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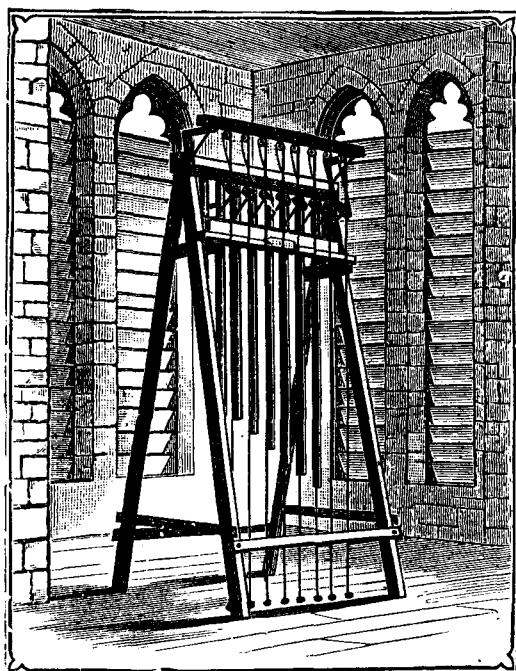
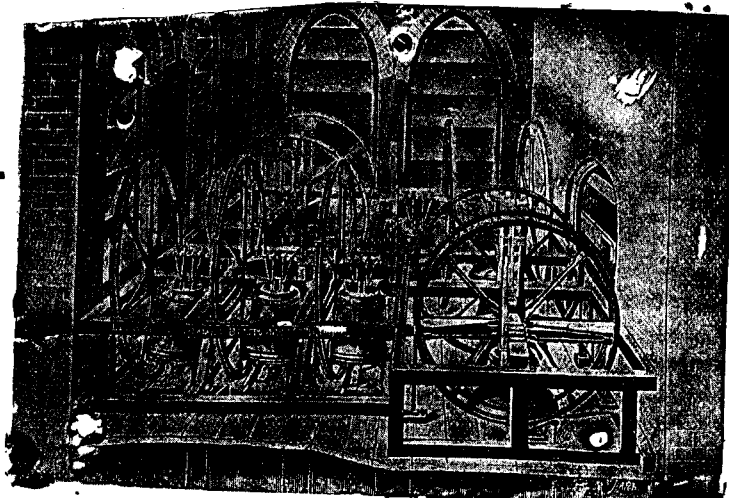
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THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this society was held on Thursday evening, at The Bell inn, Cornmarket-street, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Diocesan Guild), presiding. Among those present were Messrs. W. J. Smith (master), J. Washbrook, C. Hounslow, P. A. Hind (hon. sec.), A. Hawes, F. Payne, C. Tolley, C. Hester, F. Fox, A. Fox, W. Jeffery, A. Strange, F. Castle, F. Exon, E. Exon, J. Mogridge, S. Hounslow, H. Cox, W. Finch, J. Howes, E. Hims. At the conclusion of the dinner, which was satisfactorily served,

The Chairman proposed the loyal toasts, remarking that they as ringers indirectly derived benefit from the Queen's reign.

