey ... ...Tenor.

Conducted by Alfred Davies.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Greenfield, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 3 Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES.

In the following methods: Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs. in F.

Walter Flitton* ... ...Treble.	Francis W. Bowtell ... 4
Percy Webb 2	Arthur G. Lilley 5
Eustace Webb... 3	*Frederick Griggs... ...Tenor.

Conducted by P. Webb.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the tenor is only 15 years of age.

The dedication and opening of the new ring of eight bells at Caerphilly will take place on Tuesday, March 14, at 7.30 p.m. The order for a new ring of eight bells for Llanbradach has just been placed with Messrs. Taylor. Llanbradach is the adjoining parish to Caerphilly.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major on page 668 of last week's issue was rung at St. Nicholas' church at Cranleigh, and not at Guildford as printed.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 26 cwt.

George Williams ... ...Tenor.	William H. George ... 5
Lionel H. Page 2	Alfred Mears... 6
William J. Rynes* ... 3	Andrew Mears 7
William G. Edwards ... 4	William T. Tucker ...Tenor.

Conducted by George Williams.

*First peal, who, with the brothers Mears belong to the local company.

KNEBWORTH.-THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Fred Jeffs* ... ...Treble.	*Leonard Fidler 5
Henry S. Reeves 2	Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 6
John Hare 3	John F. Foster 7
Francis R. Bacon 4	Edward Whitbread ...Tenor.

Composed by E. J. Gale, and Conducted by E. Whitbread.

*First peal of Major.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur G. Arnold ...Treble.	Edgar R. Jones ... ... 4.
Louis S. Griffiths 2	William D. Griffiths ... 5
William Pritchard† ... 3	*Emmanuel Bowen ...Tenor.

Conducted by William D. Griffiths.

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

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Ten-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

John Rumbold† ... ...Treble.	James Metcalfe 5
Thomas Ingleby* 2	Thomas Metcalfe 6
Walter Rich 3	Ernest Burnett 7
Arthur Temple 4	†Fred Shepherd ... ...Tenor.

Conducted by Ernest Burnett.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 90th birthday of Mr. Joseph Baines, one of the local band, who has been a change-ringer for 67 years. Mr. Baines rang the 2nd in a peal of Kent Major when in his 83rd year, and is still a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing, and on Sunday, January 29th, he took part in touches of Minor for morning and evening service.

NETHERSEALE—On February 4th, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course. W. W. Worthington, H. Hurdman, W. J. Smith, D. Cotton, J. Hough conductor, L. Bullock. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells. Also 720 College Single. W. J. Smith, J. Hough, H. Hurdman, W. W. Worthington, L. Bulluck, D. Cotton conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line) Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.-Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 7th and 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 13th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 7th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that the practices at St. Clement Danes, Strand, are now held every fortnight on a Monday evening. Tower open at 8 p.m.
W. G. MATTHEWS, *Master.*
43, *Chaplin Road, Willesden, N.W.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., to-day, Sat., March 4th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Hartley. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, with meeting to follow. Members and friends are cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive same at earliest possible moment. C. T. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
228, *St. Johns Road, Walthamstow.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing is suspended until further notice, owing to the breakdown of the tenor.
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.-Established 1755.-The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal, Temple Row, to-day, Sat., March 4th, at 6.30 p.m., J. S. Pritchett, esq., M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5.50. Tickets (which must be produced on entry), free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrears; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.
A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
11, *Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster to-day, Sat., March 4th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.
T. RILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane church to-day, Sat., March 4th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.
G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., March 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Broughton-in-Furness to-day, Sat., March 4th. Meeting at 5 o'clock.
W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The unveiling of a peal-board by the Vicar, recording a peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Alkmund's church, Derby, will take place to-day, Sat., March 4th, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be at the disposal of the ringers after the ceremony, when it is hoped a good muster will be present, ladies especially invited, and a welcome to any ringers outside this Association. J. PAGETT.
107, *Abbey Street, Derby.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. JAMES H. BASTOW, *Br. Sec.*
13, *Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, March 11th, and not at Biddulph on March 4th as stated on the cards. Tea will be provided at 6d. each.
REV. C. E. DONNE, J. JOHNSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
143, *Flint Terrace, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks. Branch,—The quarterly meeting will be held at Padbury, Bucks. on Saturday, March 11th. Service at 3.
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, March 11th. Service in the parish church at 3.30. Tea in the Church House at 4.15 p.m., with meeting to follow.
Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association. — The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Haworth on Saturday, March 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by March 13th.
GEO. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.-Burton-on-Trent District. — A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open at 3. Meeting in the vestry at 5. H. WAKLEY, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association. — South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, March 18th. Short service in St. Mary's church at 5 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's parish room at 5.30, 9d. each. Will members who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 15th. HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Coleman's (Hon. Secretary of the Warwickshire Guild) address will be as follows; after March 1st, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk. All correspondence in connection with the Guild should be sent to High Croft, Norfolk, until the annual meeting of the Guild at Warwick on Saturday, July 29th, 1911.—The address of Mr. Lewis Green, is 7, Richmond Terrace, Albert Road, South Woodford, Essex.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SHIPLEY (reported last week).—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Nettleton. It should have been rung on Saturday the 14th, but owing to a funeral it was not attempted. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Institute, Saltaire, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Nettleton, to tea, with a few ringing friends and others. This was followed by a whist drive, handbell ringing, and singing, a very pleasant evening being spent. Mr. Bolland proposed a vote of thanks, and Mr. Cotterell seconded, to Mr. and Mrs. Nettleton, for so kindly entertaining them.

THE PEAL AT HORHAM.—This peal was rung previous to a successful and encouraging quarterly meeting of the Norwich Association being held at the adjoining and beautiful church tower, and splendid ring of bells at All Saints, Stradbroke, Suffolk, and therefore the ringers that took part were selected from the various districts of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE PEAL AT WEST BROMWICH.—This is Mr. Walker's 50th peal on twelve bells, consisting of Stedman Cinques 44, conducted 21; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3, conducted 2: Forward Maximus 2; Plain Bob Maximus 1. The ringers were met after the peal by the Rev. J. P. Maud, Vicar of St. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, who congratulated them on the excellent striking, and expressed a wish that they would in the near future visit Bristol, and ring a similar peal on his bells.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH. — L. Wiffen's 200 Peals. — Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 5, Stedman Triples 20, Bob Major 3, Treble Bob Major 22, Double Norwich Major 41, Cambridge Surprise Major 20, Superlative Major 21, London Major 15, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 13, Bob Royal 1, Oxford Royal 1, Kent Royal 3, Double Norwich Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Stedman Cinques 11, Bob Maximus 11, Kent Maximus 13, Double Norwich Maximus 1, Cambridge Maximus 2. Total—200.

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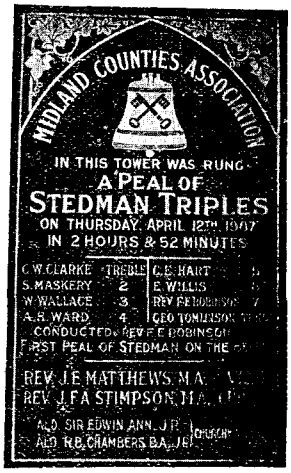

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Double Court, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS COPELAND ..	..*Treble.*	*WILLIAM H. HILLIAM ..	4.
REV. C. J. STURTON.. ..	2	GEORGE R. TRUSS	5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER.. ..	3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. B. HALLIFAX

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. C. J. Sturton, who is shortly leaving Fleet having been curate of the parish for over fourteen years.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt in D.

