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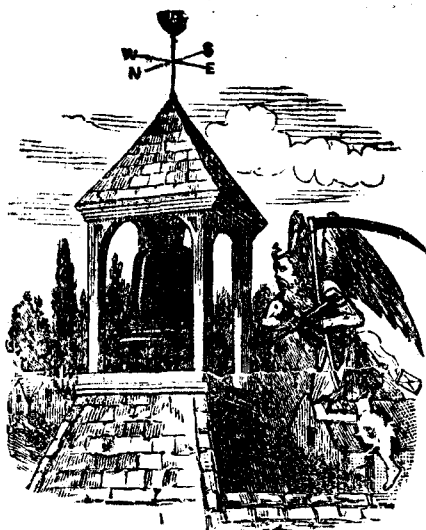
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Sheffield, on Tuesday in Easter week, April 16th, 1895.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1895 are now due, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, together with notice of any change of representation, and names and addresses of new Representatives.

Notice of any motion, or other business to be brought before the Council, signed by two members of Council, should reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted.

The Hon. Secretary will be happy to forward a copy of the Council Rules to any representative applying for one.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,

H. EARLE BULWER,

Jan. 2, 1895.

Hon. Sec. C.C.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Chepstow on Wednesday, December 26th, in spring-like weather. Members from South Wales arrived at 10.30 a.m., and were met at the station by Mr. J. Morley and his band; also Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth. After exchanging seasonable compliments, a move was made for the tower, when several touches of Triples were brought round by mixed bands. At 11.30 a.m. the Penarth branch went to Mathern by brake, and rang on the handy peal of six there, a 720 of Kent; also an attempt for a 720 of Oxford which unfortunately was lost two courses from home. And a touch of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. The ringers then returned to Chepstow at 2.15 p.m. for the meeting.

The meeting took place at 3 p.m. at the Church schools, and was well attended, about forty ringers being present from Monmouth, Caerleon, Newport, Penarth, Morriston, Bridgend, Llandaff, and Chepstow. The Rev. E. J. Hensley, vicar of Chepstow (an honorary member of the Association), presided.

The rev. chairman, after welcoming the Association to Chepstow in a few well-chosen words, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Canon Downing), then gave his report, and after apologising for the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. De Winton, said that he was proud to say that the Association was in a flourishing condition, and that it had a balance at the bank on the right side; also that the balance-sheets would be ready for the members at the next annual meeting to be held at Monmouth at the end of August next. He also wished to congratulate the ringers on the improvement made in their ringing since the Association had been formed; also the Llandaff branch for the three peals of Grandsire Triples rang this year. The rev. gentleman's remarks were received with loud applause.

Eleven new members, nine performing and two probationers, were then proposed, seconded, and carried, bringing the number of members up to eighty-four.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, which was carried with acclamation.

The rev. chairman briefly responded, and after receiving subscriptions from the members present for 1895, the meeting terminated.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, when the bells were kept going till 7 p.m. in different methods, including a course of Bob Major.

The ringers wish to thank the vicars of Chepstow and Mathern for the use of the bells during the day.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The Annual Dinner and Concert took place on Saturday, December 15th, when forty-four members sat down to an excellent repast, provided by host Winslett, of The Broad Face hotel. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Hon. Secretary), J. M. Routh, Esq. (Chairman), Revs. G. F. Coleridge and B. Long, and representatives from all the towers in connection with the branch.

Dinner being over, the chairman in happy terms gave "The Queen." The Master of the Guild then gave the toast of the evening, viz., "The Oxford Diocesan Guild."

The rev. gentleman gave a capital retrospect of the work done by the Guild during the last twelve months.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis who replied, said although not a ringer himself, he had the work of the Guild at heart. He was very glad to say that the Guild still showed steady progress.

The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was then took place. All the officials were re-elected; J. M. Routh, Esq. (Chairman); A. W. Pike (Secretary and Treasurer); the Rev. R. B. Long being added to the General Committee.

Business being over, harmony commenced, songs being rendered by Messrs. Newell, Pike, Sweetzer, Reaves, Routh, Essex, Goodger, A. E. Reeves, and T. Newman; a trio by Messrs. Reeves, Paice, and Newell; and an exceedingly humorous recitation by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The "Health of the Chairman" and "The Queen" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8th, at St. Saviour's, Bath, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; T. H. Gray, 2; W. Lanham, 3; H. Wotton, 4; W. Wells, 5; J. Fussell, 6; F. Skuse (conductor), 7; J. Melhuish, 8. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. W. Bell, he being a member of the St. Saviour's company. During the afternoon Mrs. J. Fussell, the wife of the steeple-keeper, tried her hand at bell ringing, and got on remarkably well, considering the practice she has had. After the ringing the band was very cordially invited to partake of refreshments at the residence of the newly-married pair, where a very pleasant evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, which were rendered by the ringers and friends present, and which brought a very present evening to a close.

## SWAVESY AND OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Hemingford Grey (Hunts) ringers visited the above places on Wednesday, December 26th, and were very cordially welcomed at both places. They found a splendid ring of six at Swavesy, but in very bad order, nevertheless, after two or three tries they "lugged" them through a very fair 720 of Bob Minor and 192 of Grandsire Minor. These bells have not been pulled through a 720 for many years, owing to the bad "go." They were joined in the church by Mr. York Green, of the College Youths, who was visiting in the village, and he accompanied them to Over, about a mile away, where they were also heartily welcomed. A start was soon made, and the bells being in first-rate order, a very good 720 of Bob Minor was rung. They then adjourned to the nearest inn for tea, to which every one did ample justice, and while it was being got ready, they rang a 360 on handbells, with Mr. Green ringing the tenor. After tea they at once returned to the church and rang the best 720 they have ever accomplished. After many good-byes and numerous invitations to come again, they commenced their journey home, very pleased with their day's outing. When they told Mr. Green that a year ago they didn't know anything about change-ringing, he was greatly surprised, and greatly praised what he had heard and seen them do. They have had no teacher, but by the aid of Snowdon's *Rope-Sight* they have taught themselves, and that in less than a year. They are now turning their attention to Treble Bob, which they hope to master very soon.