After an interval,

The Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the Oxford Society of Change-Ringers," remarking that he believed it to be a very ancient society, and one that had done a great deal of good work. He had but little doubt that in former years the augmented college peals from eight to ten, or possibly to eight, was partly owing to their exertions. Of course, when one of the three colleges had ten bells, the other two were likely to follow in their wake. He did not know exactly which was the first to put up ten bells, but one could easily see what time the bells were augmented to ten, namely, at the beginning of the century, and he had no doubt it was in consequence of the representations of the Oxford society, and good work was done at the colleges if that was so. He was happy to say at present they were continuing that good work, because they knew what had recently been done at the Cathedral, that was to say, the peal of ten had been augmented to twelve. He had heard a great many peals of twelve, and always excepting St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, he thought the Cathedral peal was comparable to any other. He had been asked in the course of his remarks to stir up the Oxford ringers, and he hoped they had resolved to make good use of the peal of twelve. They had been turning over the matter in their mind for many years, and there seemed to be insuperable difficulties in their way, when the lucky thought came into his head twelve months ago that they would make a dash for it in the jubilee year. He was happy to say he had been so well supported by the Guild as to bring that to a successful issue. It now remained to be seen whether or not they would make a proper use of the bells. They had made a fairly good beginning, and he thought it was a wise move on the part of the conductor, Mr. Washbrook, to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Maximus instead of Stedman Cinques. He was anxious they should lose no time in getting a peal of Stedman Cinques. The Guild would feel they had wasted their money if they did not turn the bells to good account. He hoped shortly to publish a full statement of the subscribers, and they would be surprised that so many of their brethren all through the Diocese, many of them who had never been to Oxford, were willing to give their money to carry out this good work. Ringing in Oxford at present was suffering from the want of a light and handy peal of eight, because at present the peal at St. Peter-in-the-East was practically useless, and he intended to turn his attention to this matter. This was really urgent, because he felt if they missed their regular Sunday practice they ran the risk of tumbling to pieces. He had a sort of half-promise that something would be given from the Guild, and he hoped some of them might be able to devise methods by which a little money could be raised for the purpose. For himself, he would give as much as he could.

The Master (Mr. Smith), in acknowledging the toast, said he felt they ought to support Mr. Robinson more than they did, and meet him in far stronger numbers. He had done much for them, and from his remarks that night he was evidently prepared to do more.

Mr. Washbrook submitted "Prosperity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild," of which they were all members. They were missing a great deal by not having a branch in Oxford, and all that was wanted was someone capable of taking up the secretaryship. They owed a great deal to their excellent Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. He had done more for them than they had done for themselves. They had now a peal of twelve, owing to his and the Guild's goodness, and he thought it would be a pity if they did not make the best use of it. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Master of the Guild.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, said the Guild was in a flourishing condition, both as to numbers and as to finances, and notwithstanding its liberality in making a grant of £10 to the Cathedral bells, they had a substantial balance in hand. He was happy to say he had that day pulled off his 521st peal, and he hoped to live and ring a great many more peals. But, after all, a great score of peals was not the primary object of the Guild. It was to improve everything in connection with the bells, the ringers, and the ringing, and more especially the tone, spirit and motive with which they carried on all their work.

Mr. P. A. Hind proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said he did not think any words of his could be strong enough to express his value, which was simply inestimable. With regard to the St. Peter-in-the-East bells, unfortunately there would be no support in the parish, and therefore it rested with themselves to do all they could outside. Many difficulties had been swept away in the past by their being unanimous, and he believed if they held together in the future they would be able to successfully accomplish what they all desired.

The Chairman returned thanks, and said it had been a great pleasure to him to be associated with the Oxford Society for a great number of years. He rang his first peal forty years ago, and their old friend, Mr. C. Hounslow, must have rung his earlier than that. He did not think during those forty years an unpleasant or unkind word had ever passed between them. Anything that brought men together on that kind of footing and produced mutual respect for one another, must be an excellent thing, and he might speak in the same way of many others in that room. He could not sit down without paying a meed of respect to their able conductor, Mr. Washbrook. It was fortunate for them and for him that that great genius sprang up amongst them, and the amount of responsibility and anxiety he had relieved him of by being able to conduct in such an able manner was entirely beyond words to express. He hoped Mr. Washbrook's mental energies and also his physical strength would be continued and preserved to them for many years, and in conclusion, he proposed his health.

Mr. Washbrook responded, and said as long as his health and strength remained he would always be at their service.

This concluded the toast-list. The pleasure of the evening was enlivened by several excellent songs and performances on the handbells.