ARTHUR COLEMAN ..	..*Treble.*	SIDNEY C. SMALL	5.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	2.	*CHARLES W. WHEELER ..	6.
HARRY O. WHITE*	3.	JOSEPH B. FENTON	7.
JOSEPH A. FENTON*	4.	JAMES GEORGE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to the Ringing-Master, Mr. Arthur Coleman, on his leaving Rugby to reside in Norfolk.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN	*Treble.*	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN	5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN	2.	ALBERT E. YOUNG	6.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	3.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY	7.
ALFRED CHAPLAIN	4.	JAMES PRATT	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

First peal of Major by all and on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's 12-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

CORNELIUS BOWEN	*Treble.*	JOHN BUTLER	5.
FREDERICK ATWELL	2.	JOHN W. JONES	6.
MAURICE SELBY	3.	JAMES PIPPIN	7.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	4.	JOHN GODDARD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells since having been augmented to eight by Messrs. Warner last month. An excellent splice has been effected, and the go is perfect.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs.

SAMUEL PAICE	*Treble.*	JOHN RANCE	4.
JAMES NORTH	2.	*JOSEPH WHITE	5.
FRANK LUSH	3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

*First peal of Minor away from the treble.

TIBENHAN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Bob Minor.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. SKINNER	*Treble.*	FREDK. SEAGER	4.
GEORGE SNELLING	2.	FREDK. MANSER	5.
ALBERT BROWN	3.	JOHN SNELLING	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. MANSER.

HORHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor about 7½ cwt.

FREDK. DAY	*Treble.*	WILLIAM E. BASON	5.
ERNEST F. POPPY	2.	JAMES MOTTS	6.
WILLIAM IRELAND	3.	WILLIAM FLORY	7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	4.	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor.*

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

Reference elsewhere.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT ABERDARE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's 12-Part.

CHARLES PALEY	*Treble.*	WILLIAM ROBERTS	5.
EDWARD THOMAS	2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN	6.
FRANK CHAVE	3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7.
ALBAR E. SLATTER	4.	JAMES SMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. R. LILLBY.

First peal on the bells for thirty years.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE†	*Treble.*	FREDK. J. LAMBERT	5.
EDWIN LAMBERT	2.	*GEORGE HADAWAY	6.
FREDK. S. MACEY	3.	CHARLES H. SONE	7
FREDK. HODGKIN*	4.	PERCY BROWN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

†First peal, aged 15. *First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. Quickest peal on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

J. T. JOHNSON†	*Treble.*	F C. PERRINS	5.
D. TABLING	2.	*H. G. THOMPSON	6.
L. G. THURGOOD	3.	W. A. ALPS	7.
H. G. ROWE	4.	G. COLE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

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

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE THORNTON	*Treble.*	CHARLES RALPH	5.
WILLIAM B. SMITH	2.	WILLIAM CLOUGH	6.
THOMAS HATHAWAY*	3.	FREDK. W. DIXON	7.
STANLEY WALKER	4.	JAMES HORNER	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

*First peal.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

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

SAM THOMAS	*Treble.*	*MAURICE WARD	5.
JOHN FLINT	2.	FRANCIS WARD	6.
FRED WARD*	3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT	7.
JOHN HOLMAN	4.	*CHARLES HAYNES	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the wedding of Captain Stanley Somerset Wreford Paddon, 30th Jacob's Horse (Indian Cavalry), to Nora, second daughter of S. Earnshaw Howell, esq., of Ranmoor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

WALTER G. ROWE	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM ROWE, SEN.	5.
ALBERT MARKS†	2.	CHARLES J. FRAY	6.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late JOHN THORP and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Maior. †First peal of Treble Bob. This is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung by a local band of the Guild in Hampshire.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

WALLACE MANNING*	*Treble.*	JAMES SULLY	4.
WILLIAM HOYLE	2.	WILLIAM BENNETT	5.
HERBERT STEVENS	3	HENRY MOORE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

*First peal of Minor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

E. HUNT*	*Treble.*	R. CHALKLEY	4.
T. HULL*	2.	F. JEFFS	5.
J. MALYAN	3.	J. PAYNE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. PAYNE.

*First peal of Minor.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WALDER, JUN.	*Treble.*	GEORGE A LEWRY	5.
GEORGE WELLER	2.	THOMAS GASSON	6.
WILLIAM VINCENT	3.	WARDEN WALDER	7.
W. HARRY PACKHAM	4.	GEORGE PACKHAM	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS GASSON.

First peal as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OP STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FISHER	6.
THOMAS J ELTON	2.	ROBERT PICKERING	7.
REV. C. C. COX	3.	FREDERICK J COPE	8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN	4	JOHN C. ADAMS	9.
DANIEL JONES	5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Carlisle, Cambridge, London and York Surprise, and 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

GEORGE NICHOLS*	*Treble.*	*HENRY STOWELL	4.
HENRY BLACLMAN	2.	FREDE. BLNNETT	5
JOSEPH GOACHER	3.	†WILLIAM DAY	*Tenor,*

Conducted by W. DAY.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. *First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE DOCKYARD CHAPEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ERNEST W. MARSH	*Treble.*	HAROLD BENNETT	5.
WILLIAM RUNDLE*	2.	WALTER H. MARSH	6.
JOHN HOBBS	3.	*WILLIAM FORD	7.
FRANK HOCKADAY	4.	*W. THOMAS LIMMELL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the first tower in the Guild in which a peal in four different methods ha been rung by a local band.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED DAW*	*Treble.*	GEORGE BILLENNESS	4.
RAYMOND DUNSTER†	2.	†FREDK. BURT	5.
CHARLES TRIBE	3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

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

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

BART MITCHELL*	*Treble.*	ALBERT COPPOCK	5.
ALBERT H. WARD*	2.	JOSEPH DAVIES	6.
CHARLES E. HART	3.	FREDK. ROWLEY	7.
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	4.	JOSEPH BAILEY	*Treble.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. MANNING*	*Treble.*	HENRY CHAPLIN	4.
ALBERT J. SHATTOCK*	2.	†FRANK WAYGOOD	5.
WILLIAM H. CHAPLIN†	3.	ISAAC CREED	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor by all.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM *Treble.*	WALTER BURST .. .. .. 5.
ARTHUR SAUNDERS* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM ROOT .. .. .. 6.
JAMES FLEUTY .. .. .. 3.	*JAMES FRENCH .. .. .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON .. .. .. 4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by E. RIDGWELL

*First peal.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERNEST G. WILSON* .. ..*Treble.*	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR TEMPLE* .. .. 2.	FREDK P. HOWCROFT .. 6.
ALBERT R WEBSTER* .. 3.	*JOHN LOWREY 7
WM. T. ROBSON .. .. 4.	ALBERT SIMPSON .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

*First peal in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED EVERITT .. ..*Treble.*	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
WILLIAM V NEWMAN .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 6.
GEORGE LINES .. .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7
HENRY W. GAYTON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN C. G. HAGGAR* ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR S. BOAR .. .. .. 2.	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 8.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 3.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 9.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. .. 10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	EDWARD EVANS .. .. .. 11.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This was L. W. Wiffen's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qrs. 25 lbs.

EDGAR HANCOX .. .. ..*Treble.*	ALAN MACDONALD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	ROBT. H. YOUNG .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung at the dedication and unveiling of a peal tablet erected in the belfry to record the last peal rung by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, late Master of the Guild.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT ..*Treble.*	HUBERT HORN .. .. .. 5.
FREDK. STUBBS .. .. .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
FRANK KIRK .. .. .. 3.	WALTER GILBERT .. .. 7.
JAMES WARD .. .. .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

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THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. ..*Tenor.*

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On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Grandsire, two 720s each of Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED J. LECLERCQ ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. LOWMAN .. 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 2.	GEORGE UPSHALL .. .. 5.
HUBERT CHAFFEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells. First peal of Minor with a bob bell by ringers of the 4th and 5th. First peal by ringer of 3rd.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, January 23, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

ARTHUR LEEDER .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN SOUTER .. .. .. 5.
TOM FORD, JUN. .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. BASON .. .. 6.
CHARLES MILLS .. .. .. 3.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 7.
ALFRED KEEBLE .. .. 4.	CLEMENT J. MORE .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

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(Rochdale Branch.)

