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MR. CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT, OF NORWICH.

[*Vide Portrait.*

Mr. Charles Edward Borrett was born at Norwich on December 21st, 1874, and therefore has just completed his twenty-second year. He became acquainted with ringing early in 1891, and made his first essay at change-ringing on February 9th in that year. His first 720 was rung at Hethersett immediately after a muffled 5000 had been rung as a last token of respect to Captain A. P. Moore. It was also at Hethersett, in February 1892, that he scored his first 5040 (seven 720s), ringing the second. In 1893 the handbell band mentioned in our memoir of Mr. J. A. Trollope was formed, and when Major was taken in hand Mr. Borrett was asked to take the extra pair. He conducted the 5040 that followed, and rang in most of the peals that were scored in 1893-94, conducting with one exception all that he took part in. Notable among these were the two long peals of Bob Major, 6720 and 11,200, the latter the record peal in any method on handbells.

Before a ringer is qualified for a position in St. Peter Mancroft Company, he must be able to ring a plain course of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus; these were rung by Mr. Borrett in 1893, and on the Queen's birthday of that year he was elected to fill a vacancy in the company. The esteemed master, Mr. George Howchin, is not a bob-caller, and so, shortly after, Mr. Borrett was appointed conductor to the company, a position he holds to the satisfaction of all concerned. Besides being a safe bob-caller, he possesses in a considerable degree the gift of *conducting*, and more than one peal has been saved by him before a mistake has had time to upset the striking and demoralise the band. As a ringer he is an excellent striker, although owing to his light weight, is generally found at the front. Among his best performances, which include peals on all numbers from five to twelve (on handbells from six to ten, and on Mancroft bells from seven to twelve), we may mention the first single-handed peal of Cinques at St. Peter's, and the first peal higher than Caters by a purely local band for over fifty years—Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Both of these he conducted. He has also taken part in two peals of Treble Bob of over 7000 changes, both of which were the longest length on the respective bells.

Mr. Borrett is an enthusiastic cyclist, and very much addicted to "tower hunting," a hobby shared in by several of his brother-ringers. A year or so ago the Norwich band could produce nine men, all peal-ringers, and all cyclists, although one or two unfortunately have left now. One record Mr. Borrett holds may be mentioned, viz,, that he has rung at all, save one, of the eight-bell towers in Norfolk. This no one else has done, and considering the extent of the county, evidences not a little labour and trouble. The one exception is Thorpe-next-Norwich, where a beautiful peal of bells by Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, is altogether unringable owing to the state of the tower. In order to obtain the above result, Mr. Borrett rode in one day seventy miles to "get" one tower; on another day eighty miles to "get" two; and on a third about 100 miles to get the last one available. He was accompanied by his friend Mr. Trollope on the first two occasions; on the last he rode alone. We may add that the ringing on the eighty mile trip was "rounds" at one tower and call changes at the other.

Mr. Borrett is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Durham and Newcastle Association, the St. Peter Mancroft Company, and the St. Mary-le-Tower (Ipswich) Society. His complete list of peals is as follows:

	Hand	Tower	Conducted	Total
Seven methods on five bells ...		1		1
Five methods on six bells ...		1		1
Bob Minor	1	1		2
Bob Triples		1		1
Bob Major	3	3	4	6
Bob Royal	1			1
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...		1		1
Grandsire Triples	1	2	1	3
Grandsire Major	2		2	2
Grandsire Caters	1	3	3	4
Grandsire Cinques		1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major		4	2	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal		3	1	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...		3	1	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...		13	3	13
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...		1	1	1
	9	38	19	47

ST. PETER'S, TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

Dedication of New Ring of Six Bells.—In spite of the very inclement weather which prevailed all day on the Festival of The Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, Tuesday, February 2nd last, a large number of the parishioners assembled in their ancient old parish church of St. Peter, to celebrate the dedication of their new bells. This red-letter day commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; at 12.0 the church was well filled for the dedication service. Preceded by the choir, the following clergy accompanied the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Guildford: Revs. R. A. R. White (Vicar of Titchfield), H. Wheat (curate), R. W. Nevill (Vicar of Hook), R. M. C. Harvey (Vicar of Eastleigh and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild) and C. E. Matthews (curate of Hursley, and Hon. Sec. of the Guild). The service began with the shortened form of mattins; the special psalms were 81 and 150; and the special lesson, Numbers x. 1-11, was read by the Rev. C. E. Matthews. After hymn 303 (A. & M.) had been sung, the Bishop, kneeling in the sanctuary, offered prayers for the dedication of the bells. A brass eagle lectern was then dedicated by his lordship in memory of the late Mrs. White, wife of the Vicar. Hymn 428 ("The saints of God, their conflict past") having been sung, the Bishop gave an interesting address, which we regret being unable to print through want of space). Hymn 166 ("All people that on earth do dwell") was afterwards sung while the offertory was taken, and the Bishop closed the service with the blessing.

At evensong at 7.30 p.m. the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey preached to a large congregation.

Of the present ring of six the original four bells have been recast, and two trebles added. The inscriptions on the four old bells (which have been reproduced) were: 1. "Richard Brovne Cvrch Warden 1675." 2. "In God is my hope 1628." 3. "Ave Gratia Plena" (no date, but said to be 1275–1300). 4. "R. Wells of Aldbourne Wilts. Fecit. MDCCLXVIIII." It is a matter of very deep regret that the old 3rd bell could not be retained. In "the inventory of all the goods, plate, jewells, bells, vestements, and other ornaments of the parish chirche of Tytchefelde, taken the xv day of July anno sexto Edwardi sexti"



MR. CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

(*Of Norwich.*)

[*Supplement to* "THE BELL NEWS."]

(A.D. 1552—Edward VI.) we have amongst the items therein enumerated, "iiii greate bells, and one smale." This "one smale" bell is the priest's bell which is at present used for every service, and has not been recast with the other four. The new bells have been cast by Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry; an excellent iron frame (an iron model of a wooden frame) has been supplied by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who has hung the peal, and put in some first-class work, the go of the bells being admirable. Owing to illness he was unfortunately unable to be present at the dedication ceremony. The total cost of the work has amounted to about £300, including an Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and Cambridge chimes for the clock, supplied by Messrs. Burden, of Salisbury. The tenor weighs 12 cwt. 21 lbs. in the key of G. It was remarked that the 3rd bell's tone was not quite equal to the rest of the peal. The treble and 2nd have no inscriptions upon them.

The ringing arrangements were under the management of Mr. J. W. Whiting (Hon. Sec. of the Portsmouth district), and were carried out very efficiently. The opening peal rung at the conclusion of the dedication service was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by C. Privett, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; J. Staples, 4; G. W. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. In the afternoon other 720s and touches in various methods followed, in one which the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey took part.

Mr. J. W. Whiting is undertaking the instruction of the local band, which includes the Rev. H. Wheat. He also reports that he has a band of eight ladies to initiate into the mysteries of change-ringing.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, January 30th, when some 48 members and friends (not easily discouraged by the wretched weather) assembled from Derby, Duffield, Burton, Leicester, Loughboroough, Lincoln, Sheffield and villages round Chesterfield. The afternoon passed as usual with touches on the peal of ten, in various methods, inspections of the large and handsome church, and touches on the handbells at the ringers' meeting house. With keen appetite members assembled at the Victoria School at 5 p.m., and did full justice to a capital meat tea, at which the Hon. and Rev. C. J. Lyttelton, Vicar of Chesterfield, honoured us by his presence. To commence the business of the meeting the President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (who had an important engagement elsewhere) for the use of the bells, which was seconded by the Hon. Treasurer and carried with applause. The Vicar in the course of an interesting speech, urged more earnestly upon ringers to consider their duties as churchmen, mentioning that at his previous living, viz: Penkridge, every ringer was also a communicant.