## ST. GILES' CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at this church on Wednesday morning, December 26th, when the portrait of Mr. Edward Turner, of Newcastle, was unveiled. It was through this gentleman's generosity that the bells have been rebung, and the ringers seeing the improvement which had been made by Mr. Turner, signified their appreciation of his kindness by subscribing towards the portrait. Mr. F. Skerratt presided at the ceremony, and there were present the Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Mr. C. H. Hardeman), the Rector (Rev. R. R. Cousens), Alderman Hand, Mr. J. Griffith (town clerk), Messrs. Skerratt, Snape, Read, Rimell, H. Page (one of the instructors of the Stoke Archdiaconal Association), and a number of ringers.

Mr. J. Griffith unveiled the portrait, remarking that it was a very pleasing duty. Every one knew Mr. Turner's unbounded generosity to the town, and especially to St. Giles' church. It was through this gentleman's kindness that the bells had been rebung—a work which was so much needed. They were pleased to know that the town possessed such a gentleman, who on every occasion, when a public want was felt, was willing to come forward to supply it. They were all fond of the bells of their parish church; the bells that greeted them on Christmas morning with joyous sounds such as were heard by their ancestors in the long past. Mr. Turner's family was a very old Newcastle family, and he was sorry that their esteemed friend was the only member living—the solitary scion of a long and time-honoured race. He was glad that the ringers had been so considerate as to appreciate his gift by placing his portrait in the tower, and he hoped it would remain for generations to come a memento of what Mr. Turner had done for the town and the church in rehanging the bells.

Amid great applause from all present Mr. Griffith then pulled a cord, and so unveiled an excellent portrait of Mr. Turner, which was well mounted and framed in oak, the framing being by Mr. J. E. Austin, one of the ringers.

The rector then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Griffith for performing the ceremony of unveiling the portrait. Referring to the church tower, the speaker said it had stood through many storms, and had only a short time ago been restored through the kindness of Mr. Stanier. Then Mr. Turner had not only rehung the bells, but had also restored the church clock, and he was sure that he deserved their cordial thanks. He trusted that the peals would gladden many hearts and lead them to the House of prayer. With the motion he combined a vote of thanks to Mr. Turner for his generosity.

The Mayor, in seconding the resolution, remarked that they all hoped that the portrait would long remain in the belfry as a mark of the liberality of Mr. Turner. It would show that in their own time they had men wise and good enough to spend their money for the promotion of every good object.

Mr. Turner acknowledged the vote, and thanked the ringers for the compliment they had paid him, and expressed a hope that the bells would ring out gloriously for many generations to come.

Mr. Griffith also acknowledged the vote, and Mr. F. Skerratt then thanked those who had contributed towards the cost of making the belfry more comfortable for the ringers.

The Mayor then announced that in reply to a letter he had received a communication from Mr. Francis Stanier promising a framed photograph of himself for the belfry.

The bells then rang, and the ceremony then terminated.

## BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the tower of the parish church at this place, which strikes the hours, chimes the Cambridge quarters, and shews the time on one dial facing south. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and made generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. T. H. Seargeant, Esq., of London, is the donor.

WINSHAM (Somerset).—On Monday, December 23rd, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). W. S. Wise, 1-2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8.

## NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The ringers of the parish church with a few friends, had a social gathering at The Sutherland Arms on Wednesday, December 26th. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. Eardley, and being over Mr. L. Sherratt was elected to the chair. In the course of a few remarks the chairman stated that Messrs. Downes and Beardmore had expressed a wish to be released from taking any active part in the change-ringing which the younger members of the band had taken up, as they thought they were getting too old. They were, he said, sorry to lose their services, and they wished to present them and also Mr. Riley (the leader), with a pipe and half-a-pound of tobacco to show their appreciation of their past services. After the recipients of the gift had responded, Mr. Page, a member of the inaugurated society of change-ringers, and at present instructor of the local ringers, complimented them upon their progress so far, and remarked that the new church tower from a ringer's point of view, was unequalled by any in the association. He said that taking their recent progress as a criterion, they would very soon be able to ring a peal of 5040 changes.

A musical evening was then spent, various members and friends contributing songs, etc., the proceedings being kept up till a late hour.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Saturday evening, December 29th, after ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters (particulars of which will be found in another column), Mr. T. Henry Denman invited the members of the East Retford company to an excellent dinner served by host Dennett at The White Hart hotel. Several good courses of knife and fork surprise were safely got through without any mistake, the dodging and place-making being done neatly and in true time. In about an hour the inner man was well satisfied, and the donor briefly addressed the meeting. He complimented the ringers on the progress made during the past year, more especially for the two peals which had been performed on ten bells, and welcomed the addition of two new methods in Union Triples and Bob Royal the company had started upon. His interesting and amusing speech throughout was well listened to, especially concerning the temporary burial of our *Grandsire* in the *Union*, as his father was clerk to the Board of Guardians.

The ringers heartily endorsed all the speaker said, and Mr. Haigh briefly returned thanks, and proposed Mr. Denman's health. After supper Mr. Denman entertained the ringers with views of Swiss scenery, and early locomotives, showing the gradual development of travelling from the days of the old stage coach to the present time, by means of about fifty slides, thrown on a screen by a powerful lantern. After the usual toasts and votes of thanks and tunes on the handbells, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

## TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd, the members of the abbey society by kind invitation of the Rev. H. A. Sheringham, M.A., vicar of the abbey, sat down to an excellent supper at The Bell hotel. The chair was taken by the vicar, and the Rev. C. Mason Cox, M.A. occupied the vice-chair. After supper the usual toasts were proposed, followed by courses of Caters and Triples upon the handbells, interspersed with songs. The Rev. W. W. Auster, M.A., presided at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the party broke up at the usual hour.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. \*A. Head, 1; \*W. E. Davis, 2; \*G. Sorrell, 3; R. Wood, 4; \*T. Lincoln, 5; W. Lincoln, 6. \*First 720. On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Head, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; J. Beams, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. For evening service 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Head, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. First touch in the method by all. On Sunday, December 9th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, in 45 mins., standing as before.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NEWNHAM,  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The dedication of the new peal of eight bells, which replace a similar number that occupied the belfry at St. Peter's parish church, Newnham-on-Severn, took place at a special service held in the church on Thursday evening, December 20th, when a fairly numerous congregation assembled. After a pleasing voluntary by the organist, the choir and congregation sang the 242nd hymn—"We love the place, O God." Then the vicar, speaking from the pulpit, delivered an address eminently appropriate to the occasion, after which the choir following the vicar, proceeded down the aisle to the belfry, when the 150th Psalm was chanted. Several dedication prayers were read, after which Psalm cxii. was chanted. The vicar having repeated "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," a very merry peal was rung for the few minutes, filling the church with joyful music. Next the hymn commencing with the words, "Now at length our bells are mounted," was sung. The last words in the benediction having fallen from the vicar's lips, the ringers again struck up some Bob Triples, and the ringing continued for some hours. The leader was F. J. Blanton, and the Newnham company was strengthened by the presence and assistance of a few ringers from Westbury-on-Severn.