On Monday, January 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH .. .. 2.	JAMES JACQUES .. .. .. 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM .. .. 3.	JAMES H. BASTOW .. .. 7.
THOMAS R. DRIVER* .. .. 4.	TOM WELLENS .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by J. H. BASTOW.

*First peal in any method.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, January 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt,

FREDK. C. LAMBERT	*Treble.*	WALTER KERRISON	4.
JAMES SPALDING*	2.	JAMES HOWARD	5.
ARTHUR H. TOOK	3.	JOHN O'NEILL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Burton, of the old vicarage, Wissett, who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal. *First peal on six bells.

BLO NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SOLOMON MOULE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM EDWARD BASON	4.
OSCAR GARNHAM	2.	JAMES BASON	5.
WALTER BLOOMFIELD	3.	ALLAN GARNHAM	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. BASON.

First 5040 on the bells since their augmentation from five to six.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, January 23, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN S. NAYLOR†	*Treble.*	†SPENCER MARSHALL	5.
GEORGE H. SPICE‡	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	3.	WILLIAM SPICE	7.
FREDERICK S. MACEY	4.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. SPICE.

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

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM JACKSON	5.
HAROLD JACKSON	2.	ROBERT DAVIES	6.
ALFRED BARNES	3.	ALLAN S. GORDON	7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON	4.	FREDK. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First attempt for a peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and College Single, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER*	*Treble.*	ALPHAEUS BERRY	4.
GEORGE CATTERMOLE	2.	CHARLES NUNN	5.
CHARLES ROSE†	3.	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker.

BLACKPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART (R.C.)

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

L. GREEN	*Treble.*	H. THRELFALL	5.
JAS. BOLTON	2.	F. WHITESIDE	6.
F. W. GREENWOOD	3.	T. D. CROOKALL	7.
J. SMITH	4.	J. ATKINSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by T. D. CROOKALL.

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ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. CORBETT	5.
GEORGE WYATT	2.	JOHN HOYLE	6.
ALBERT GOLDSMITH	3.	WILLIAM COOK	7
JOHN WYATT	4.	GEORGE COOK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR D. BURGESS	*Treble.*	TOM WILDE	5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2.	ALBERT HOUGH	6.
JOHN POWNALL	3.	*ALFRED ROBERTS	7.
BENJAMIN THORP	4.	MALCOLM OLDFIELD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by B. THORP.

*First peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Double Court, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN	*Treble.*	JOHN SNELLING	4.
FREDK. MANSER	2.	GEORGE SNELLING	5.
ROBERT HUTTON	3.	FREDK. SEAGER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. MANSER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM DENT	*Treble.*	*CHARLES WOODCOCK	5.
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2.	WM. R. JOHN POULSON	6.
GEORGE LAMBERT†	3.	THOMAS PRYKE	7.
WILLIAM FAYERS	4.	STEDMAN H SYMONDS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

†First peal in the method. *First peal away from the treble, and for whom this peal was arranged.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

After being postponed twice, a district meeting was held at Sawston on Saturday, February 18th. A tea was prov;ded at The White Lion, and a good number were present. The following towers were represented: Cambridge, Fulbourn, Great Shelford, Stapleford, Ickleton, and the local band. The businees meeting followed the tea. The Vicar who was unfortunately unable to get there in time for the tea, kindly presided at the business meeting. New ringing members were elected, the Vicar being elected an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Swavesey and Over early in July

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Webb to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells. He said it gave them great pleasure to come to Sawston. No doubt the Vicar thought they often wanted to ring at Sawston, but he was pleased to say they were always made welcome when they came. The reason they liked to come was because it was about the only eight-bell tower beside Cambridge in the district.

It was seconded by Mr. J. Taylor, who said it was a nice handy ring of eight no one wishing bells to go better.

The Vicar in reply said he was very sorry he was unable to get there earlier, but they said better late than never. He was very pleased to see such a large number present, and he felt honoured in being elected a member of their Association, and he was onlytoo pleased to welcome members of the Association at any time they wished to ring at Sawston.

A move was aiterwards made to the church, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Bob Minor were rung up till 9.30, some of the local members ringing their first course of Major.

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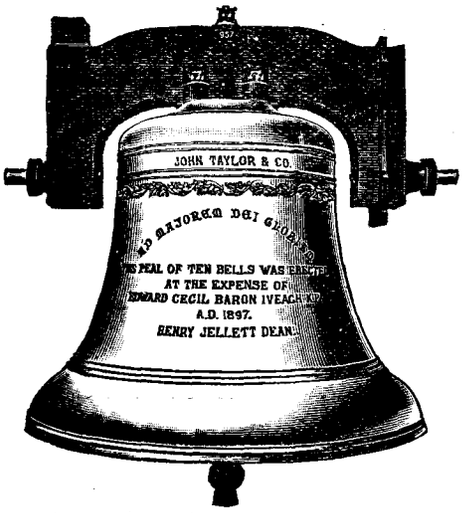

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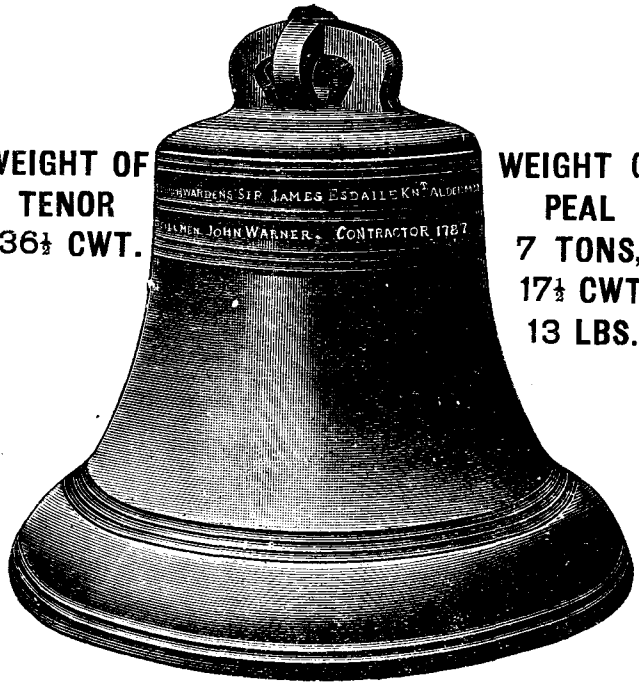

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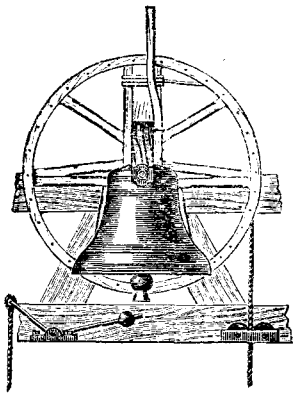

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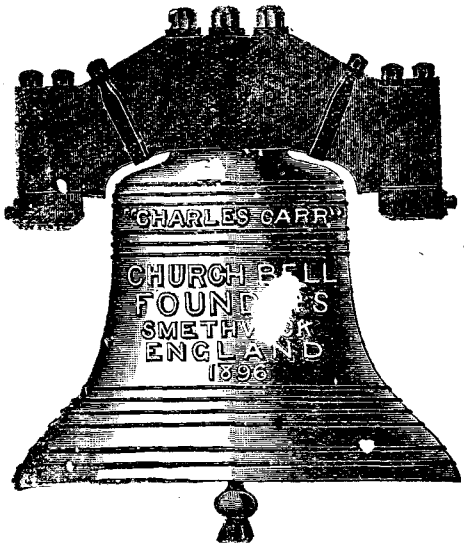