The President then proposed the Vicar as an Hon. Member of the association, which was seconded by Mr. Knight and carried *nem. con.*

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes, which were signed, as also the names of four new members who were duly elected.

The President in addressing the meeting stated that 13 peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz.:—2 Grandsire Caters, 1 London Surprise, 1 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2 Bob Major, 1 Darlaston Bob Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 2 Minor and 1 Doubles. Of these peals 6 had been rung by the Leicester and Loughborough branches between them, 2 by the Derby branch, 1 by the Burton branch (viz.: London Surprise) 1 by the Birmingham branch (Canterbury Pleasure Major), 2 by the Long Eaton, and 1 by the Melbourne Society. He urged upon members to take to heart the Vicar's earnest words. He must say, however, that ringers had done a great deal for themselves, and many well-arranged towers had arrived at a certain standpoint and could not get any further. It was most difficult to get the authorities to understand how necessary it was (especially heavy peals) that the bells should go well, and that ringers should also have lavatory accommodation. How could they be expected to attend service when they were simply wet through with perspiration, and their coats and hands dusty and dirty. If the authorities would only meet ringers half way, he was sure that they would be better churchmen. He hoped shortly to propose that a tabulated list of the condition of bells throughout the country be prepared, and he ventured to think that they would do all in their power to help. In conclusion the President stated that at the annual meeting tea it would probably be found impossible to make the 6d. allowance to visiting members, he hoped that none would stay away on that account.

A vote of thanks to the President was then proposed by the Hon. Secretary and seconded by Mr. G. Toplis, and carried with applause.

Members then adjourned to the tower and the ringers' meeting house, and thus closed another meeting made most enjoyable in spite of the inclement weather, by the meeting of old friends and by the Chesterfield ringers' hearty welcome.

Ringers' Festivities.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—RINGERS AND CHOIR DINNER.—On Thursday evening, February 4th, the members of this band, with the choir, were entertained by the rector—Rev. Stephen and Mrs. Cornish—at the rectory. After the signal "Look too" was given, 720 of "knife and fork surprise," the like number of "teething exercise," finishing up with 720 of "ringers' delight," at all of which the course-ends came up without a trip. After the removal of the cloth each one retired to the drawing-room, where there was a good supply of vocal and instrumental music. The Misses Cornish coming well to the front with first and second violin, and "cello;" Mr. Thomas Beacall, organist, presiding at the piano. Plain courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells, and various tunes. At 10 45, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, thus bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening. ONE WHO WAS THERE.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Thursday, January 7th, the ringers and choir were entertained to supper at the rectory, by the Rector and Mrs. Morgan. Supper being called for 7.30, we sat down to an excellent repast, all doing full justice to a fine course of roast beef and mutton, other courses turning up in splendid style. After full justice to the good things provided was given, we made a move to the drawing-room, where singing and various games were indulged in until 11 o'clock. After shaking hands with the rector we made our way home all having spent a most enjoyable evening.
J. M.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday evening, February 3rd, through the kindness of the Rev. — Wright, the above company were invited to the vicarage, where a capital dinner was awaiting them. About 7.30 "Go" was called, and for an hour-and-a-half the course-ends continued to turn up in good style, the chief being "roast beef and mutton delight," "pigeon pie surprise," "plum pudding exercise," &c. After the cloth was drawn, pipes and tobacco were brought in, and some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Tarrant, Bradlaugh, Bedingfield and Mr. Swales, who accompanied on the piano. Touches of Bob Major, etc., were rung on the handbells, and some tune-playing by Mr. Tarrant added much to the harmony of the evening. A vote of thanks to the vicar, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The annual supper in connection with this Guild took place at Crump's Restaurant, High street, on Monday, February 1st, but through the wretched state of the weather only twelve sat down, and judging by the good things provided, it evidently looked as though there would be a lively time. The warden (Rev. W. G. Melville) occupying the chair, said grace, and it was then seen that the members could ring changes on other things besides bells. Full justice having been done, the tables were cleared, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, those that wished to indulge in the fragrant weed were soon supplied with the long pipe and College mixture, which brought out an old ringers' saying, "When we smoke, we smoke." The programme included songs by Messrs. B. Hill, W. Cotton, G. Hinton, W. Powell, W. H. Johnson, and Mr. Brown. There were also several toasts, including the healths of the Warden, and their old friend the Rev. R. Cattley, who had for so many years taken an interest in the bells of Worcester Cathedral. The toast of success to the Worcester Cathedral Guild was also honoured, as was the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and the paper which had done so much to further the interests of change-ringing, not only in the United Kingdom, but throughout the world. Mr. Brown gave a few remarks on the way in which ringers conducted themselves in years gone by, and urged upon those present to uphold the association, which he was sure had brought about belfry reform, and thereby done away with the misconduct once carried on in the house of God. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close. J.

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."

Church Authorities and Bells.

Sir,—At a recent interesting meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths convened by the kind invitation of A P. Heywood, Esq , to commemorate Mr. W. T. Cockerill's magnificent performance on the St. Paul's Cathedral tenor, Mr. Heywood is reported in your columns to have said that "there was not one in ten thousand of those in charge of sacred edifices who cared two brass farthings about the bell fittings or the ringers' comfort." Mr. Heywood, with his wide experience, is well qualified to speak on every topic connected with the "noble art," but does he really mean us to take the above remarks literally? If he does, I venture to say that they convey an inaccurate, if not very exaggerated statement of the facts of the case. There is, of course, much room for improvement, and few will deny that when the fabric of churches has been restored, the bells, etc., have been forgotten, or their restoration indefinitely deferred to a more convenient financial season. But wherever bands are affiliated to diocesan, county, or district associations, we find in most instances (I do not say *all*) that the bells are pealable. In one parish in this diocese the vicar makes one of his curates responsible for the interests of the ringers (*O si sic omnes!*); the incumbents of all parishes affiliated to our guild are honorary members; many of them pay visits to their belfries, and several are ringers. Again, some incumbents who have no bells support us by their contributions. The annual reports of other societies will doubtless tell the same story. If all rural deans would make a point of personally inspecting belfries, and reporting the condition of unringable peals, and worn-out frames, to their diocesans, much might be done to ameliorate the state of affairs. But while admitting that much yet remains to be done in the interests of change-ringing, and that our various societies have not as yet secured that position and attention they merit (and which Mr. Heywood no doubt desires to see secured), I believe many of your readers will agree that the percentage of incumbents who care for their bell fittings and their ringers' comfort is infinitely higher than minus one per ten thousand.

Charles E. Matthews,
Hon. Sec. Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Method or Methods.

Sir,—As my letter on the above subject caused some attention by readers of "The Bell News," I should like to express my views on the matter, and if possible, for the benefit of young ringers, I wish to say that my letter was wrote with no special reference to the Chiddingstone band, as I know none of the band, but, however, I wish them every success, as I am well aware of the difficulties and also the small amount of encouragement a young band generally gets, especially if they are out in the country. What I should like to draw any young ringers' attention to is the right and proper start or foundation of change-ringing, as I am sure the science is worthy of it. I remember several years ago, I was ringing with a company, and when well on the road for our proposed touch, we got into a bit of a muddle, and I just spoke to a man that was ringing next to me—here you are, you are 4-5 up, or 6-7 up, I forget now which, but instead of helping the man it confused him, and our proposed touch was at once a total wreck. Afterwards I asked him if he understood what I meant, and he said no, I know nothing about no 4-5 up or 6-7 down. Well, I said, how do you ring, by what method? And he began to explain about first and last, second and last; this being the first time I had heard anything about such a system. Then, I was confused, and then the battle began, but we parted on friendly terms, and I have got half-a-dozen books on change-ringing, old and new, and I can find no reference to such a system, therefore, I think the best thing a young ringer can do is to follow Snowdon's rules as near as he can, and lay down a road for himself, which is straight and easy to travel on, and there would be no more strange plans, as it is a well-known fact, what a youngster is taught he seldom forgets. A. Rock.