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NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday evening, February 18th, the clergy, ringers, and a few friends were entertained by D. Robinson, Esq., at The Five Ways inn, in honour of the opening of two new trebles to the peal of six of which he (Mr. Robinson) was the munificent donor. Among those invited were Messrs. W. H. Godden (Birmingham), W. R. Small (Tipton), S. Spittle, W. Micklewright, J. Goodman (Dudley), G. H. Newnes (Netherton), H. Mason and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill). It is needless to relate how the substantial meal, admirably catered by host and hostess Danks, was enjoyed. The cloth removed, the vicar, the Rev. S. J. Marriott, was voted to the chair, and his curate, Rev. J. B. Brinkworth, the vice-chair, supported by Messrs. Robinson, Newnes and Spittle.

The Chairman, in proposing a toast to The Queen, referred to some of the principal events of the late year, notably the progress of commercial enterprises. Also that of the good old Church, and ultimately of the loyal gift of his chief supporter to their own church. The toast was loyally drunk.

Mr. S. Spittle proposed "The Bishop and the Clergy of the Diocese," to which the Rev. J. B. Brinkworth responded. That gentlemen's discourse disclosed the fact of it being his own birthday, who also remarked how little he expected to spend the later portion of the day in the company of such a body of churchmen. This drew from the proposer an appropriate song "Many Happy returns of the day."

Mr. H. Mason then gave "The St. Andrew's Society," touching upon the intimacy he had enjoyed for the past 10 years, and the help he himself had received from their society in the early portion of his ringing career. Messrs. J. Townsend and J. Smith suitably responded. Mr. Robinson proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it Messrs. W. R. Small, W. H. Godden and A. E. Parsons. Mr. Small responded very characteristically, not forgetting his usual "gentle reminders." Mr. Godden, as the representative of James Barwell, bell-founder, said that whatever work was entrusted to them by anybody was executed to the best of their ability, but it was exceptionally gratifying and stimulating to hear expressed, both from those in authority and also the ringers themselves, the satisfaction given in their case. Mr. Parsons added a few suitable words.

The toasts were intermixed with songs by Messrs. Newnes, Spittle, Small and Micklewright, and the Chairman amused his hearers of his early but short experience as a ringer, whilst Mr. Spittle occasionally dropped a few of his witticisms, the company chiefly admiring his exposition of "The fooling of Bridget." Mr. W. H. Smith also gave a good example of his elocution in reciting "The beautiful tones of the bells." The usual vote of thanks to host and hostess was unanimously carried, and 11 o'clock brought parting time and the completion of another "red letter evening" with the St. Andrew's Society.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

The first meeting arranged by the Hon. Secretary for the benefit of six-bell ringers in this district, was held on Saturday the 19th February, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. More than thirty members attended during the evening, representatives arriving from Edgware, Hendon, Barnet, Hadley, Southgate, Hornsey, Highgate, and Walthamstow; and many were the touches brought round in Bob and Stedman Doubles, College Single, Canterbury, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The long draught of the ropes in this tower, coupled with the obstacle of an intrusive staircase, caused a little embarrassment to some of the visitors, rather amusing than otherwise; but it was only a first experience. When once the little difficulties were understood, they were easily overcome; and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

At the business meeting, feeling references were made to the less sustained by the association in the death of the Rev. Cyril F. Wilson, Vicar of Southgate; an active patron and friend of ringers. It is well-known that the beautiful bells of Christ Church have long been an object of many a ringer's pilgrimage to Southgate, which has become a veritable "Mecca" to the ringing world. Those who have had the pleasure of attending meetings of this Association at Southgate, at which Mr. Wilson

almost invariably presided when his health permitted, could not fail to be impressed by his genial and kindly sympathy with all that affected a ringer's welfare and a ringer's art. That the death of so kind a patron was no ordinary loss to the Association, was evident from the sympathetic allusions which preceded a formal resolution, which the Hon. Secretary undertook to convey to Mrs. Wilson as a token of the respectful sympathy of the members.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting of six-bell ringers early in May at Stanmore, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. W. E. Batty for the use of the bells, brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable evening.