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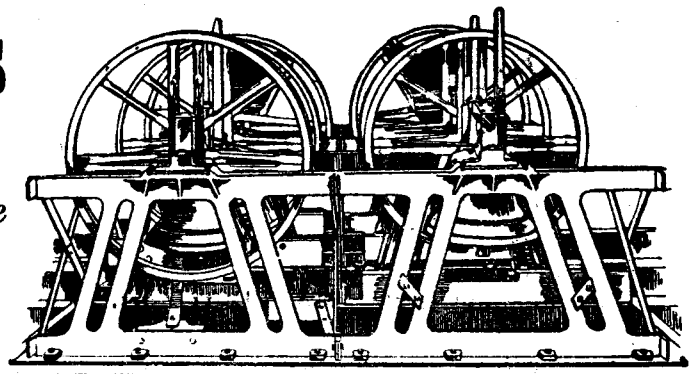

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The general meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch of the above Guild was held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, February 15th, The meeting was preceded by a dinner at The Bell inn, when an excellent spread was provided by host Haynes. The Vicar (Rev. F. F. Wayet), presided, and amongst those present were the Revs. C. J. S. Ward (Moulton), E. Freeman (Donington), C. J. Sturton (Fleet), R. E. Clarke (Bicker), Messrs. Hensman, Benner, Cleminson, and G. Ladd (Secretary, Pinchbeck). Ringers were also represented from Bicker, Donington, Surfleet, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Fleet, and Walpole. There was only one toast, that of "Church and King," submitted by the chairman and duly honoured.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and after minor details had been dealt with, the election of new ringing members took place.

The Rev. C. J. Ward, in a humorous speech, proposed P.C. J. B. Harrison, of Moulton, and the proposition was unanimously carried. The following were also elected: Messrs. Faulkner (2), Smith (Bicker), Woods (Donington), Bagnell (Spalding). The Rev. R. E. Clarke, of Bicker, was elected an hon. member.

At the close of the meeting votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of Canon James, of Fleet, and Mr. W. Wright, of Walpole.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Sutton.

At 3.30 p m. a short service was held in the parish church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet. Appropriate hymns were sung, Councillor J. T. Brown, of Spalding, presiding at the organ.

A short address was given by the Rev. H. Law James, who based his remarks on the words: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ." The rev. gentleman, in an interesting address, said that wonderful passage was a description of the Church of God. It was set before them as a great Christian truth. All of them belonged to the Church, and each were members of that one body of Christ. Therefore there were many members, and each member had a certain work to perform. Each held some office in the great Christian work. That day they were gathered together as bell-ringers in the Church of God, and he wanted them to realise as church bell-ringers that they held a high position in the Church of God. Each has his particular office to work in, and he wanted them to see to it that each duty they were called to perform was carried out in a right way. Some people might say anyone can ring the church bells, but that was wrong. The bells were made to be rung in the best possible manner, because they were made for God, and each one of them should do their best and see that the ringing was as good as possible. When they heard the bells ringing they naturally thought of joyful times. Bells would be rung merrily this year when the King was crowned, and that was another time when they would be called upon to do their duty. No matter what particular position they held with regard to the ringing, they should all try and do their best, because no one could do it for them. When one of their fellow-ringers was not up to the high standard, they must help him, because as their subject told them, when one member suffered, the whole did likewise. They must help one another, and so make the ringing in the Church of God as perfect as possible. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might"—that was to be their motto as church bellringers.

After the service Mr. F. Hensman kindly provided tea for the members, which was greatly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded that gentleman. The members also heartily thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells that afternoon.

The bells were kept going during the day in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18th, at the Town Hall, Man- a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. R. Newton, particulars of which will appear in due course. After the peal the band were invited to tea by Mr. R. Newton, who also invited a few ringing friends to join them. After tea was over, Mr. W. Idle proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Newton for his kind generosity, and also wishing him very many happy returns of his birthday. In doing so he said it afforded him the greatest pleasure in moving the resolution, and he felt sure that all present would heartily join with him in doing so, for all whose pleasure it was to be acquainted with him would join in agreeing that he was a credit to the ringing fraternity. He was not what might be called an old ringer, for he only commenced ringing in 1898, and the present peal brought his total number up to 60, which is sufficint testimony to his zeal and enthusiasm for change-ringing- He would also like to add that the present peal was a great credtt to the whole band, especially when the weight of the bells are considered. It also goes to show the esteem he is held in by getting such a band together, and from so many different places. It is rather invidious to make distinctions, but I may perhaps be pardoned if I mention one name only, and that is Mr. B. A. Knights, one of the famous long peal band—for any band which contains one of them cannot help but feeling a pride in their company. In conclusion he said that it was his privilege and pleasure to have been a friend of Mr. Newton, and to have rung with him many times, and he ventured to say that the more one saw of him, the better one likes him.

Mr. Joseph Ridyard said it afforded him great pleasure in seconding the resolution, and to bear testimony to the kind remarks made by the mover of the resolution. He had known Mr. Newton some years, and had rung with him on many occasions, and had always found him a first-rate fellow.—Mr. Newton, in responding, said he

thanked them very heartily for their good wishes, and he assured them he reciprocatsd the good feeling they had shown to him that night. It had always given him great pleasure when he met his brother-ringers there on past occasions. He would like to mention one who was not there that night through sickness—Mr. J. R. Pritchard, who has been in the Salford Royal Hospital for sixteen weeks. He writes to him sending good wishes, and is looking for a favourable postcard. He thought it would be a nice thing to do if they would all attach their names to the card he was sending. In conclusion he was pleased to say that he was now entitled to his pension, having now served over 25 years in the Manchester City Police Force. He said be may be there next year or he may not; one never knows.

A pleasant evening was brought to a close by all present signing the postcard to Mr. J. R. Pritchard.

Review.

We have received a copy of a little book entitled "Stedman (Doubles and Triples) for beginners." The author is Mr. I. B. Holmyard, of Midsomer Norton, Bath, and as its title suggests, is intended to give hints to the novice who attempts to ring the method for the first time. Its scope being thus limited, there is no attempt to challenge comparison with Mr. Davies' comprehensive and admirable treatise on the same subject, and indeed it may rather be said to be complimentary to that book which is for advanced students. Within the lines laid down, we think the book may very well be of great use, especially to ringers in five and six-bell towers, and to those whose opportunities for ringing are such that learning such a method as Stedman is rather a formidable undertaking. The diagrams are clear, and the directions for ringing are to the point, and not unduly prolix. Personally we prefer the lined diagrams so well known from the Snowdon series to the dots and ciphers adopted here, but perhaps printing considerations have something to do with the matter. It is because we recognise the value of the book and confidently expect that a second edition will be demanded, that we offer a few criticisms and suggestions of improvement. The author begins by explaining that Stedman is built on the six changes into which you can put three bells. That is of course the truth, but only half the truth. These six changes can be written out in two ways. Either—

1 2 3		1 2 3
1 3 2		2 1 3
3 1 2	or	2 3 1
3 2 1		3 2 1
2 3 1		3 1 2
2 1 3		1 3 2

one being the reverse of the other; and it is the alternation of these two ways that makes Stedman, and produces its distinct quality i.e. the Quick and Slow. Again we find this sentence—in all Stedman ringing the tenor bell invariably comes behind—a statement which seems to say that Stedman Doubles (and our author is talking about Doubles), must be rung in a six-bell tower. As a matter of fact the proper place for Stedman Doubles is a five-bell tower. To ring with a cover in a six-bell tower is to tie yourself down to an unnecessary monotony. Minor ringing is for six-bell towors, and when a band has six bells and does not turn the tenor in, they are robbing themselves of more than nine-tenths of their privileges.

The explanation and directions for ringing the Slow are full and enlightening, but it is a mistake to talk of "Second place" when you mean one blow in seconds. The word "place" is now a technical term which implies a whole pull, not a single blow. Also more might be made of the way in which the whole pulls and snaps are made. In nine times out of ten Stedman is lost because a man in the Slow forgets where he is. If ringers would remember how these places and snaps are made at back or hand, and how bells making half turns and whole turns work alternately with each other, they would be less likely to lose themselves and more able to help another who has temporarily gone astray. It would be well to point out that the ordinary start in the middle of a quick six is purely conventional, and in five-bell towers at any rate a different start not only gives more variety but helps to prevent men ringing by remembering the actual bells struck over: a thing which not infrequently happens in a tower where men always ring the same bell.