College Youths *v.* Cumberlands.

Sir,—Taking up my "Bell News" on Friday evening, and coming to the correspondence column, with all due respect to Mr. F. Thornton, I must say I opened my eyes with surprise at his suggestion respecting membership of the two societies. Myself, for one, take a decidedly opposite view of the suggestion. I think the requirements of the two societies are met in a most practical manner by the establishment of the St. James's Society, by bringing the members of the two societies in the bonds of brotherly love with one another, and at the same time to the advantage of suburban and provincial ringers who may be on a visit to London; if they have a friend in either society they can ring peals with him through this channel. Often peals have been rung with an equal number of members on each side, on 8, 10, and 12 bells, but there is no restriction, sometimes nine on one side and one on the other, and I think the county associations answer the same purpose wonderfully well with ringers on a visit from county to county. What with forming committees and alteration of rules, I fail to see what advantage it is going to be for the good of change-ringing in general. I think there would soon be such confusion and strife as never was known in the history of the two societies. By all means let us remain on the amicable footing we are at the present time, and not disturb the friendly rivalry of the past and present generation.

Edwin Gibbs.

Reply to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Sir,—The reply to my letter from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was nothing more than I expected. It is such replies as that that has been the loss to the Association of good change-ringers, also honorary members. My reason for writing to the paper instead of privately, was to awaken the members to the rules, so that they could come to a meeting prepared. I, with other conductors, am quite willing to comply with rule 16, but to the addition we will not. Only fancy a member at the last committee meeting proposing almost in one breath that no alteration or addition to the rules shall be made until passed by a meeting of the members, of which one month's notice shall have been given, or words nearly to this effect, and then proposing the addition which was published, that to come into force at once. Rule 17 distinctly says no alteration or addition shall be made to the rules, except by a general or special meeting of the members, therefore let the committee as well as the members keep the rules till altered by such a meeting, which they must call, if they want to enforce the addition. If the members of the Association knew as much as I do the cause of those revelations at that district meeting, perhaps they would not be so surprised. T. Groombridge.

[This letter has been in abeyance for a time.—Ed.] (*The one interested.*)

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The ringers at the above met for their annual dinner (the fourth since the augmentation of the bells to a ring of eight) on Monday, February 1st, at The Frighted Horse tavern, when the members of the band and friends to the number of a score or more sat down to a repast served in the smart and bountiful manner for which host Taylor has made himself noted.

Some interest attaches to this as the first gathering of the series at which one of the clergy was present. The Rev. C. E. E. Bulwer, curate at the parish church, who is a ringer, and takes great interest in all the doings of the local band, opened the proceedings with grace, but was compelled by a very important engagement to leave shortly afterwards, much to the regret of the whole company. The course-ends, which were brought up by a music quite as interesting, if not as ear-filling as that of the tower, came up with marvellous rapidity.

At the clearing of the cloth the veteran tower-keeper and leader, Mr. W. Verry, was unanimously voted to the chair, and in a few introductory remarks described the pleasure it gave him to see so many well-known faces around him. He went on to point out that Handsworth Tower had during the past year been subject to a drawback, so common in the Exercise, of losing men as soon as they had been trained to be of service. In giving the loyal toast of "Queen, Church and State," he was particularly happy in his allusion to the long and generally prosperous reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty. Needless to relate that this toast was enthusiastically received.

"Success and continued prosperity to the Handsworth Ringers" was given by Mr. Samuel Reeves, and Mr. Godden in responding advised his fellow-ringers not to take too despondent a view of their condition, owing to the loss described by their chairman. Despite such loss he stated—calling the company generally to verify his assertion—that they were at present stronger than they had ever been, and intended to be still more so in the future. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," he called attention to the fact that much was due to many of those then present, not only for the encouragement they gave to the social side of the question by their presence that evening, but for the valuable teaching and assistance they so frequently gave them in the tower. This having been duly honoured, a vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess by Mr. T. Westwood for their catering.

It was very evident from the outset that each speaker was studying the "Art" of brevity, and that every one was bent on that social converse and harmony which the chairman very quickly announced was to rule for the remainder of the evening. Mr. H. Butcher presided at the piano, and during the evening excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. R. and J. Faux, H. Manton, W. H. and T. Verry, S. Reeves, H. Bastable, and the pianist.

A touch of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by H. Avery, 1-2; H. Bastable, 3-4; W. Kent (conductor), 5-6; S. Reeves, 7-8; and later on an excellent course of Grandsire Caters by the same gentlemen with Mr. C. H. Watts taking a pair.

Closing time arrived all too soon, and by the reluctance with which it was obeyed, seemed to shew plainly that the gathering had been an enjoyable one.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at Oldswinford, on Saturday, January 30th. Proceedings commenced with a short. bright service in church, a full choir being present, the service being intoned, and the anthem—"Praise the Lord," being exceedingly well rendered. A brief address of welcome came from the rector, from Matt. xvii. 4: "It is good for us to be here." The rev. gentleman made special allusion to the fact of their commencing their business by meeting in the House of God with prayer and praise. Afterwards the party repaired to the mission room, Heath Lane, where a liberal tea, through the kind hospitality of the Hon. Clerical Secretary of the Association (the Rev. A. B. Timbrell) was provided, following which the business meeting was held. The number of representatives was almost the largest the association has ever had, the following bands of ringers being represented: Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Bridgnorth, Cradley, Dudley, Old Hill, Netherton, Kidderminster, Tipton, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcester, Malvern, Oldbury, Clent, Belbroughton, Oldswinford, Halesowen, and Wolverhampton. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, called upon the secretary to read the annual report.

Mr. Smith read the report, which stated the committee had much pleasure in presenting the report, the work having progressed financially and numerically. and in the quality of its performances. During the year thirty-two peals had been rung, being an advance of fifteen upon the number of last year. Special mention should be made of the peal on six bells in seven Treble Bob Methods at Netherton, and the peal of London Surprise Major just accomplished at Kidderminster, being the first in the Methods by members of the association. The committee were pleased to note the progress made by the King's Norton Guild during the year. and hoped their success would continue, also that made by the Oldswinford company, under the tuition of Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, and trusted they would continue to make further advancement in the knowledge and proficiency of the art. During the year there had been four meetings, at Kidderminster, Worcester, Redditch and Evesham. At Kidderminster, two honorary members and two new companies, belonging to Welland and Hanley Castle, had joined the association. At Redditch, the Rev. Canon Newton was elected an honorary member, and it was also resolved that his band become members if their names were forwarded to the secretary, but the committee regretted that this had not been done. At the Evesham meeting the secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. G. N. Whittingham, vicar, asking him for permission for the Bengeworth ringers to have the use of the campanile bells for the practice of change-ringing once in a month, without interfering with the privilege of his own ringers, but the committee were sorry to state that this mild request was refused. Numerically, the association had increased about twenty-two performing members during the year, but regretted there was a falling off in the honorary members, only twenty-one having paid their subscriptions against twenty-three last year. The balance-sheet showed the receipts for last year were £32 17s. 11d. and the expenses £20 8s. 2d.; the total worth of the association was now £23 9s. 10d. The report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Spittle (Dudley), seconded by Mr. Mason (Old Hill), it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Worcester, on Easter Monday.—Messrs. Grove (Kidderminster) and Pritchett (Kings Norton) were elected delegates to the Kentral Council.—It was resolved to give Mr. Parsons an honorarium for expenses incurred in getting to and from Old Hill to instruct the Oldswinford band, and eulogistic reference was made to the great improvement the ringers had made under his tuition.