It is fitting now that a few facts immediately connected with the above ceremony should be stated briefly. Late in the month of March, information reached Newnham of the sudden death at a ripe old age, of John Hill, Esquire, of Streatham, Surrey. The deceased gentleman was a native of Newnham, his family having been resident there, and occupying a high social position in the neighbourhood for many years previously. He had carried on a lucrative business in London as an india-rubber manufacturer, and had amassed considerable wealth. Throughout his prosperous career he made as frequent visits to the town as opportunity afforded, and he always evinced a deep and lively concern for the welfare and progress of the town, with whose interests his forefathers were so closely connected. Without exception he was a cheerful subscriber to any good work set in motion in the town, and from his ample means he made such considerable donations as entitled him to be regarded in the town as a real benefactor. One of his most handsome presents was his contribution to the Church Restoration Fund, and he also subscribed towards the fund raised for assisting the committee charged with promoting the now almost forgotten Newnham Severn Bridge scheme. Shortly after his decease a most welcome piece of information reached Newnham, that in his will, the gentleman above-named had made a bequest, having left the sum of £2,000 towards the erection of a clock and chimes in the church tower; for seats in the churchyard, and on the Round Green; and lastly for providing warm clothing for the deserving poor of the parish. Later on a certified copy of the clause in the will relating to the use of the munificent bequest, was obtained by the vicar and the churchwardens (Messrs. Carter and Hinton), from which it was learned that the three objects mentioned were to be undertaken in the following consecutive order: first the new chime clock; next the two iron park seats, each nine feet long; and thirdly, the investment of the balance for the purpose of producing an annual income to be expended in the repairs of the clock and seats, and the purchase of the clothing every winter for such deserving poor persons of the parish, as the trustees for the time being may in their discretion think fit recipients for the Charity.

The bequest was free of legacy and other duties, and the trustees were the vicar and the churchwardens for the time being, and in determining the particulars of his wishes, the trustees were repeatedly enjoined to act in their uncontrolled discretion. The dedication service arose in consequence of the necessity for recasting the peal which the parish church already possessed, so as to ensure perfect tune, and this and the work connected therewith, was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The framework of the bells is of iron, and the raising of the ponderous weights required to be lifted with the greatest possible care and accuracy.

## Ringers' Outings.

On Saturday, December 8th, by the kind invitation of Mr. Thomas Hilton, formerly of Middleton, but now residing in Mossley, a company of ringers from Saddleworth, Friezland, and Mossley, visited Middleton, arriving there about 3.30. After ringing a few touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major, they visited The Ring of Bells, and sat down to a splendid knife and fork tea. After tea the bells were set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards the handbells were brought into use, and a few courses of Major and Minor were rung. The visitors arrived home by the last train after having spent a very pleasant afternoon. They wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the Middleton ringers for having everything in readiness.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.—"Mill-Bay at 9.15" said our leader, Mr. Taylor, on Boxing Day, "sharp, the whole twelve of you." However the train for Bodmin did not start until 9.25, and at the last minute Richard the 1st and Richard the 2nd came running on the platform. When the train moved out, the Secretary called to the guard that the leader was in the ticket office to get the tickets. "All right," said he, "only shunting." Poor Taylor received one of the greatest frights he ever had, when he saw the train going without him. However we shunted back and all got safely on board. Having passed the time with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on the handbells, we arrived safely at Bodmin Road. Shanks' pony for two miles, and Lanhydrock was reached. This church is in close proximity to the splendid seat of Lord Robartes, and contains a peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. Also an old odd bell hung for chiming, supposed to be a thousand years old, and has Athelstan's name cast into it backwards. It would be difficult to find anything better in all England than these bells and their appurtenances. From floor to roof is a perfect credit to the bell-hanger and also to the authorities. After some capital touches of about 336 Grandsire Triples, we rang several courses of Bob Major. About dinner time we very reluctantly left this beautiful peal, having thanked Lord Robartes' carpenter of the estate, who by-the-by is allowed one half-day per week to keep the bells in order, and well he does it. A walk of two miles which we found rather marshy, brought us to Bodmin. A nice peal of eight, tenor about 18 cwt. Bad ropes and worse circle. Richard the first took *trible* to rise the eight in *pale*, and brought out the old fact that discretion was the better part of valour. Here several touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 504, were well struck. To find a refreshment house for tea (which we finally did) was the next thing. "Tea for twelve men, quick." But oh! the time in coming. However there was a *pianer* in the room, and Bro. Gover was requisitioned to *go ver en*, which he did with alacrity. Better not mention some things, but we believe when the Rev. Mr. Clarkson returned thanks, many hearts sighed. Oh! the thickness of the bread and butter, fit for hedge-tackers, and the thinness of the *Horniman's leaf not yet colored*. Well, back to the belfry, and a splendid touch of 336 Bob Major, supposed to be the first ever rung in Cornwall. Other touches and a start for home brought us there at 10 p.m. all pleased with having spent a happy day. The ringers who took part in the above were—Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Messrs. Hendry, Legg, Myers, Richards (2), Peard, Gover, Marsh, Ford, and Taylor.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

By kind invitation of Miss Tetley, the parish church ringers visited Hatton Hall on Friday evening, December 21st, where after supper they went through their Christmas programme of handbell ringing. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by a most appropriate reading from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," given by Mr. G. Tetley, and the presence of Miss Snowden, of Ilkley, Yorks., sister of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden.

\* \* \* A great number of touches and reports are crowded out this week. We ask our friends who are thereby disappointed, to extend to us their kind forbearance; everything will appear in due course.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 395.)