The explanations given for Triples, though not so full as for Doubles, and indeed it was not necessary, are sufficient. Bobs and Singles are described at length. We think it was misleading to say that the bells concerned are those in 4, 5, 6, 7, although later on it is said that the bell in 4 does the work of a plain course. It would have been simpler to say right off that the three hindmost bells only are in the bob. In the description of a Single we note the only actual mistatement in the book. But it is a rather important one and should be corrected. It is said that the bells in 6, 7 go down quick or slow "exactly as they would for a bob." Of course the reverse is the fact. And the number of consecutive bobs and singles is not limited to two in number, as a novice might possibly gather from the book. We have some hints as to how to know the way to go in quick or slow. The two usual rules are given, but there is a third which we ourselves find very helpful. It is this: When you are going in, and you get into thirds you have two bells in front of you. You strike over one, and then, regardless of consequences, strike over the other. You will know at once from your blow being in 2nds or 3rds, whether you are going in the slow or quick. It has been objected that this may lead to bad striking, but that does not at all follow if a man is master of his bell. Of course we do not mean to suggest that a man should postpone knowing what he has to do till the last moment. He should always know which way he is going in, by remembering how he came out, by observing his course-bell, and by the bells in the slow. But if all these fail, and men do go to sleep and forget what they are doing, especially if they are experienced ringers and ringing a long peal. It so happens often that a man is right on the point of entering the slow before he has given one thought to how he is going in. At such a time this "A B trick," as it is called, is invaluable.

We hope it will not be thought we have have handled Mr. Holmyard's little book with undue severity. It is because we recognised its value, that we have judged it by a high standard. We started with words of approbation, and we are pleased to be able to close in similar strain. In the concluding paragraph the young ringer is urged "to devote much time to writing out changes." The advice is sound. Nothing stops a bands' progress so much as the fact that some ringers will leave everything till they get into the tower.

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of "The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

Information Wanted.

Sir,—Can any of your readers kindly tell me, either through your columns or by letter, if there is in this part of the world any tower where change-ringing is practised, and where a visitor would be welcomed. On several Sunday evenings recently I have visited places near here, both in Herts. and Bucks., hoping to hear, and perhaps to take part in, some change-ringing, but hitherto have heard nothing but 'churchyard bob," round ringing or chiming. Possibly I have not yet visited the right place, but, whether that be so or not, I would suggest that there exists in this district plenty of scope for what may be termed "missionary effort" on the part of the Associations concerned.

G. W. T. Smith.

3, White House Terrace, Western Road, Tring.

Richard Newton.—Thanks for rules. All the peals will be inserted in their proper order of date.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.—Next week.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By John Carter.

5003.

123456789

531462978	1 s 2 7 11 s
413562	2 4 7 9
243561	1 3 5 8
534261	2 4 7 9
154263	1 3 5 8
245163	2 4 7 9
325164	1 3 5 8
152364	2 4 7 9
412365	1 3 5 8
321465	2 4 7 9
364216598	1 s 2 6 11

The above three times repeated, calling the first course 6, 8, 9. Omit the last course in the 4th part produces :—

342561978

186425379	1 s 3 5 s 7
621534978	1 3 8
435816279	1 3 5 6 8 9
513426978	1 2 s 4 5 6 7 11 13
52134	2 4 7 9
45132	1 3 6 8
31542	2 4 7 9
23541	1 3 6 8
45321	2 4 7 9
14325	1 3 6 8
23415	2 4 7 9
52413	1 3 6 8
14253	2 4 7 9

These last ten courses, three times repeated, calling the first course in each part 1, 3, 6s, 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 19, 20. Round the 5th change of the last six.

Has the full extent of the 6th in 5ths place (40 courses) with the 9-7-8s. and also the full extent of the 6-7-8-9 at hand (40 courses) for the handstroke home position. First time a peal has been obtained with the above qualities.

5003.

123456789

563412978	1 s 3 8
436512	1 s 2 4 7 9
126543	1 3 8
562143	2 4 7 9
342156	1 3 5 s 8
124356	2 4 7 9
514326	1 3 6 8
341526	2 4 7 9
231546	1 3 6 8
513246	2 4 7 9
453216	1 3 6 8
235416	2 4 7 9
125436	1 3 6 8
452136	2 4 7 9

The above 10 courses, seven times repeated, calling the first course in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th parts, 1, 3, 4, 8s, 11, 17, 19, 20, and the 5th part (1st course) 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 13s, 15, completes the peal.

This peal has the 6th the full extent at home with the 9-7-8s, and the handstroke home position forty courses each way, and is the first ever obtained with these qualities.

5031.

231456789

521463978	1 s 2 7 11 s
412563	2 4 7 9
342561	1 3 5 8
524361	2 4 7 9
154362	1 3 5 8
345162	2 4 7 9
235164	1 3 5 8
153264	2 4 7 9
413265	1 3 5 8
231465	2 4 7 9
631452879	1 2 s 7 11
145236978	5 7 9 10
254136	2 4 7 9
324156	1 3 6 8
142356	2 4 7 9
512346	1 3 6 8
321546	2 4 7 9
431526	1 3 6 8
513426	2 4 7 9
253416	1 3 6 8
435216	2 4 7 9
165243879	1 2 s 5 7 11
512364978	4 7 9 10

Call from the 1st to the 21st course produces :—

246135879

123546978	7 9 10

Call from the 12th to the 21st course produces :—

243516978

163524879	1 2 s 6 7 11
315462978	4 7 9 10

Call from the 1st to the 21st course produces :—

423156978

563142879	1 2 s 6 7 11
351264978	4 7 9 10

Call from the 12th to the 21st course produces :—

541263978

524317698	1 3 4 5 8 12 13 14 15
34251	2 4 7 9
13254	1 3 6 8

Round first change last six.

Has the 6th the full extent both in 5ths and 6ths place (40 courses each), with the 9-7-8s.

This is the first time a peal has ever been obtained with these qualities.

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Subscription lists will sh rtly be ready. Anyone willing to assist with the above object kindly communicate with C. Edwards, Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

DEAR SIR,—In publishing the second list of subscriptions received for the above Fund, may I, on behalf of the Committee, take this opportunity of commending the object once again to all ringers and friends of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The fact that subscriptions have come in from all parts of the United Kingdom, and the tone of the letters accompanying them, are proof of a universal desire to perpetuate the memory of one who was for so many years such a notable figure in the ringing world. At the same time it ought to be stated that Secretaries of many Associations have written to the effect that owing to matters of organisation they cannot send their contributions at present; and some not until the summer. There must however be a great many friends who intend to subscribe individually, and who are perhaps waiting for some such reminder as this. It is to these especially that the present appeal is made to strengthen the Fund to such an extent that the Committee may feel justified in putting the work in band.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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Middleton Stoney ringers ...	0	5	6
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Abingdon ringers	0	11	0
Winkfield ringers	0	6	6
Freeland ringers	0	6	0
C. Dean, esq.	0	10	0
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	£134	17	2

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE.—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a date touch of London Surprise Minor, 1911 changes, in 1 hr. 7 minutes. A. S. Allen, J. W. Lake, J. Osborn, F. Blood, A. E. Larkinson, Rupert Richardson. Conducted by J. W. Lake.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On March 2nd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. Bolton, W. B. Biss, H. Day, J. R. Mackman, A. Morgan conductor, A. Rowley, J. Hole. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Groom, of London, the ringers wishing her many happy returns.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Thursday, Feb. 2nd, for practice at All Saints church, 1008 Bob Major. J. Butler, F. Charles, A. E. Morgan, W. Millard, S. Jones, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones, F. Atwell conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THETFORD. — On Thursday, February 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Hammond L. Dickerson, A. Macro, C. Carter, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, J. Deeks. Also 100 Grandsire Triples. H. Crook, L. Dickerson, A. Macro, C. Carter, G. Flatt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn conductor, J. Deeks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS (Somerset).—On Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) on the back eight, in 55 mins. H. Fry, E. G. Lush. A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Loxton, F. J. Holloway, A. E. Mills, W. Farley, G. Radford and H. G. Farley. Tenor 57¾ cwt., and is the first quarter-peal on the bells by the local band. On February 4th, at St. Cuthbert's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 50 mins. W. Farley, F. Loxton, S. Hawkins, A. W. Brighton conductor), E. B. Crowder, H. J. Trim, J. Chamberlain, G. Radford. Tenor 28 cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