Mr. Spittle moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and also for the bright service provided in church. He thought the step taken by the chairman was one in the right direction. It was well to remind ringers, as part of the church workers, that it was their duty after ringing other people to church, to go in themselves at least once a day.—Mr. Parsons seconded. If they could all put their hearts into the quarterly meetings as they had that day they would soon put the association on a better standing than it was at the present time. One of the best steps the officers of the Association ever took was when they invited the Rev. A. B. Timbrell to become clerical secretary.—Mr. Small supported the motion, and suggested that the clergy should make more acquaintance with the ringers, which would result in getting a better band, and also in getting them into church. He was afraid the clergy stuck to the east end of the church and the ringers to the west.

The Chairman thanked them for the vote of thanks. It was quite unnecessary, because it had been the greatest possible pleasure to him to preside or have anything to do with anything that affected the service of the church. He was very glad to welcome them to Oldswinford for the first time, and he was glad to have been able to arrange such a meeting as was evidently so satisfactory to them. He was very pleased with his own band of ringers, they were young men whom he had known from boyhood, and they had grown up under his own eye, and he was very proud indeed of the work especially since they had been under Mr. Parsons, to whom they were very grateful. The ringers, too, were regular attendants at church, and communicants, and he should like to see it a rule of the association that the ringers should be communicants; he would much rather them be good Christians than good bellringers. He agreed with Mr. Small as to the lukewarmness of the clergy with regard to the ringers. He was much obliged to them for the reference to his choir, who always did their best to make things go nicely. He thanked them for the vote of thanks, and he would use his best endeavours to advance the interest of the Association.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the rector for the use of the bells. During the day visits were made to the Oldswinford and St. Thomas's towers, and touches were rung in the following Methods:—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob at Oldswinford; and at St. Thomas's 224 Bob Major, 240 and 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A correspondent writes: "Among the touches rung after the meeting, on the bells of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, was one of 384 changes, of 'London Surprise Major,' by the famous band of St. Mary's, Kidderminster, which has held its premier position in the association for upwards of six years, under the leadership of the indefatigable and persevering 'Dick Grove.' This band has recently rung a peal of 5,000 changes in the same method, the first ever performed in Worcestershire."

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 6th, a meeting was held at the rectory to discuss the question of adding two new bells to the present ring of six, and judging from the spirit in which the well-attended meeting took the matter up, it is very likely that we shall in a short time have another ring of eight bells within easy reach of Sheffield. Mr. J. S. Booth promised a bell when the old six was recast by Messrs. Warner and Sons about 20 years ago, towards completing the octave, but the tower was then supposed to be unsafe. So a ring of six, with a tenor of 16½ cwt. was put into a structure not considered safe! For 20 years, however, it has carried the weight, and stood every possible test. On many a stormy night these bells have merrily rung through the howling of the wind and storm; and still the same lover of the bells adheres to his promise to give one bell. The sum of £30 was promised at the meeting toward the other bell, so let us hope that the liberal churchman who keeps to his promise for twenty years will soon have the gratification of hearing a ring of eight at Eckington, and live for more than twice twenty years to listen to their tuneful voices. E. J.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, TAUNTON.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild in connection with this church was held in the belfry on January 23rd. The Vicar of the parish (Rev. Prebendary Askwith) presided. Mr. E. Harbour having resigned the office of Steward, the senior curate (Rev. J. V. Buckland) was elected to fill his place. Mr. T. W. Radford was also obliged to resign his position as conductor owing to his removal from the town. His resignation was accepted with much regret, as he had done so much to promote change-ringing in the tower. Mr. James Burge was unanimously elected to fill his place. Two more members were then presented to the President by the steward, and admitted to the Guild. The Rev. J. V. Buckland will in future be the correspondent of the Guild.

Notices.

The Lancashire Association, Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Christ Church (6 bells), Bacup. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Members of eight-bell towers are especially invited, as every opportunity will be given them for learning six-bell methods. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*
Helmshore Road, Helmshore.

The Waterloo Society, London.—There will be a special business meeting of the above Society on Wednesday, February 17th, when all members possible are requested to attend.
VICTOR W. WEST, *Hon. Sec.*
71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, February 19th, at the Society's head quarters, Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, a special meeting will be held. It is earnestly requested that members will make an effort to be present, there being very important business to transact.

All Saints, West Ham, Essex.—There will be no practice at West Ham in future until further notice.
W. DORAN, *Steeple Keeper.*

The Herts. Association.—A district meeting will be held at Hatfield, on February 20th, when the tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at The East Indian Chief, at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Cheap Tickets issued to members travelling on the G. N. Railway to Hatfield, provided a sufficient number announce their intention of attending and inform me by Wednesday, February 17th, of the stations from which they will travel. Receipts for the current year's subscription must be produced at the Booking Office, on applying for the tickets. E. P. DEBENHAM,
S. Albans, February 8th. *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Heywood, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited, members or not.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

The Waterloo Society. — On Saturday, February 20th, the twenty-ninth anniversary of this society will be celebrated by a dinner at The York hotel, Waterloo Road; tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following committee: Messrs. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E.; T. West, 71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.; H. Barton, 36, Havil Street, Camberwell, S.E.; A. Hardy, 51, Kay Road, Stockwell, S.W.; F. G. Perrin, 42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, S.E.; F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite Road, Clapham, S.W.; or of
WALTER C. HASTED, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's church, Hulme, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting to be held in the "British Workmen's" Club Room, at 7.0 p.m. Open invitation to all ringers. WALTER BROWN,
54, *Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.* *Branch Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday, February 20th. The bells are a ring of six. Tenor 22 cwt. Usual arrangements. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield, Hants., on Saturday, February 20th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Meeting at 4.15 in the belfry. The secretary will give notice of proposed alteration of Rule XII.
CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Hursley, Winchester.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Commemoration and the Guild's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at The Market hotel, Station Street, Birmingham. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, free to full ringing members, to others 3s. each, may be obtained from the undersigned. The ring of twelve bells at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring, will be open at 3.30 p.m. A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Chairman of the Central Council, has kindly consented to preside. Tickets should be applied for before the 24th inst.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association, Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, February 27th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower open at 4 p.m. Short service at 5 30. Committee meeting at The Chequers at 6. Tea at 6.15. Applications for tea tickets to be made to me not later than February 22nd.
A. L. BRINE (REV.), *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Bearsted.

The Sussex County Association.—(Central Division.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, February 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m. A short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 (free). Members intending to be present should let me know not later than Tuesday, February 23rd, as the vicar (who provides the tea) requests me to let him know how many are likely to be present. GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Saturday, February 27th. (Fencehouses is the nearest railway station.) The Committee will meet at 4 o'clock, at The White Lion hotel. Meat tea will be provided at The White Lion at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each. The bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of members during the day. Subscriptions for 1896-7 are now due. Those intending to be present please notify the same on or before February 25th to
THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, *High Street, West Sunderland.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Hot Pot supper at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.
REV. W. T. BULPTIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Birstall. J. WEST.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SADDLEWORTH.—Upon the completion of the above peal the band adjourned to The Church inn, where they were entertained to a substantial meal, kindly provided by Mr. John Holden, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and they tak this opportunity of thanking that gentleman for his kind hospitality. They afterwards joined the local company, when the question was asked whose peal it was, and the figures were produced as a composition by Mr. Henry Dains. Mr. Samuel Wood then stated that it was composed by the late John Thorpe, and that he had called it nearly twenty years ego. Perhaps our friend Mr. Dains can throw some light on the matter as regards the real composer previous to its entry in the Ashton society's peal-book. The peal is a three-part one in eighteen courses, and was taken from the Oxford Diocesan Guild Report of 1895, page 153.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Conducted by A. H. TABER.