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 26th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Castle, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Bush, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; T. Bourne, 6. On Monday, December 3rd, 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Richards, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6; T. Bourne, 7; G. Shepherd, 8. And 180 conducted by E. Bush.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 9th, at the church of St. Mary Abbott, Kensington, for evening service, 1191 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. Horrex, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; G. Chesterman, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, December 8th, a 6-score of Grand-sire Doubles. E. Laker, 1; — Finn, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews (conductor), 5; A. Beer, 6. And two 6-scores. J. Prebble, 1; W. Fordred, 6; the rest as before. Also 180 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. And 240. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Bush, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And 216. E. Cheeseman, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Tanton (conductor), 5; J. Andrews, 6. Owing to the heavy going of the tenor, a 720 means a spell of hard work.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Penfold, 1; F. T. White, 2; H. Holifield, 3; F. Barrett, 4; E. Brant, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6. First 720 by Brant and Penfold, and they wish to thank the rest of the band, who all hail from Appleton, Berks., for walking fourteen miles to assist them. And on Monday, December 3rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins., each 6-score called differently. J. Bray, jun., 1; E. Beal, 2; G. Penfold, 3; T. Beal, 4; E. Brant (conductor), 5; H. Colbran, 6.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 5th, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor in 25 mins. H. Mathews, 1; R. Whiting, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; J. Boughton, 4; A. W. Brightoh, 5; J. Tann, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first 720 on the bells, and first by all the band. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Tann, sen., 1; H. Mathews, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; R. Whiting, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; J. Tann, jun. (conductor), 6. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the house of Mr. Lawrence, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8. On Friday, November 16th, at the house of Mr. Blackburn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; T. Groves, 7-8.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; W. Mills, 2; E. J. Bottle, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; F. Shedd, 7; W. Walker, 8.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; A. Edwards, 3; R. Pelling, 4; F. Still, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; J. Humphrey, 8. Rung in honour of the twelfth birthday of the rector's youngest son, Lachlan Mackinnon, youngest member of the Speldhurst band.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of the Holy Trinity, Barking Road, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. A. Worwood, 1; W. Dallimore (conductor), 2; C. Beakall, 3; H. F. Crick (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. Waits, 5; W. Floyd, 6. The striking throughout was all that could be desired.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, December 10th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. L. Whiteman, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; F. G. Healey, 5; F. Cousens, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; G. Tapping, 8. Also 336 in the same method. F. L. Whiteley, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; W. E. Yates, 4; R. Buckland, 5; G. Tapping, 6; F. G. Healey (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. J. West, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; G. Tapping, 3; F. G. Healey, 4; R. Buckland, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 11th, on handbells, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Wheatley, 1-2; F. G. Healey (conductor), 3-4; F. L. Whiteman, 5-6.

## 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."

## SINGLES IN UNION TRIPLES.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago, in response to my request, my friend Mr. John Carter most kindly sent me the references to his peals of Union Triples, to which I felt that I had not given full attention at the time of their publication. Last night I was looking through them, and in due course came to the one given in "THE BELL NEWS" vol. ix p. 243 (9, 8, 90). I rubbed my eyes. I looked again, and rubbed my eyes once more. It was past 10 p.m., and I thought I must be asleep. So I got up and walked round the room, and looked again. For fear it was an hallucination caused by lamplight, I gave it up till this morning. But there again are the figures clear by day-light. In that peal—a very good one—there are two singles. Those singles are the very singles recommended by the Council, and so strenuously opposed by Mr. Carter. Not only has he adopted them, but they are positively his own offspring!! He invented them, and used them himself before the Committee was in existence. Oh! Mr. Carter, I wonder the singles don't cry out at your unnatural treatment of them.

January 2, 1895.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## Obituary.

## GEORGE BURTON.

The above-named ringer, who was a promising member of the North Wingfield company, and whose remains were laid to rest in the churchyard on Sunday afternoon, December 30th, left home on Christmas Eve in his usual health and spirits to visit relatives at Huddersfield. On Christmas Day he rang the treble at Huddersfield parish church, this being the last pull he had. After breakfast on Wednesday morning, he fell from his chair and expired before medical aid could be obtained, the cause of his death being attributed to heart disease. His remains were brought home on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. the tenor bell was raised and rang deeply muffled till the funeral arrived at the church, the solemn tone of the grand old bell bringing together a large crowd of parishioners. The Clay Cross Volunteers and also the members of the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows were present in large numbers, both of which deceased was a member. The funeral service was very impressively read by the Rev. J. E. Ormesher, curate of North Wingfield. After the funeral the ringers rang 720 of Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled. F. Knowles, 1; W. Butler, 2; T. Day, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. The bells were also muffled for all services during the day. Deceased, who was only twenty-three years of age, rang the treble in the first 5040 at North Wingfield in June last, and has often since expressed his desire to go for another, but it is now left to others to take his place. Great sympathy was expressed on all sides for his sorrowing parents and friends. On Sunday, December 30th, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and three bobs), was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Green, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. Maycock, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

## DAVID HARDING.

We regret to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Saturday, December 22nd, at the age of sixty-six. He had been a change-ringer for just on fifty years, he having rang his first peal at the age of sixteen at the parish church of Kendal, Westmoreland, and his last at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, on May 18th, 1890, at the age of sixty-two, when he rang the 2nd bell through Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples. He was also a member of the Cumberland Association since its commencement.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Surrey Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Young (Hon. Treas.), the next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 14, 1895. The tower of All Saints (10 bells), will be open from 2 p.m. Representatives should send the number who intend being present at tea at The Albany Hall at 6 p.m., to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Saturday, January 13th. Members are requested to meet at the church as early as possible, so that those who have to leave early to get their trains home may have the privilege of United Practice before tea. The annual report for 1894 will be prepared for printing immediately after the above meeting. Representatives are requested to revise their lists of members, and together with all matter intended for insertion forward the same on or before the above date.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, January 5, 1895. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in The Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's place, at 6 o'clock.

J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, to-day, Saturday, January 5th, 1895.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Killamersham, to-day, Saturday, January 5th, 1895.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**St. Peter's Society, Walworth.**—A special business meeting will be held by the society in the vestry, on Friday, January 11th. Meeting time 8.30 p.m. Members please attend.

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Anniversary meeting, Gloucester, on Thursday, January 10th, 1895. Short service, St. Michael's, 3 p.m. Address by Rev. G. James, M.A., Rector. Knife and fork tea, 5 p.m., at Ram hotel, opposite Crypt (near cross), at 2s. per head, towards which all ringing members will be allowed 1s., provided a ticket is bespoken of the Local Secretary, with 1s. postal order enclosed, posted by or before Monday, the 7th inst., address, A. Roberts, 34, Stratton road, Gloucester. Business meeting immediately after tea. Election of officers, etc. The Cathedral bells will be open by kind permission of the Dean, from 11.20 to 3.45. And St. Michael's (8), St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), and St. Mary-de-Lode (6), all day.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, January 12th, 1895, meeting 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE HOYLE, Branch Sec.