NOTTINGHAM. — On Sunday, February 12th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 1280 Bob Major. E. J. Oliver, T. R. Flint, T. A. Burnham, A. Barratt, J. Clarke conductor, J. Hickman, H. R. Cobbin, W. Bellamy.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE. — Recently, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. B. C. Roberts, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; E. M. Atkins conductor, 5-6; R. O. Street, 7-8. Also on St. Mary's bells (with Seage's apparatus) 720 Kent Minor. B. C. Roberts, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, A. C. Blyth, R. O. Street, O. W. M. Shelton, E. M. Atkins conductor. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by resident members of the Guild on tower bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENNYWORTHAM.—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Minor, 1911 changes, being 111 Plain Bob, 360 College Single, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. W. Bennett, W. Taylor conductor, W. Riding, J. R. Taylor, W. E. Loxham, J. Gornall. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bennett, W. Taylor, W. Riding, W. E. Loxham conductor, J. Gornall.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, February 12th, for service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal. G. Watkin, W. Dean, J. E. Davis, A. Grimes, F. Davis, F. Smith, A. Reeve, A. Newman, W. Barber, H. Mance, A. Grimes conductor.

THRAPSTON.—On Wednesday, June 25, 1008 Grandsire Triples. Miss D. Eads, J. Nickerson conductor, D. Redhead, F. Arnold. L. Wyman, J. Coleman, G. Eads, C. Arnold. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. J. Rogers, for many years a member of the church choir.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 21st; at St. John's, South Hackney, on on the 23rd; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 13th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st. St. Magnus at 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at All Saints, West Ham, E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4.15 to 8.15 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 8.15 p.m. It is hoped as many members who can make it convenient will attend.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, to-day, Sat., March 11th. Bells ready at 3 30 Business meeting at 6 30. A good attendance is requested. JAMES H. BASTOW, *Br. Sec.*
13, *Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall to-day, Sat. March 11th, and not at Biddulph on March 4th as stated on the cards. Tea will be provided at 6d. each
REV C. E. DONNE, J. JOHNSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
143, *Flint Terrace, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Padbury, Bucks. to-day, Sat., March 11th. Service at 3
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall to-day, Sat., March 11th. Bells ready from 3 p m. to 7 p.m.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port to-day, Sat., March 11th. Service in the parish church at 3.30. Tea in the Church House at 4.15 p.m., with meeting to follow.
Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association. — The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Haworth on Saturday, March 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by March 13th.
GEO. NAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District. — A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open at 3. Meeting in the vestry at 5. H. WAKELEY, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association. — South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, March 18th. Short service in St. Mary's church at 5 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's parish room at 5 30, 9d. each. Will members who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 15th HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) at 3. Meeting at 5 30.
E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—A supplementary meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, March 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30 (Grandsire). Business at 7 30 p.m.
A. S. MITCHELL, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch. — A joint branch and committee meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 25th.
G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ASTON MANOR. — W. G. Ellis's 100 Peals.—Minor in 7 methods 3, Grandsire Triples 32, conducted 13, Grandsire Major 1, Grandsire Caters 11, conducted 5, Stedman Triples 16, Stedman Caters 9, Stedman Cinques 6, Bob Triples 2, Bob Major 5, Bob Royal 1, Bob Maximus 1, Kent Major 5, Kent Royal 2, Kent Maximus 1, Double Norich Major 1, Aston Major 1, Aston Royal 1, Handsworth Major 1, Handsworth Royal 1. Total—100: conducted 18.

THE PEAL AT BRIERLEY HILL. — J. Pigott's 100 Peals.—Minor—4 methods 1, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 3. Triples—Grandsire 12, conducted 2, Stedman 15, conducted 1, Plain Bob 3, conducted 3, Union 1, conducted 1. Major—Grandsire 1, conducted 1, Plain Bob 13, conducted 8, Oxford 3, Kent 6, conducted 3, Forward 1, Canterbury Pleasure 2, conducted 2, Double Norwich 12, conducted 2, Double Oxford 2 (includes 10,176 record), Superlative 6 (includes 9728 record), Cambridge 3, Norfolk 1, Bristol 3, New Cambridge 1. Caters—Stedman 1, Royal—Plain Bob 2 conducted 2, Kent 2, Double Oxford 1, conducted 1. Cinques — Stedman 2, Maximus—Forward 1, Plain Bob 1, conducted 1. Total 100, conducted 27.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN (Kent). — On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Thomas Lambert, for forty-four years sexton, and many years captain of ringers at the parish church.

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DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

BY HENRY W. WILDE, *Chester.*

5184.

23456	M	B	H
35264		–	
25634	–	–	–
53246		–	
34562		–	
54632	–	–	–
43526		–	
32465		–	
42635	–	–	–
42356		–	–

Five times repeated, with s instead of B for the last call in the 3rd and 6th parts.

5184.

23456	B	W	H
23564	–		–
23645	–		–
25346	–	–	–
25463	–		–
25634	–		–
24536	–	–	–
24365	–		–
24653	–		–
34256	–	–	

Five times repeated, with s at H at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Each of the above peals has the 6th eighteen times each way in 5-6, and a bob before in every course, which cuts out the lead in which the tenors would dodge together in 1-2. The same calling will also do for St. Clement's Bob Major.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

BY C. H. HATTERSLEY.

5016.

23456

53624	9th in and out at 3 & 11, 9, 10
32654	11th in with 4
63254	7th in with 4
26354	7th in with 4
65324	11th in with 4
32564	11th in with 4s

Five times repeated, calling first course in each part 11th in with 3 and bob on 11, 9, 10 produces 234567890x. Round at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11. This peal in the tittums throughout, has only 4th, 5th and 6th in sixth place, also full combinations of 2nd and 3rd in 2-3, with 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6.

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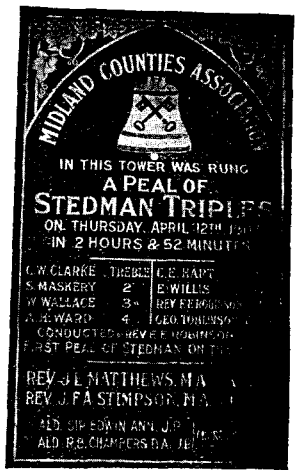

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY F. GOWLETT*	*Treble.*	GEORGE R. FARDON	5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2.	*FREDK. J. HARDY	6.
WILLIAM TEDSS	3.	*JAMES BULLOCK	7.
HENRY T. GOWLETT*	4.	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.
*First peal of Major.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH	*Treble.*	HENRY S. ELLIS	5.
JAMES WILLSHIRE	2.	HARRY R. PASMORE	6.
HERBERT LANGDON	3.	ALFRED B. PECK	7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS	4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW	*Tenor.*

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(The St. George-the-Martyr Society, Southwark.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Odd-Bob-One-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs 7 lbs

Christopher H. Hughes	*Treble.*	Herbert W. Hibbert	5.
Thomas H. Taffender	2.	William H. Taffender	6
Sidney F. Gowlett	3	Fredk. J. Hardy	7.
Henry T. Gowlett	4.	George F. Woodage	*Tenor.*

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

This is the first peal by the local society, and was rung at the first attempt. All the above band have learnt in this tower under the instruction of the conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles' Cripplegate,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

Edwin Horrex	*Treble.*	William H. Pasmore	5.
Harry R. Pasmore	2.	Challis F. Winney	8.
Thomas Faulkner	3.	Frederick Dench	9.
Herbert Langdon	4.	Thomas H. Taffender	10.
Frederick J. Hardy*	5.	William T. Cockerill	11.
Henry R. Newton	6.	Richard F. Deal	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. Dench, and Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

*First peal on twelve bells

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

Fred C. Maynard	*Treble.*	Alfred Pye	5.
John J. Lamb	2.	Bertram Peewett	6.
Robert Maynard, jun.*	3.	Ernest Pye	7.
Charles T. Coles	4.	William Pye	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by William Pye.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. The above is the 100th peal the conductor has called in this method.