*First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Howes, who hails from Kingston-on-Thames.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

FRANK BUCK	..*Treble.*	WALTER J. SORRELL ..	5.
WILLIAM GARRARD	2.	HENRY R. NEWTON	6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS	3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE ..	7.
JOHN N. OXBORROW	4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

First peal in the method as Conductor. The figures of this peal will be found on page 114 of Central Council Appendix for 1895, second peal on the page.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

A. DEARDS MASON* ..	..*Treble.*	ROWLAND FENN	5.
ALBERT C. HARDY	2.	ALBERT DEARDS	6.
THOMAS FAULKNER	3.	ALFRED WHIGHT	7.
CALEB FENN	4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES, ESQ.	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal and first attempt.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, February 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

FRED. G. MAY	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ..	5.
FRANCIS E. WARD	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	6.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	*ROBERT A. BARRETT ..	7.
FRANCIS E. HART	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal in the method.

ELY.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR PILGRIM	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR MARKWELL	5.
GEORGE TAYLOR	2.	HENRY SHARP	6.
JOHN TAYLOR	3.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE ..	7.
WILLIAM KEMPTON	4.	*JOSEPH VAIL	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except the Conductor, and is the first in the method on the bells. Messrs. G. and J. Taylor, Kempton, and Woodhouse hail from Cambridge; Markwell and Sharp from Wilburton. It was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Markwell

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ..	*Treble.*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ..	2.	CHARLES E. BORRETT ..	6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ..	3.	SAMUEL SMITH	7.
ALBERT G. WARNES ..	4.	WILLIAM BALES ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

This is the first peal of Kent Major on the bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 5, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN O. GRIFFITHS ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES E. GROVES	5.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	2.	WILLIAM H. HUGHES ..	6.
JOSEPH DAY†	3.	WILLIAM MORGAN	7.
RICHARD JONES	4.	*ERNEST COWPER ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM MAUND ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES E. GROVES	5.
WILLIAM ESPLEY	2.	HORACE W. OVERTON ..	6.
JOHN E. OVERTON	3.	*JOHN OVERTON	7.
HERBERT HAMMOND	4.	HARRY JONES	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

*First peal as Conductor. First peal of Darlaston by all except J. E. Groves. First in the method on the bells.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD	..*Treble.*	BENJAMIN BROADBENT ..	5.
JOHN HOLDEN	2.	JAMES RADCLIFFE	6.
GEORGE E. TURNER	3.	JAMES S. WILDE	7.
ALFRED CROSS	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Messrs. Chapman, Cross, and Turner belong to Pendleton; Wood and Broadbent to Ashton-under-Lyne; Holden to Mossley; Wilde to Hyde; and Radcliffe to Saddleworth. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ISAAC HILLS	..*Treble.*	FRANK HULL	5.
CHARLES CHASTY	2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN	6.
WILLIAM PETTITT	3.	JOHN B. MARTIN	7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. ..	4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

The Brothers Martin hail from Higham Ferrers; Pettitt and Houghton from Irthlingborough; the remainder from Bedford. This is C. Chasty's fiftieth peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. E. BLAY*	*Treble.*	H. HOLIFIELD	5.
T. SHORT	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	6.
W. ADKIN	3.	*J. G. HOLLOWAY	7.
E. ALDWORTH	4.	H. HYDE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

(THE MIRFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT PEACOCK	*Treble.*	RALPH ELLIS	5.
H. W. COLLINSON	2.	CHARLEY PEACOCK	6.
FRED ROBINSON	3.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON	7.
GEORGE THORNTON	4.	SAM PEACOCK	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late OBADIAH LANG, of Liversedge, and Conducted by BENJAMIN ROBINSON.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT E. CLARKE	*Treble.*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5.
GEORGE FLINTHAM	2.	*JAMES R. MACKMAN	6.
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3.	RICHARD DAWSON	7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE	4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal, which is the longest length rung in the county, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths at a course-end, without 2nd ever before the tenor. *First peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

ALFRED FLOWERS*	*Treble.*	THOMAS COLLINSON	6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND*	2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN	7.
JOHN CARTER	3.	WILLIAM PAGE	8.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX*	4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON	9.
JAMES JONES	5.	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right. *First peal in the method. W. Page hails from Worcester, and George from Rugby.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt.

F. SCHOFIELD	*Treble.*	G. H. HARDY	5.
G. CRAWSHAW	2.	W. DIXON	6.
G. MARSDEN	3.	W. BYRAM	7.
W. ILLINGWORTH	4.	D. STEPHENSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by W. ILLINGWORTH.

Messrs. Byram and Hardy hail from Earlsheaton, and Marsden from Thurnscoe, near Rotherham. First peal conducted by W. Illingworth. [There is evidently an error in the number of changes.—ED.]

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

THOMAS ANDREWS*	*Treble.*	*WALTER CHARMAN	5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2.	FREDK. W. RICE	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	JOHN W. WHITING	7.
FRANK BENNETT	4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Each of the above band have rung upwards of 100 peals, the numbers being treble, 142; 2nd, 293; 3rd, 107; 4th, 105; 5th, 107; 6th, 105; 7th, 123; tenor, 162.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble.*	HARRY MASON	5.
GEORGE N. COCKIN	2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER	6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	3.	JOHN BARBER	7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS	4.	MATTHEW HACKETT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS CARD	*Treble.*	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	5.
GEORGE TURLEY	2.	JAMES MAYNARD	6.
RICHARD PELLING	3.	*WILLIAM H. CARD	7.
STEPHEN PERKINS	4.	GEORGE A. CARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by WILLIAM H. CARD.

*First peal as conductor. This composition has the extent of 5-6 in 6ths, the 2nd never there at a course-end, and was rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Perkins and G. A. Card, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. SIMPSON	*Treble.*	A. WILKINSON	5.
T. SIMPSON	2.	H. KERSHAW	6.
F. WOOD	3.	J. W. EMMETT	7.
E. WHEATER	4.	C. DRACUP	*Tenor.*

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by C. DRACUP.

E. Wheater hails from Bradford; the rest belong to the local company.

ERITH, KENT.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR NEALE	*Treble.*	ARTHUR TENNANT	5.
ARTHUR PEILL	2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE	6.
GEORGE CONYARD	3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL	7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	4.	EDWIN BARNETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. E. E. Huntley, who hails from Bushey, Herts.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

ALFRED SMITH*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. GODDEN ..	5.
THOMAS VERRY	2.	REUBEN HALL	6.
SAMUEL REEVES	3.	WILLIAM VERRY	7.
THOMAS HORTON	4.	SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal; aged 15.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODS	*Treble.*	FRANK JONES	5.
HENRY W. WILDE*	2.	*THOMAS HUGHES	6.
JOHN HUGHES*	3.	*FREDK. THOS. SPENCE ..	7.
JOSEPH SHONE	4.	JAMES DILLON	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY WALTER WILDE.