44, New York Street, Rochdale.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next, January 12th. Tea free to all members who give notice to Mr. J. Johnson, 1, Cooper Street, Tunstall, of their intention to be present, not later than Wednesday, January 9th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The anniversary dinner of the Redenhall Society will be held on Monday, January 14th, 1895. Bells ready at 11.30 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m.

**All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 19th, 1895. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, January 17th, 1895.

J. GREEN, Hon. Sec.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, 1895, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by committee meeting. Tea at 6 p.m. Please send in how many of your band will attend, not later than the 15th instant, to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Full particulars in next week's issue. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—Next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Dudley, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. Full particulars next week.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—This is the longest length by all the band, the longest peal by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. This is supposed to be the longest length ever rung in the South Midland Counties. Great credit is due to the treble man, who is 66 years of age, and who is a local ringer, and rang his first 5040 over 40 years ago. The peal was listened to by several competent change-ringers, who congratulated the band on the excellence of the striking all the way through. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Messrs. Howard, Clarke, Sharp, Hills, and Chasty hail from Bedford; Gilbert from Raunds; Martin from Higham Ferrers; and Houghton belongs to Irtlingborough.

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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, Bangor, North Wales.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895.

If the record of peals in this number can be regarded as a criterion, the new year has opened very well indeed. Thirty-six performances in one week is an excellent chronicle, and which has not been exceeded many times. Such a lengthy record shows the great vitality of the ringing Art; it shows that there are now more enthusiasts among us than ever; it is a good sign that change-ringing is not on the wane by any means; it shows clearly that its votaries are in earnest. No less than two 10,000s we find among the week's records, performances achieved not for the purposes of exceeding anything previous, but we suppose from the feeling of monotony which has been created by constantly ringing peals containing half that number.

On another page is also to be found an important notice from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council. It is our duty to call the attention of those concerned to this. We are quite aware that it will be time enough to attend to this next week, or in fact the week after, but when we recollect, as we should do so, that there is a great deal of work to be done by Mr. BULWER and his colleagues in making the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting, we should all try to make that work as easy and as pleasant as possible. This can be done very easily if those concerned will give the matter their immediate attention. We allude to this subject because the experiences of last year were not so pleasant as they might have been, owing to the disregard of the Council's notice.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE TURL, JUN. .. .. Treble. | JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.       |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.    | WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7.     |
| HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.        | GEORGE TURL, SEN. ... .. 8.   |
| ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.        | FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.   |
| ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.        | WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and  
Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

Mr. A. Neale, who hails from Woolwich, was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting. This composition has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th each nine courses behind the 9th, and will be found published in "THE BELL NEWS," August 30th, 1892.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble. | ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.     |
| FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 2.    | *ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.    |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.   | *CHARLES HINDS .. .. 7.      |
| HARRY BARTON* .. .. 4.         | HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and Conducted by F. J. PITTS.

\*First peal in the method, and first attempt by Messrs. Hinds and Barton. It is also the first peal in the method, and believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells. This composition is a reduced variation of a six-part, the figures of which will appear in due course.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.   | *FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 7.         |
| CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 2.    | JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 8.         |
| GEORGE J. SMITH* .. .. 3.    | WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 9.         |
| EDWARD H. ADAMS* .. .. 4.    | RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 10.          |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 5.  | EDWIN HORREX .. .. 11.            |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. 6. | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and  
Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal of Maximus. This peal was rung on the 8th birthday of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and is the first in the method on these bells since the year 1853.

**THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.**

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WALTER DICKINSON .. .. Treble. | THOMAS C. GROVE .. .. 5.    |
| HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 2.      | CHARLES A. BUTTON .. .. 6.  |
| HARRY ELLIS* .. .. 3.          | WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. .. 7. |
| WILLIAM R. GIBSON .. .. 4.     | WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES and  
Conducted by H. BARNETT.

The above was rung, with the bells half-muffled, for Divine Service on New Year's Eve. \*First peal.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. .. Treble. | *GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.   |
| FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. 2.       | ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.       |
| WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. .. 3.      | WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.      |
| JOHN NUNN .. .. 4.               | R. K. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\*First peal as conductor. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the dying year.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Tuesday, January 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble. | ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.     |
| HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.       | JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.      |
| ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.       | WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.       |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 4.   | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor. |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and  
Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

First peal in the method as conductor, and second attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Davis, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is a one-part composition, containing the 4th and 5th each nine courses, and the 6th its extent in 6ths place, with the 2nd never there, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham hail from Chislehurst, and were elected members of the above Society previous to starting.

**The Provinces.****BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.****LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.**

On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| J. BROWN .. .. Treble. | JAS. SMITH, SEN. .. .. 5. |
| T. REDMAN† .. .. 2.    | J. WATSON .. .. 6.        |
| E. A. BAKER .. .. 3.   | J. WALKER, SEN. .. .. 7.  |
| H. HAYES .. .. 4.      | M. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.     |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WALKER, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. T. Redman hails from Burnley; E. A. Baker from Padibam; H. Hayes from Church.

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

On Monday, December 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| S. GOODCHILD .. .. Treble. | R. BIGGS .. .. 5.    |
| H. STRATFORD .. .. 2.      | F. BOREHAM .. .. 6.  |
| F. K. BIGGS .. .. 3.       | J. EVANS .. .. 7.    |
| F. BIGGS .. .. 4.          | B. PAGE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by J. EVANS.

This was a midnight peal and was rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Boreham, the peal being finished on his 22nd birthday, December 25th.

**DISS, NORFOLK.—NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Treble. | JOHN SOUTER .. .. 5.       |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. .. 2.  | ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 6.    |
| F. E. W. MEADOWS .. .. 3.    | WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 7.     |
| WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 4. | FREDERICK DAY .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 2nd. This is a three-part peal, with the 5th or 6th one way in 5-6 at each course-end, and taken from Snowdon's Treatise, Part II., page 20.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES W. EADES* .. Treble. | JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.     |
| BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. .. 2.   | EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 6.     |
| GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 3.      | *ARTHUR ADSETT .. .. 7.    |
| ALBERT J. BROWN* .. .. 4.    | FRANK BENNETT .. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major; also first peal of Major on the bells. This peal contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble. | KERRY PAYNE .. .. 5.     |
| ARTHUR C. HOWES .. .. 2.      | CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.  |
| ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 3.        | WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.  |
| EDWIN HIMS* .. .. 4.          | JAMES MOGRIDGE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman Triples.

## OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| C. RALPH .. .. Treble. | FRED. MASTON .. .. 5.    |
| WM. CLOUGH .. .. 2.    | JOHN NELSON .. .. 6.     |
| AMOS HOLMES .. .. 3.   | JAMES HORNER .. .. 7.    |
| ARTHUR SNOWBALL .. 4.  | WM. WADDINGTON .. Tenor. |

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by JOHN NELSON.

First peal by Amos Holmes and Arthur Snowball.

## HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN STAPLES* .. .. Treble. | KEITH HART .. .. 5.       |
| WALTER S. WISE* .. .. 2.    | JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.   |
| ISAAC GEO. SHADE .. .. 3.   | WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.  |
| HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.        | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor. |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method: it is also W. S. Wise's first attempt at Superlative. This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ROBERT WELTON .. .. Treble. | JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.     |
| ALBERT RICHES* .. .. 2.     | EDWARD CHANDLER .. 6.    |
| ROBERT RAYNER .. .. 3.      | ROBERT HARPER .. .. 7.   |
| JOHN LARTER† .. .. 4.       | WILLIAM RICHES .. Tenor. |

Composed by T. HURRY and Conducted by W. RICHES.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. E. Chandler and R. Harper were elected members before starting for the peal. J. Larter hails from Henham; the rest belong to the local company.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY BOWELL* .. .. Treble. | *ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.  |
| WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.      | WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6. |
| ISAAC SAMUEL ALEXANDER 3.   | JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.       |
| EDWARD REEVE .. .. 4.       | ALFRED BOWELL .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, and the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR HEAD .. .. Treble.  | THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.      |
| ERNEST W. DAVIS* .. .. 2.  | FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.    |
| GEORGE W. SORRELL .. .. 3. | WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.     |
| ROBERT WOOD .. .. 4.       | *FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor. |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal in any method. This is the first peal in the method rang in Essex, by all the band, and on the bells. All the above are members of the local company. George Head, another member, sat in the tower with a copy of the peal, and marked off each lead as it was rung.

## ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Five Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN HARDING .. .. Treble. | CHARLES BANCE .. .. 5.   |
| FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.   | JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.   |
| EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.   | GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.  |
| WILLIAM S. SMITH* .. 4.    | WILLIAM BURKIN .. Tenor. |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. BURKIN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the longest length by all except J. Fayers, and is the longest peal rung by the Association.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| WILLIAM FINCH .. .. Treble. | EDWIN HIMS .. .. 6.      |
| ARTHUR C. HAWES .. .. 2.    | WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.  |
| JOB HOWES .. .. 3.          | WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 8.   |
| ALFRED FOX .. .. 4.         | JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 9. |
| CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 5.     | JAMES MOGRIDGE .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FRANK W. BOND .. .. Treble. | *CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 5.  |
| ERNEST P. HARMER .. .. 2.   | JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.        |
| ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 3.     | †H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 7.   |
| FRANK GARDNER .. .. 4.      | HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| EDWIN RAPLEY .. .. Treble. | JOHN SMART .. .. 5.      |
| GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 2.    | CHARLES TYLER .. .. 6.   |
| WILLIAM WOOLGAR .. .. 3.   | CHARLES SMART .. .. 7.   |
| WILLIAM J. ALLISS .. .. 4. | ARTHUR GATLAND .. Tenor. |

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gatland, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Allis and Tyler belong to the Henfield branch; the rest are local men.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY LAWES .. .. Treble. | JOHN BALLARD .. .. 5.    |
| THOMAS CURTIS .. .. 2.    | WALTER WADEY .. .. 6.    |
| FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 3. | FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.   |
| CHARLES HANSFORD* .. 4.   | HENRY WHITE .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Major. Messrs. Wadey and Bennett hail from Billingshurst and Guildford respectively.

## HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. JAMES DYSON* .. .. Treble. | CHARLES LUCEY .. .. 5.      |
| MORTON W. PIERCE .. .. 2.     | PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.   |
| STEPHEN BINFIELD .. .. 3.     | RICHARD GOODBURN .. 7.      |
| REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.   | *HARRY WELLARD .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

\*First peal. A. J. Dyson hails from Ashford; Binfield from Folkestone; Goodbourn from Aldington; Wellard from Ramsgate; the rest from Canterbury. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung a year or two ago, the tenors being recast. Formerly there was a ring of ten.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| L. LOMAS .. .. Treble. | C. DRAPER .. .. 5.        |
| F. BRADLEY .. .. 2.    | S. MASKREY .. .. 6.       |
| A. H. WARD* .. .. 3.   | C. E. HART .. .. 7.       |
| J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.    | B. ROWBOTHAM .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by C. E. HART.

\*First peal.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE WINTER* .. .. Treble. | T. HERCY DENMAN .. .. 6.     |
| GEORGE SWANNACK† .. 2.       | THOMAS SPURR .. .. 7.        |
| GEORGE M. FARR .. .. 3.      | HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 8.       |
| HARRY WARBURTON .. .. 4.     | JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.    |
| GEORGE E. SHARP .. .. 5.     | WILLIAM SKELTON .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

This peal, in four parts, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells successively behind the 9th. \*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. First peal of Caters by H. Warburton and G. Sharp, and was rung as a birthday compliment to George Winter, who rung his bell through the performance in capital style. During the second hour, the ringing of the above peal was carried on with considerable difficulty, and several times nearly collapsed, through the playing of the church organ, the sound of which is plainly audible in the belfry.

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE PEAL.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble. | W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.         |
| S. LORD .. .. 2.        | H. WALLS .. .. 6.          |
| J. AREWORTH .. .. 3.    | J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.      |
| J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 4.   | J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. SHEPHERD and Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S, GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. Treble. | GEORGE W. BALDWIN .. 6.      |
| CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.      | JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 7.        |
| HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.       | JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.        |
| BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 4.     | THOMAS MILLER .. .. 9.       |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.      | WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by WILLIAM KENT and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each eighteen times behind the 9th, and the 6th eleven times behind the 8th, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in granting them the use of the bells.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Six Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

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| JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble. | WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.   |
| ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.            | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.    |
| CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.         | PERCY HOWARD .. .. 7.      |
| ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 4.       | HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON and

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| ALFRED P. GODDARD .. Treble. | THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.         |
| ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 2.   | CHARLES H. WATTS .. 6.         |
| WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.     | WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.        |
| SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.        | WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal contains the 6th fourteen times wrong and twenty-four times right, and was rung to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the first peal at St. Martin's church.