The Provinces.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elveyn,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's 12-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

Charles Paley	*Treble.*	Albert E. Slatter	5.
Edward Thomas	2.	Frederick B. Stedman	6.
Frank Chave	3.	Charles R. Lilley	7.
William Roberts*	4.	James Smith	*Tenor.*

Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

*First peal. First peal on the bells for many years.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Perkins	*Treble.*	Charlie Keller	5.
Fred Wilford	2.	John J. Mawby	6.
James Garrett	3.	Anderson Y. Tyler	7.
Hubert Horn	4.	James Ward	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. Y. Tyler.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Division.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Charles E. Perkins	*Treble.*	Joseph Pigott	5.
George Hughes	2.	Samuel Grove	6.
William Fisher	3	Charles F. White	7.
John Bass	4.	Robert Matthews	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by R. Matthews.

First peal of New Cambridge by all the band, and on the bells, and is believed to be the first for the above Association. It is also J. Pigott's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Harry Stalham	*Treble.*	George Ades	6.
Charles Palmer	2.	Robert J. Dawe	7.
Richard Hoather	3.	Alfred Turner	8.
Herbert Rann	4.	Keith Hart	9.
William Palmer	5.	Arthur Gravett	*Tenor.*

Composed by Ernest Morris, and Conducted by H. Rann.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Arthur Chapman	*Treble.*	Henry W. Gayton	4.
John B. Martin	2.	Charles W. Clarke	5.
William V. Newman	3.	Alfred H. Martin	*Tenor.*

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 26 cwt.

Henry W. Brown	*Treble.*	Thomas F. King	5.
Charles W. Bell	2.	Sydney Hillier	6.
Gabriel Chamberlain	3.	William J. Prescott	7.
Gilbert H. Harding	4.	*Walter Farley	*Tenor.*

Conducted by William J. Prescott.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been put in good going order by Llewellins and James, of Bristol.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720s of Kent Treble Bob and two 720s of Plain Bob.

George Pipes*	*Treble.*	*John Flower	4.
Henry George	2.	*Herbert Fretwell	5.
Thomas Stimpson	3.	Fred Watkinson	*Tenor.*

Conducted by Fred Watkinson.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday January 29, 1911, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OP TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST MCWILLIAM	*Treble.*	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW	5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN	2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW	6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW	3.	WALTER CHAPMAN	7.
J. W. T. HOLGATE	4.	GEORGE W. STEEL	*Tenor.*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

Rung for evening service, the 29th of January being the 74th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Monday, January 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH	*Treble.*	ALFRED CROSS	5.
GEORGE E. TURNER	2.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6.
JOSEPH TURNER	3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH	7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by JAS. MORGAN, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)
On Monday, January 30, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR E. BAILEY*	*Treble.*	GEORGE IRVINE	5.
NELSON COX	2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY	6.
HUBERT HATTO*	3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	7.
JOSEPH HANDS	4.	GEORGE ESSEX	*Tenor.*

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

*First peal of Stedman.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH	*Treble.*	ALFRED POTTER	5.
DANIEL F. GIBBONS	2.	TITUS BARLOW	6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD	3.	JOHN POTTER	7.
GEORGE PINCOTT	4.	ROBERT ALLRED	*Tenor.*

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

Arranged for D. F. Gibbons, of London.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LANE SOCIETY)
On Tuesday, January 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD	*Treble.*	*FRED PAGE	7.
GEORGE GARNETT	2.	SAMUEL BOOTH	8.
CHAS. BOWER	3.	SAMUEL WOOD	9.
JOSEPH MELLOR	4.	ALBERT ADAMS	10.
JAMES WOOD	5.	HARRY CHAPMAN	11.
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	6.	BENJAMIN THORP	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Maximus.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 31, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS	*Treble.*	GEORGE DENT	5.
BENJAMIN COPPING	2.	JOHN SMITH	6.
WILLIAM WHEELER	3.	JOHN CORDELL	7.
HARRY SMALE†	4.	ISAAC CAVILL	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. DENT.

†First peal of Major.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.
Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	*Treble*	BART MITCHELL	6.
GEORGE DAVIES	2.	*HARRY R. COBBIN	7.
FREDERICK SMITH	3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	8.
SAMUEL WESLEY	4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	9.
CLEMENT GLENN	5.	SIDNEY F. PALMER	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal on ten bells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 1, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves's Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HORNEY	*Treble.*	JAMES PARSONS	5.
ERNEST E. BISH	2.	JOHN FEIST	6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE	3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT	4.	WILLIAM ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OP TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN CRAWFORD	*Treble.*	J. ROBINSON	5.
J. G. GREEN	2.	G. A. WARD	6.
J. SMITH	3.	GEO. SIDDLE	7.
JACKSON PALLISTER	4.	G. W. PEVERELL	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob, and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HOUGH	*Treble.*	JAMES F. GODFREY	4.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2.	HERBERT HURDMAN	5.
DAVID L. COTTON	3.	*JAMES PAGETT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. HURDMAN.

*First peal of Minor.

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BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT HUMPHREY .. ..*Treble.*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
JOHN W. WELLS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE DURLING .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. .. 4.	ALFRED JAMES .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, founder, first Hon. Secretary, and a vice-president of the Association, who died on January 28th, and was buried at West Grinstead, Sussex, on the above date.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED HONE .. .. ..*Treble.*	SIDNEY FIGGESS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM EASTER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
RICKS PAINE 3	†EDWIN FRIEND .. .. .. 7.
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH .. ..*Tenor.*

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, late founder and Secretary of the above Association. †First peal in the method.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD .. ..*Treble.*	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 2.	EDMUND BANNISTER.. .. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
FRANK BARRETT.. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HUTTON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ..*Treble.*	TOM WILDE .. .. .. 5.
JAMES SHAW .. .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BOWKER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON .. .. 3.	ALBERT HOUGH.. .. .. 7.
HARRY NORGROVE .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN THORP .. ..*Tenor.*

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves's Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE* *Treble.*	*CHARLES W. MARTIN .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	†SYDNEY G. STEER .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. .. 7.
MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

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

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. in A.

WILLIAM A. GUY* .. ..*Treble.*	*FRED H. WINTER .. .. 4.
HARRY C. OSBORN* .. .. 2.	HARRY PARSLOW .. .. 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 3.	WALTER EMMETT .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. R. MACDONALD.

*First peal. First peal by a local band, and on the new bells. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

ROBERT H. YOUNG* ..*Treble.*	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. 6.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WELLING .. ..*Tenor.*

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

*First peal in the method. 50th peal on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING .. ..*Treble.*	CHARLES ROOPE.. .. .. 5.
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER.. .. .. 3.	HENRY GARNHAM .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE.. .. .. 4.	FREDE. J. ROOPE .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ANKER* ..*Treble.*	JAMES HOPKIN .. .. .. 6.
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS† .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS .. .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 8.
JOHN CORRIGAN .. .. .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 9.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 5.	*BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. The ringer of the tenor was made a member before starting. This was the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT* .. ..*Treble.*	SIDNEY AVIS .. .. .. 5.
DOUGLAS HARRIS .. .. 2.	WALTER CHENALL .. .. 6.
ERNEST HERBERT* .. .. 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 4.	MARK LANE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and M. Lane. *Fiftieth peal.