*First peal in the method. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 5ths place at the course-ends. H. W. Wilde belongs to Belgrave; John Hughes to Eartham; F. T. Spence to Grappenhall, and it is his first peal of Major.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

RICHARD MONCASTER ..	*Treble.*	WILLIAM D. LISTER ..	5.
ROBERT WILSON	2.	GEORGE J. LUNGLEY ..	6.
WILLIAM PATTON	3.	THOMAS LUNGLEY	7.
JAMES BAXTER	4.	WILLIAM H. PORTER ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PORTER.

Messrs. G. J. and T. Lungley belong to Trinity Church; the rest belong to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard Moncaster, Master of the belfry, on the occasion of attaining his 50th year.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, February 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM WARE	*Treble.*	THOMAS GOSLING	5.
JOSEPH W. GUTTRIDGE, JUN.	2.	ALFRED ANDREWS	6.
JAMES W. WILKINS	3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE	7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN	4.	FREDERICK GUTTRIDGE ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER, of Farnham Royal, and Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

The conductor hails from Maidenhead. This is the first peal in the method by W. Ware and J. Guttridge, jun.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN	*Treble.*	FREDERICK SWORDER ..	5.
RICHARD SWORDER	2.	WALTER WM. TUCKER ..	6.
GEORGE PRIOR	3.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER ..	7.
WALTER PRIOR	4.	JOSEPH SAMPFORD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES RACE*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM MARKS	5.
WILLIAM MESSAM	2.	ARTHUR DEAN	6.
HENRY WOOD	3.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK ..	7.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD ..	4.	HENRY WILKINSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWARD R. J. DUNK.

*First peal. H. Wilkinson was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting, and belongs to the local band. E. Dunk hails from Westerham; the rest from Leatherhead.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following;

Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED. BLACKETH*	*Treble.*	*J. W. CHADWICK	4.
HARRY GAYTHORPE	2.	*JOHN BROWN	5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE† ..	3.	*EDWARD REDSHAW	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. F. Blacketh hails from Armley; the rest belong to the local company.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES TYLER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES.

LAZARUS PAYNE	1-2.	CHARLES TYLER	7-8.
WILLIAM HILLMAN ..	3-4.	WILLIAM J. ALLISS ..	9-10.
GEORGE PAYNE	5-6.	ALFRED W. GROVES ..	11-12.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal of Cinques by the Association, and by all the band. The above peal has an 8, 10, 12 six in the middle of every course. Referee—Mr. Henry Stringer. Witnesses—Messrs. Burt, Heasman, and Corner.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rang at Crawley on the 31st of January was a Sussex County Association peal.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRAMPTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 17th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 360 each of Stedman's Slow Course, Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day, 240 Grandsire, and 217 Bob Doubles. W. Myall, 1; J. Cole, 2; J. Woolnough, 3; J. Larter (conductor), 4; J. Self, 5.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRAMLEY (Leeds).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, a date touch of 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following Treble Bob methods: 240 each of Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and 217 of Kent. H. Gaythorpe, 1; J. W. T. Holgate (conductor), 2; R. Thomas, 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. Brown, 5; E. Redshaw, 6.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; F. Allen, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; S. Thomas (conductor), 5; R. W. Collier, 6; W. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Composed by T. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of R. Collier, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON, NEAR PRESTON.—On Monday, February 1st, for practice at the parish church, eight members of the above Guild rang a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Dalton (longest touch with a hunting bell), 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (composer and conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; J. Ascroft (longest), 8.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday evening, January 31st, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Guest, 1, A. Moreton, 2; H. Mountford, 3; R. Grant, 4; T. Perry (conductor); 5; W. Bennett, 5; R. Pickering, 7; T. Thompson, 8. Composed by John Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; J. Scholes, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; E. Clayton, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Wallage (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrall, 8. Composed by J. Barratt, of Stepney.

LOW MOOR (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 31st, at Holy Trinity Church for evening service, a date touch of 1897 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Simpson, 1; T. Simpson, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; E. Wheater, 4; J. Pratt, 5; H. Kershaw, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8.

LINDLEY (Huddersfield).—On Thursday, February 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1897 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Sykes, 1; S. Woolhouse, 2; G. Denbeigh, 3; A. Crossland, 4; G. T. Turner, 5; C. Craven, 6; J. A. Royston, 7; F. Schofield (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6. On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Day, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. Sellew, 1; S. Beach, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; E, Day, 6, On Saturday evening, February 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Allen, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon. M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise with G. Coast, 1; E. Allen, 2; the rest as before. E. Allen hails from Borden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday morning, January 5rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth. 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 3; the rest as before. First 720 by W. Britcliffe away from the treble. On Sunday, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; I. Whalley, 6. On Monday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Single. J. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth, 2; I. Whalley, 3; W. Britcliffe, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First 720 on tower bells in this method by all the band, and rang at the second attempt. First 720 by J. Britcliffe. On Sunday morning, January 31st, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Single. J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 3; I. Whalley, 3; W. Britcliffe, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Saturday, January 30th, the following members of the Cathedral Society met for special practice of Stedman Triples, when over 2000 changes were rung, and among the touches brought round was a well-struck 504 and 324. W. J. Sevier, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

CLYST ST. GEORGE (Devon).—On Monday, February 1st, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Rickard, 1; F. Smith, 2; Rev. R. Gibbs, 3; C. Glass, 4; G. Start (conductor), 5; J. Potter, 6. This is the first 120 in the method by all the band, and the first on the tower bells by men of the parish.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Monday, January 11th, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Bob Minor, 108 Grandsire, and 144 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; H. Carter, 6. And 120 of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence (aged 12), 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, 180 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 24th, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Conducted by J. Heady and A. Phillips.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—At the church of St. Mary Magdalene on Old Year's night, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; S. Radford, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; A. Walker, 8. After service the old year was rung out with 910 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Thomas, 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Burge, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Fowler 6; A. Evans, 7; J. Hunt, 8. The new year was rung in with 336 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Radford (conductor), 1; W. Thomas, 2; A. Walker, 3; A. Evans, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Hunt, 8. On Monday, December 28th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 50 mins. A. Walker, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Joyce, 3; J. Fowler, 4; A. Evans, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; W. Thomas, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all. On Tuesday, January 2nd, for practice, 910 Oxford Bob Triples. S. Radford, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. Fowler, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Joyce, 6; J. Burge, 7; A. Evans, 8. On Wednesday, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 252 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Hunt, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Burge, 3; J. Fowler, 4; A. Evans, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; A. Walker, 8. On January 9th, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Walker, 1: S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Joyce, 6; A. Evans (conductor), 7; W. Thomas, 8. On January 16th an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins. through a change-course. J. Jones, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Joyce, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On January 17th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Lloyd, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Joyce, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Hunt, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by all, and by the Association. On January 23rd 270 Grandsire Caters. J. Jones, 1; J. Hunt, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Joyce, 7; A. Walker, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; W. Thomas, 10. On January 24th 336 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Lloyd, 1; A. Walker, 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Radford, 4; S. Wyatt, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Hunt, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING.—On Wednesday, December 16th, 720 Duke of York. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On Sunday morning, December 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent, standing as above. On Wednesday, December 23rd, 720 Woodbine standing as above. On Sunday, December 27th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On Sunday, January 11th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). Composed by J. Penning. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; T. Seed, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Woodbine. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; E. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 Violet. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells. On Sunday, Jannary 31st, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles). Composed by J. M. Richardson. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; T. Seed, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; J. Kenyon, 5; E. Timbrell, 6.