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHICHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DAVID H. FALCONER, JUN. Treble. | DAVID FALCONER .. .. 5.      |
| GEORGE T. FARLEY .. .. 2.       | JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 6.      |
| GEORGE ATTFIELD .. .. 3.        | RICHARD WALTERS .. .. 7.     |
| FRANCIS B. TOMPKINS* .. 4.      | *CHARLES L. CHEESEMAN Tenor. |

Conducted by RICHARD WALTERS.

\*First peal.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY'S GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

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| A. EVANS* .. .. Treble. | G. E. HARBOUR .. .. 5.  |
| S. RADFORD† .. .. 2.    | †T. W. RADFORD .. .. 6. |
| J. JOYCE* .. .. 3.      | *J. BURGE .. .. 7.      |
| T. DOBLE .. .. 4.       | *J. FOWLER .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor, also first peal by a local band, and first peal of Triples on the bells.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. Treble. | SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.    |
| SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 2.          | ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.     |
| STEPHEN DOUGHTY .. .. 3.       | ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 7.   |
| HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 4.        | HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-two times in 6ths place, without the 2nd ever in that position. S. Doughty hails from Skipton, Yorks.; the rest are of the local company.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. NICHOLAS,  
FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES,  
237 callings; in the twelve following methods:

Antelope, Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Hudibras, Dream, St. Dunstan's, London Doubles, Sunshine, Grandsire, and Lincolnshire Singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble. | CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4. |
| F. S. STAFFURTH .. .. 2.    | JOHN SHARPE .. .. 5.       |
| ENOS CLAYTON .. .. 3.       | JOSEPH SHARPE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN SHARPE.

First 5040 by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR,

Each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| FREDERICK KERRY .. .. Treble. | JOHN WOODS .. .. 4.         |
| ALBERT HOWES .. .. 2.         | JOHN HOWES .. .. 5.         |
| JOHN G. MILES .. .. 3.        | JESSE LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

The above company hail from Attleborough, with the exception of J. Woods, who belongs to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Garnier), for the use of the bells.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 6 cwt.

|                              |                                |
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| STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble. | EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.        |
| JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.       | GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.       |
| ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.     | S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

BARNBY DON (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 College Single, in 26 mins. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6. On Tuesday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Single, in 25 mins. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby, 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, College Single, Woodbine, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble. | JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.         |
| EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.      | GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.       |
| ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.     | S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

IPSWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, January 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

One of Grandsire, and Two each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob, All called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F#.

|                            |                               |
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| HENRY BOWELL .. .. Treble. | ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 4.        |
| WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.     | JAMES MOTTS .. .. 5.          |
| WILLIAM WOODS .. .. 3.     | FREDERICK TILLET .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and first ever rung in Ipswich on six bells. It is hoped that the Ipswich men will be able to do something more on these bells, some day, than Minor, as by the addition of two trebles they would make a very musical ring of eight, much needed in Ipswich.

Date Touches.

BARNBY DON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 4th, for practice, a date touch in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: 454 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Single, 720 College Single. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6. First date touch by the local company and first on the bells.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 9th, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Stead, 1; A. Stokoe, 2; J. W. Walker, 3; J. Bennett, 4; L. Stokoe, 5; W. Baines, 6; D. York, 7; W. Child (conductor), 8.

KNARESBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Smith, 1; W. Swires (conductor), 2; G. Hall, 3; B. Pearson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; J. Luty, 6; J. Hoy, 7; M. Styles, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 4th, 480 College Single. H. Martin, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. W. Church, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 156 Plain Bob. H. Watson, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 5th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Jones, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; W. Jones, 6. Also 720 College Single (sixteen bobs two singles). W. Church, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Friday, November 9th, 366 Grandsire Doubles. F. Pratt (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; W. Jones, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; H. J. Martin, 6. Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, November 24th, 720 each of Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor. W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; E. E. Pratchett, 5-6. And a

half-peal of Bob Major, 2528 changes. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. Time not permitting for a peal, the bells were allowed to run round half-way. On Thursday, November 29th, 224 Bob Major, a course of Canterbury Major, and 97 Grandsire Triples. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Friday, November 30th, a half-peal of Bob Major. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. And 518 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Ten-part. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. \*E. Tubb, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; \*F. Blondell, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; W. Tubb, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Minor. T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent.

**BARNET (Herts).**—On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 192 Plain Bob Minor on the back six. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. A. Belton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; F. Blondell, 6; R. Roffey, 7; A. Chidwick, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; A. E. Dolton, 2; W. Dell (first touch of Grandsire Triples), 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; F. Blondell, 7; A. Belton, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**SOUTH CHURCH.**—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Mayne, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. Peverall, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins, standing as before.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Sunday, December 9th, for evensong at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; T. Lungley, 4; H. Taylor, 5; F. Teasdale, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; W. Patton, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. T. Lungley belongs to Holy Trinity, and kindly made up the band upon their meeting one short.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NORWICH—Handbell Ringing.**—On Thursday, November 22nd, an attempt was made to ring A. Knight's three part peal of Grandsire Caters (5783 changes), on handbells, but it came to grief after ringing upwards of 2000 changes. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; A. W. Brighton, 7-8; C. E. Borrett, 9-10. Umpire, E. Francis. And on Friday, November 23rd, at 45 Oxford Street, Unthanks Road, 720 Kent Treble Brb Minor. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HOLM LACY.**—On Saturday evening, November 25th, at the parish church, an original peal of Stedman Triples (composed by J. Carter) was attempted, but the bells came into rounds in 2 hrs. 1 min. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; J. G. Wall, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; F. E. Ward, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; C. Watts, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

**LEOMINSTER.**—On Sunday afternoon, November 28th, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but the conductor called stand after ringing 1 hr., 2-4 having changed course. C. Watts, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; J. George, 9; T. Lewis, 10.