EWELL, SURREY—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	*Treble.*	JOHN WYATT	5.
JAMES D DEWETT	2.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6.
ALFRED H. WINCH	3.	ARTHUR DEAN	7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	*Tenor.*

Composed by R. FLEMING, and Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of College Single, Grandsire and Canterbury, and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY RENDELL	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. SOWMAN	4.
CHARLES EDWARDS	2.	THOMAS UPSHALL	5.
HUBERT CHAFFEY	3.	WILLIAM HORNE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM HORNE.

First peal by the ringer of the treble. First peal in more than one method by the ringer of the 5th.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Branch.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Duke of York. Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

LEVESON GOSWELL	*Treble.*	BARZILLIA HAWKINS	4.
CHARLES DOE	2.	ARTHUR PAYNE	5.
MARK GODDARD	3.	JOHN MOTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MOTH.

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

WALKDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE PINCOTT	*Treble.*	HARRY SMITH	5.
FRED BANKS	2.	J. E. MARKLAND	6
WILLIAM HODSON	3.	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH	7.
ROBERT HOLDEN	4	JAMES ARROWSMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. E. MARKLAND.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

Walter Popplewell	*Treble.*	J. W. T. Holgate	5.
Frank R. Cundall*	2.	Wm. Abbishaw	6
Percy J. Johnson	3.	Charles Pratt	7
Sidney Keiglbey	4	Walter Chapman	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. Knights, and Conducted by Walter Chapman.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Joseph Davies	*Treble*	Neville H. Widdowson	5.
John T. Pollard	2.	Richard Drage	6.
Fred Watkinson	3.	John P. Pollard	7.
Albert H. Ward	4.	Fred Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert H. Ward.

The above peal was rung after meeting one short for Stedman. First peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. First peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

William Turner	*Treble.*	David Horne	4.
Arthur Hadley	2.	William Short	5.
Charles Layton	3.	George Jordan	*Tenor.*

Conducted by William Short.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHECKENDON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch.)

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

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Herbert H. West	*Tyeble.*	Edward Richardson	4.
Fredk. Brookes	2.	Fredk. Pearson	5.
Frank Hedges	3.	John King	*Tenor.*

(No conductor mentioned).

First peal by all, and the first ever known to have been rung on the bells.

Peal Corrections.—The peal of Double Norwich rung at Rugby by members of the St. Andrew's Society, was rung on Saturday, Feb. 18th, not on Wednesday, January 18th, as published.—The peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Michael's church, St. Albans, and recorded last week, was conducted by J. Malyon, not J. Payne as published.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 28th, the Sowton company visited Broadclyst, and by the kindness of the Rev. C. P. Whitaker had a very pleasant ring in the Grandsire method, after which Mr. F. Davey, on behalf of the Guild, presented them with their certificates of efficiency, entreating them to take to heart the Guild's motto of perseverance until they had completed the whole peal. An illuminated record of a peal rung a short time ago at Sowton, in which one of the above band took part, was presented to Mr. J. Seager on behalf of his brother ringers. The above band has also recently visited Pinhoe and Clyst Honiton.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11th, the first quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Hallow, near Worcester. Ringers were present from Worcester, Martley, Droitwich, Leigh, Upton-on-Severn. Malvern, Madresfield, and Powick, including Mr. J. R. Newman, Secretary of the Association, and Mr. W. Page (Branch Master). A service was held in the church, at which about forty members were present. The Vicar gave an address. Afterwards the visitors were most hospitably entertained to tea in the village club-room by Mrs. W. Lea, of Hallow Park, under the able management of Mr. Haires. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and the business meeting opened. The Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, introduced the Vicar, and proposed him as an honorary member of the Association.

Upton-on-Severn was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held on July 22nd. A quarterly peal was arranged to take place at Hallow, conducted by the Branch Master, Mr. W. Page. Twenty performing members. and two honorary members were proposed and accepted.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and presiding at the meeting, said how pleased he was to see such a goodly number present, which spoke well for the success of the band. The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure in being amongst them, and hoped to see them on many occasions. The best thanks of the meeting was tendered to Mrs. Wheeley Lea for her great kindness, and to the local ringers for their arrangements, and to Mr. Clay for presiding at the organ.

Mr. H. T. Knowles, Branch Secretary, appealed to those present to give the officers their hearty support during the coming year, so as to make the Western Branch a successful branch of the Association, and during the summer months to make visits to the outlying towers, for purposes of propagating the usefulness of the Association

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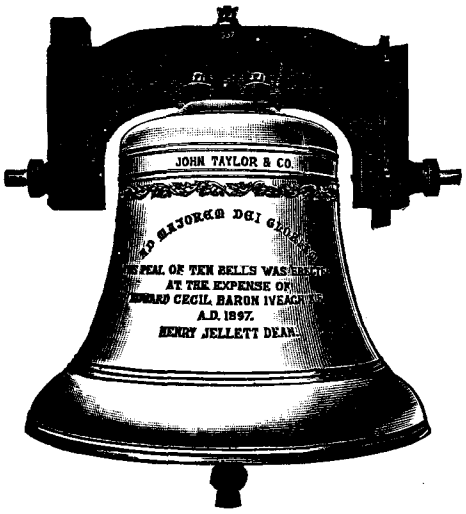

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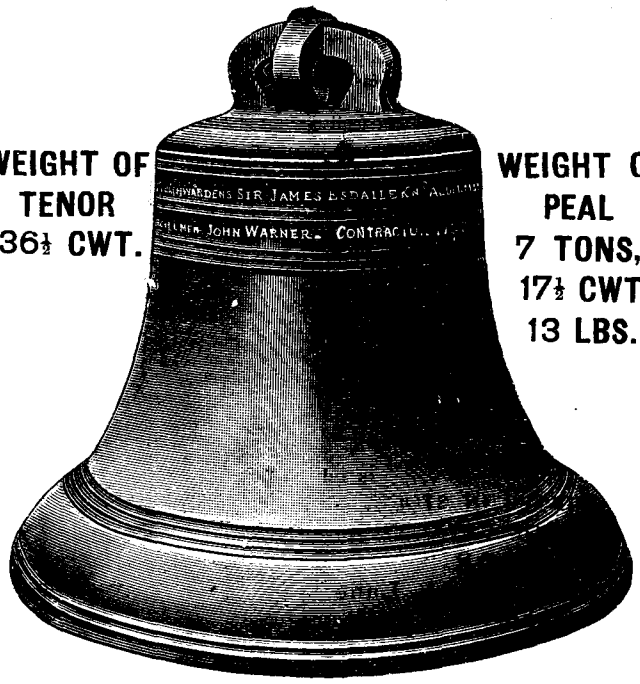

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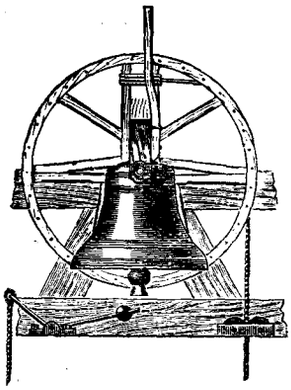

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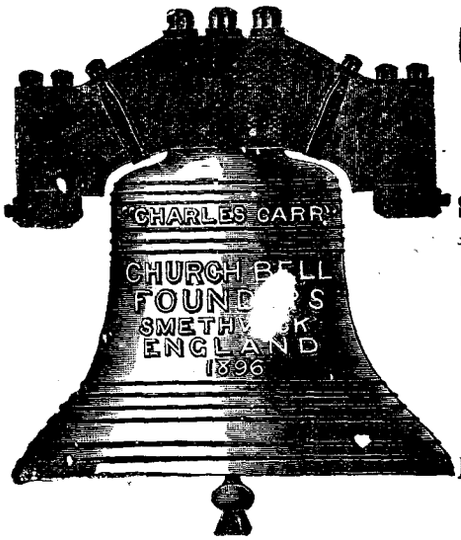

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