RIBCHESTER.—On Sunday, December 20th, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. And 720 Bob Minor standing as above. Also 720 in the same method. W. Timbrell (conductor), 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; B. Walton, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Grandsire. R. Kenyon, 1; W. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire). — On Tuesday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1897 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Hartley (longest touch), 1: F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Campbell, 4; J. R. Werring (composer), 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TARPORLEY (Cheshire). — On Wednesday evening, February 3rd, for practice at St. Helen's church, 504 Plain Bob Triples, in 18 mins. W. Stockton, 1; J. Hunt, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Rowley, 4; W. Rowley, 5; F. Vernon, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Billington, 8. A 336 of Bob Major was also attempted, but unfortunately broke down just before the finish, the men standing as above with the exception of J. Richardson, 7; R. T. Holding, 8. R. T. Holding hails from Crewe; the rest belong to the Tarporley Society.

MACCLESFIELD.—At the annual meeting held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 28rd, the following touches were rung during the day. A 294 Grandsire Triples. F. Stonely, 1; A. Mottershead, 2; W. Carter, 3; M. Davenport, 4; W. Steell (conductor), 5; P. Long, 6; J. Wood, 7; J. Snape, 8. And 360 of Bob Minor. W. Isherwood, 1; J. Potts, 2; W. Carter, 3; W. Bowden, 4; J. Snape (conductor), 5; W. Walmsley, 6 And 720 Bob Minor. W. Ingham, 1; G. Potts, 2; W. Carter, 3; W. Isherwood, 4; J. Snape (conductor), 5; W. Walmsley, 6. And a 464 of Bob Major. J. Snape, 1; F. Stonely, 2; W. Steell, 3; M. Davenport, 4; W. Carter, 5; J. Wood, 6; G. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. And 96 of Treble Bob Major. A. Mottershead, 1; F. Stonely, 2; W. Kenny, 3; W. Steell, 4; W. Carter, 5; J. Wood, 6; G. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. And a 224 of Canterbury Pleasure Major. W. Ingham, 1; F. Stonely, 2; W. Kenny, 3; M. Davenport, 4; W. Steell, 5; J. Wood, 6; W. Carter, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. Messrs. Walmsley, Norbury, Steel, Stonely, Kenny and Mottershead hail from Macclesfield; Snape, Potts, Bowden, Isherwood and Wood from Poynton; Davenport and Ingham from Sutton; Carter from Biddulph, and Long from Bollington.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, February 7th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Beadle (first quarter-peal), 1; F. Goddard, 2; W. Meaton, 3; S. Carter, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; C. Edwards, 6; G. Ransom (conductor), 7; A. Sheard (first quarter-peal), 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON. — On Friday, February 5th, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 43 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; M. A. Wood, 2; J. Scoles, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; H. Springall, 6; —.Clayton, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Clayton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 3rd, at Christ Church, for evening service, 240 each of Duke of York and Woodbine, and 360 Violet. J. Guy, 1; F. Blackheth, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Joe Thackray, 4; John Thackray (conductor), 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 120 each Armley Pleasure and London Scholars, and 72 Kent and 360 Duke of York. J. Guy; 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And for evening service, 240 each of Tulip and Primrose, 120 College Treble and 72 of Oxford, standing as before. John Thackray (conductor). On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, a 420 Bob Minor. J. Guy, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; John Thackray, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 6. And for evening service, a 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Summersal (first touch of Treble Bob), 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray (conductor), 4; M, Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Monday, January 18th, for practice, 720 of Oxford. J. Summersall (first in the method), 5; F, Blackheth, 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 6. On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, a 720 of Armley Pleasure. J. Guy, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And for evening service, 720 Duke of York and 120 Merchants' Delight, standing as before, with B. Cowling's first 720 as conductor.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27¾ mins. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman (conductor), 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; W. Worthington, 5; A. Worthington, 6. A 720 Duke of York, in 27 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; A. Worthington, 6. The Messrs. Worthington hail from Staveley; the rest belong to the local band. Rung on the occasion of Mr. S. Carnelly's wedding. On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 30th, at the church of St. James, Islington, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; H. Franks, 3; J. Barry, 4; N. Alderman, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Reed, 1; G. Gains, 2; H. Franks, 3; J. Barry (conductor), 4; N. Alderman, 5; W. Spicer, 6. Mr. W. Spicer has been steeplekeeper at this church for fifty-six years.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, January 30th, at the residence of G. Williams, 1302 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2: G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; K. Hart, 5-6; F. Bennett, 7-8.

WARNHAM (Sussex). — On Sunday, February 7th, at the parish church an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (for the 11 o'clock service) was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. through a change-course. F. W. Rice, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; I. G. Shade, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; W. Charman, 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; J. Cook, 8. In the afternoon 1696 Superlative Surprise Major. J. W. Whiting, 1; J. Rice, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; F. Bennett, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; E. Jordan, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. W. Rice, 8 Messrs. Williams and Bennett hail from Brighton; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; I. G. Shade from Greenwich; J. Rice, F. W. Rice and G. Paice from Crawley; E. Jordan from Capel; the rest are of the local band.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire),—On Tuesday, December 1st, 1896, at the parish church, a silent 720 of Cambridge Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1 W. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. In this 720 the 5th was the observation bell. On December 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 27th, a silent 720 of London Surprise. J. Berrisford, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. The 2nd being the observation bell. J. Berrisford hails from Kingsley. On Thursday, December 31st, to ring out the old year, a 720 of Woodbine. G. Clarkson, 1; the others as before, The 5th the observation bell. On Sunday, January 3rd, 1897, a silent 720 of Chester Surprise, standing as before. The 3rd the observation bell. On Sunday, January 21st, a 720 of College Single. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, a silent 720 Worcester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2, J. E. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. Tenor the observation bell. and for evening service a silent 720 of Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. The 5th the observation bell. On Wednesday, January 27tu, a silent 720 of Superlative Surprise, standing as before, 5th the observation bell. On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service a silent 720 of Bristol Surprise, standing as before, 5th the observation bell. And for evening a 240 of Superlative Surprise. D. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; the others as before.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, December 4th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 47 mins. F. Warrington, 1; S. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; W. Dickinson (conductor), 4; J. Clark, 5; J. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Thursday, December 24th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Holmes, 1;