**BURGHILL.**—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the parish church a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but a change-course occurred after ringing 1 hr. T. J. Bratton, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; A. Bird, 3; J. S. Wall, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; C. Watts, 6; E. Turner, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. Mr. Wall having to leave for Ross, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards made, and after ringing just over 2 hrs. the conductor called "stand." W. Greenleaf, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; A. Bird, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; E. Turner, 5; C. Watts, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; A. Williams, 8. This was the first attempt of Williams to ring behind in Triples. The Vicar very kindly entertained the visitors to tea at the Vicarage.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts.)**—On Sunday afternoon, November 25th, for children's service. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. C. Whetstone, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. White, G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; C. Crawford, 6. G. Swannack's first touch in the method with a bob bell. This method was arranged at the last hour for Messrs. Whetstone and Crawford, who came over on a visit, and were most heartily welcomed, otherwise it was intended to ring 720 Violet Treble Bob. On Saturday evening, November 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Swannack, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by G. Swannack. And on Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. F. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 as conductor, whom with Preston hail from Worksop. On Tuesday, December 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Hurst, 1; G. M. Farr (conductor), 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. Swannack, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 as conductor. Messrs. Farr and Swannack hail from East Retford; Hurst from West Retford; the remainder belong to Odsall.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts.)**—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice on the front six, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Winter, 1; T. H. Denman, Esq., 2; G. M. Farr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; T. Spurr, 6. First 720 in the method on six bells by Messrs. Winter, Denman, Bottomley, and Spurr.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts.)**—On Sunday morning, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Hurst, 1; T. H. Denman, Esq., 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; H. Warburton, 5; H. Wilson, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.)**—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, for morning service, four courses of Grandsire Minor. T. Tapping, 1; A. Worley, 2; R. Price, 3; G. Leslie, 4; R. Buckland, 5; G. Tapping (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Tapping, 1; A. Worley, 2; G. Tapping, 3; G. Leslie, 4; R. Buckland, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6. And 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Tapping, 1; R. Price, 2; W. E. Yates (conductor), 3; A. Worley, 4; G. Leslie, 5; R. Buckland, 6; G. Tapping, 7; F. Price, 8.

**NEWBURY (Berks.)**—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Wits, 1; E. Wits, 2; J. Crocker, 3; D. Geater (conductor), 4; A. Bird, 5; J. Hussey, 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Targett, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HENFIELD (Sussex.)**—On Sunday, November 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; A. Groves, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Thursday, November 15th, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Stringer, 1; G. Payne, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. J. Allen, 4; H. Chandler (conductor), 5; B. Basset, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Tuesday, November 20th, 672 Bob Major. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Payne, 3; W. Hillman, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 27th, 640 Bob Major. C. Smart, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; H. Stringer, 3; J. Boniface, 4; S. Payne, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. J. Alliss (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. Hillman, 2; G. Payne, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 1088 Bob Major. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Friday, November 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. W. Hillman, 1-2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3-4; L. Payne, 5-6; G. Payne, 7-8. This is the longest length obtained yet on handbells double-handed by the Henfield branch.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**YATELEY (Hants.)**—On Thursday, December 6th, at the church of St. Peter, 504 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Tilmore, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; H. Hilton, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; W. Tilmore, 3; S. Riddle, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; R. Hilton, 7; H. Hilton, 8. Both conducted by G. Hawkins. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Vicar.

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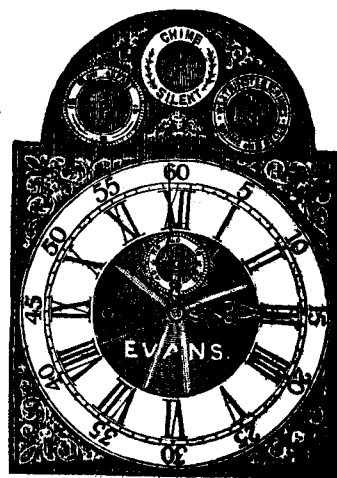
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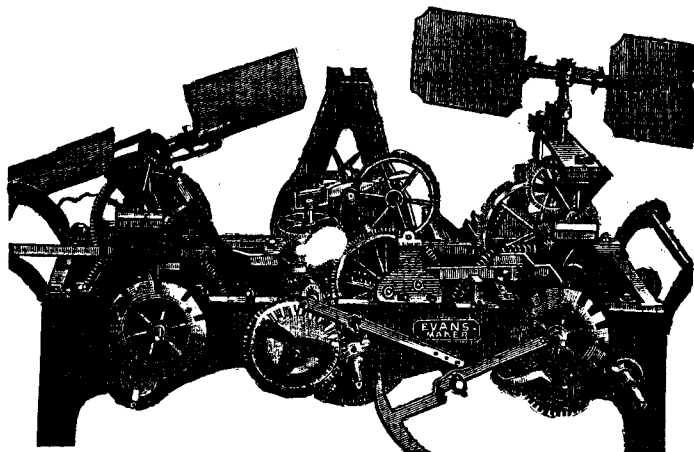
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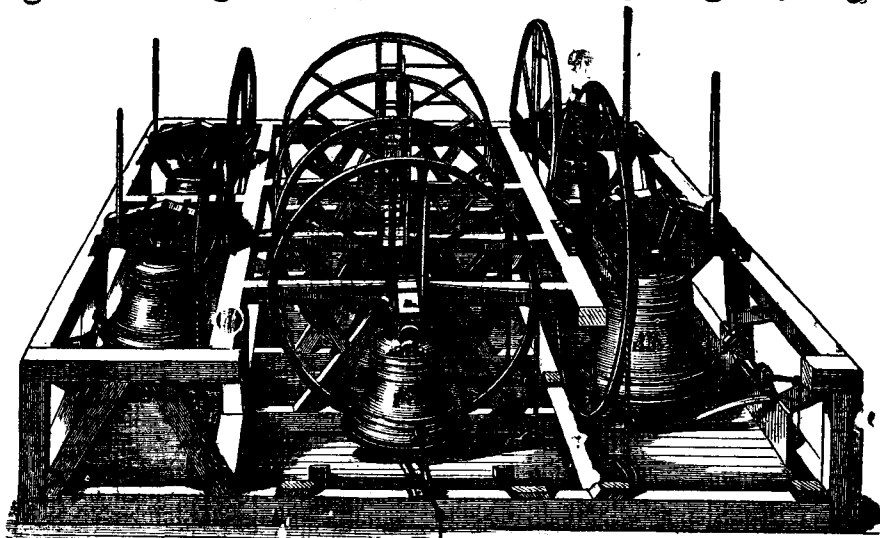
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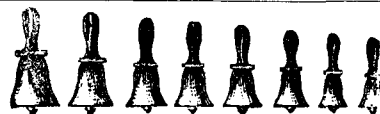
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