F. Williams, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; W. Dickinson (conductor), 5; J. Clark, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. F. Williams bails from Sleaford. On Monday, January 18th, 630 Union Triples. F. Warrington, 1; W. Dickinson (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. Skinner, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On January 1st 720 Primrose. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, for morning service, 720 Kent, for afternoon service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 8th, 720 Bob Minor, J. Smith, 1; D. Briggs (first 720), 2; L. Holt, 3; G. H. White, 4; G. Shottin, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 720 York Surprise. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine, standing as in the morning, except that L. Holt rang the treble. On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent. A. L. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes conductor), 6. On Monday evening, January 18th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Barnes, 3; G. H. White, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 College Single. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 29th, 720 York Surprise. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Shottin, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. G. H. Ridout, 1; T. Pattison, 2; W. Tinker (conductor), 3; J. Tinker, 4; J. Ladd, 5; H. Kirton, 6; G. Wilson, 7; H. Plumpton, 8. Also 168 in the same method. *J. Fisher, 1; W. Tinker, 2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3; J. Tinker, 4; J. Ladd (conductor), 5; H. Kirton, 6; G. Wilson, 7; H. Plumpton, 8. *First touch on eight bells.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Crane, 2; N. Davies, 3; T. Salter, 4; E. Hunt, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Bennett, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 7th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, Chelsea, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. G. Farndon, 1; C. Hindes, 2; C. F. Winney, 3; W. C. Ryde, Esq., 4; H. R. Newton (conductor), 5; W. Barber, 6; T. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; G. Newton, 4; J. Grant, 5; J. Evans, 6; J. Hughes (conductor), 7; W. Grimmanl, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, February 1st, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. J. Morgan, 1; H. W. Wilde, 2; R. Thomas, 3; R. Watkin, 4; R. Williams (conductor), 5; James Morgan, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. *J. Watkin, 1; R. Thomas, 2; R. Williams, 3; R. Watkin, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Friday, January 29th, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Sewell, 1; J. Cavill, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; S. King, 4; A. Pearman, 5; W. Marrable, 6. Also two more 6-scores. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; J. Cavill (conductor), 4; A. Pearman, 5; H. King, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STONE, ISLE OF OXNEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Wenham, 1; W. Ford, 2; C. Tribe (conductor), 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Cook, 5; T. Weller, 6. On Friday, January 29th, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. F. Wenham, 1; W. Ford, 2; C. Tribe, 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Cook, 5; F. Bates, 6. The above are the first 120s by all except the conductor, and credit is due to all concerned, as they did not start to learn change-ringing till November.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, six divisions, (thirty bobs and thirty singles). Composed by J. Hack, of Hayes, Kent. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Saturday, January 9th, 720 Bob Minor, a six-part 720 (six bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by H. Harris, of Oldswinford, Worcestershire. J. Bell, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; J. Kelly, 5; H. Barker, 6. On Sunday morning, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor, a six-part 720. Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. In the evening 720 Bob Minor, a three-part 720 (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). Composed by F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Essex. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Sunday morning, January 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, a twelve-part 720 (forty-four bobs and four singles). Composed by R. Potter, of Retford, Notts. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. First 720 in the method by all the band with the exception of C. E. Wilson. In the evening 720 Grandsire Minor, a three-part 720 (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles). Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Bobbing, Kent. G. Somerville, 1; 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, a six-part 720 (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by W. Wilcox, of Bidston, Cheshire.. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Sunday morning, January 24th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, a six-part 720 (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by H. Wilde, of Duffield, Derbyshire. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Saturday, January 30th, 720 College Single Minor, a six-part 720 (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. G. Somerville, 1; J. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Sunday afternoon, January 31st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, six divisions (thirty bobs and thirty singles). Composed by H. Reader, of Hayes, Kent. G. Somerville, 1; J. Bell, 2; C. Wilson, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. In the evening 720 Oxford Bob Minor, a two-part 720 (eight bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. G. Somerville, 1; J. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. All the above were conducted by C. E. Wilson. Tenor 9 cwt.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On January 10th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six bobs and two singles), J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 3; J. Pomfrey, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. W. Stout, standing as before.

Obituary.

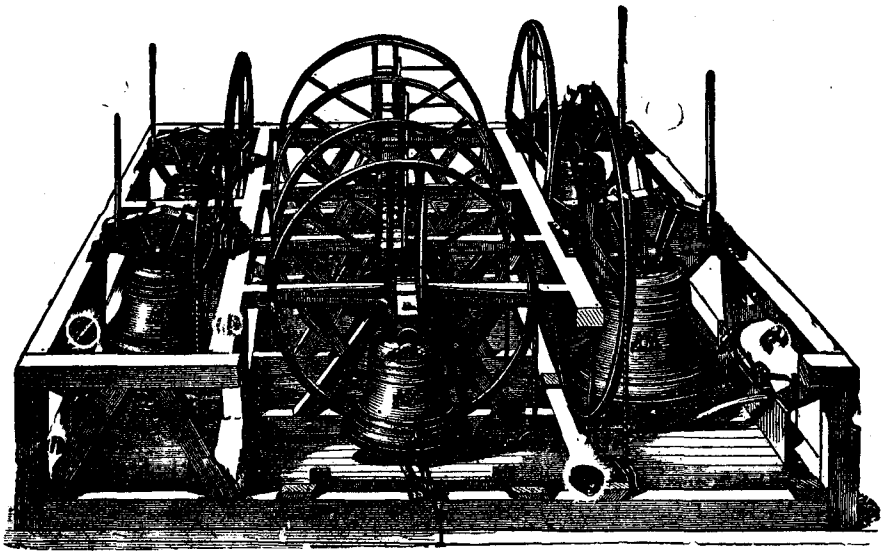
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—HALF-MUFFLED PEAL.—On Friday evening the 5th inst., at the Society's usual practice night at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the bells were rung half-muffled—the usual whole pull and stand—as a token of respect to the memory of the late Edward Moses. This was followed by a touch of Treble Bob Maximus, in which Messrs. Baron, sen., Foskett, Davis, Dains, Barton, Bedwell, Ward, Perkins, Dench, Pitts, and Jacob took part. In the early part of the eighties Mr. Moses was a very regular attendant at meetings of the above-named society, and rung in many excellent performances during that period. On February 3rd, 1883, he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. —. Marshall. Mr. Moses subsequently left London for Guildford, but finally settled in Reigate, where he resided for several years. During the last year or two he had been a great sufferer, and when the writer saw him in October and December he presented a wonderfully altered appearance. Since then he did but little work—part of one week only. He suffered from bronchitis, and later on dropsy supervened, and he died early in the morning of the 22nd of January. The interment took place on the 26th ult. It is a melancholy duty to chronicle the decease of one who was for many years a close friend. Edward Moses was located for many years in Worcester before he came to London, and while there he formed associations among many of his ringing brethren which were never loosened. His memory is still revered in that city by those ringers who are left among his former acquaintances. Then, as in after years, he was a constant and punctual attendant at practice, a safe and painstaking ringer, and a pleasant companion. He was 60 years of age at his decease.

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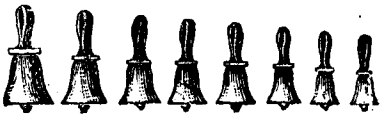
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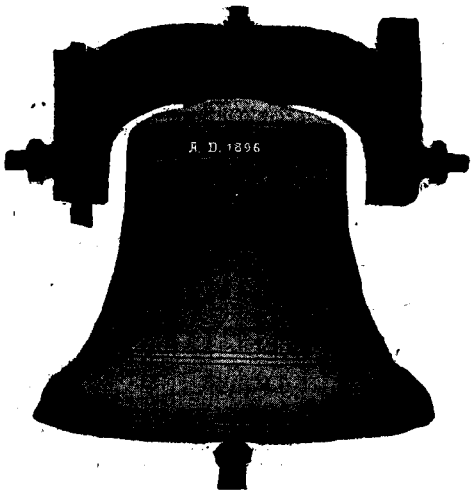
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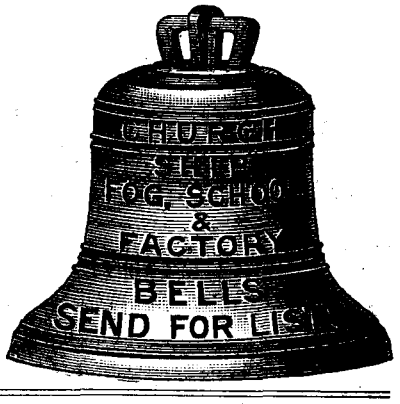
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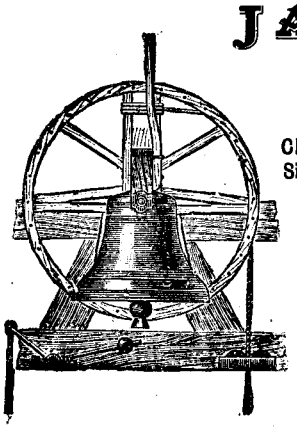


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