A County meeting of the above association was held on Saturday, February 12th, at the towers of St. Leonard's Heston and St. Mary's Norwood Green, Mr. King, Hon. Sec., and Mr. Martin Master of the N. and E. Division, were present, as were also Mr. C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., and Mr. J. Basden, Master of the S. and W. division, besides representatives from Ealing, Isleworth, Staines, Hillingdon and the local bands. The bells were kept going to some fine touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, College Single and Bob Minor, and several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The visitors were very pleased with the go and tone of the bells in both towers, and wish to express their thanks to the Vicar of Heston and the Rector of Norwood for the use of the towers and to the local bands for their kind assistance and co-operation. The Hon. Secretaries of both divisions wish to call the attention of all those members not present at the meeting, and who have not paid their annual subscriptions, that they are only waiting for overdue subscriptions before proceeding to make up the yearly accounts. Will the captains of the various towers kindly note this?

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Maidstone on Saturday, February 19th, when about sixty members attended from Maidstone, Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, West Malling, Harrietsham, Staplehurst, Gillingham, Rochester, Upchurch, Bobbing, Sevenoaks, and Tunbridge Wells. The towers of All Saints (10), St. Michael's (6), and East Farleigh (6), were open for ringing. The tea was held at Winterbotham's Temperance hotel, Gabriel's Hill, under the presidency of the vicar of Maidstone, the Rev. Canon Joy. At the Committee Meeting held after tea nine new members were elected. Mr. A. Palmer was re-elected representative of the district on the Central Committee, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. L. Brine, curate of Bearsted, for his past services as District Secretary. The appointment of a successor was for the time postponed, no suitable candidate for the office having presented himself. It was decided to hold a meeting at Hollingbourne in April, and another in October, the place to be arranged in April; and the next annual meeting at Lenham, if the bells have been rehung by that time, or, if not, at Leeds.

F. J. O. HELMORE.

The members of the Ashford district held a meeting at Willesborough, on February 5th, at the parish church, when the following towers were represented: Ashford, Mersham, Brabourne, Charing and Willesborough, and some well-struck touches of Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob Minor were brought round. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the following ringers taking part. E. J. Dixon (Willesborough), G. Fenn (Brabourne), W. Spice (Charing), G. Pain (Mersham), W. Hobbs (conductor, Willesborough), T. Tabrett (Ashford). This is the first of 720 of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, which are in a very bad state and sadly require rehanging. The ringers require, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

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New Year's Festivities.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—The annual dinner of the bellringers took place on Tuesday, February 8th, at The Railway hotel, this year the dinner being kindly given to the ringers by the new Rector, Rev. — Gardiner. There was also present the Churchwardens, and after doing ample justice to the dinner, the rest of the evening was spent in toasts, songs, and recitations. The chair was taken by the Rector, and Mr. Churchwarden Kempson was in the vice-chair. The toasts of the evening were "The Queen and Royal Family," "Bishop and Clergy," "The Bellringers and Visitors." The harmony of the evening was contributed by the following: Rev. Topham, Rev. Finch Smith, Messrs. Elliott, Harrison, Fry, Garfath, Headley, A. Le Clerg, Schofield. At the close the Rector was enthusiastically thanked for his kindness.

THE THORNBURY SOCIETY (Gloucestershire).—Through the generosity of one of their instructors (Mr. F. R. Howell), the members of the Thornbury Amateur Society were entertained at a meat tea at his residence, on Saturday evening. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Scott, whilst the curate, the Rev. M. Wadesmith, who is a practical member of the society, occupied the vice-chair. After tea a very enjoyable evening was spent with songs and handbell ringing, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Howell for his kind hospitality, and the able assistance rendered by him to the members in their study of the method of change-ringing.

THE STEYNING (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.—The eighth annual dinner of this society was held at The Norfolk Arms on the 13th inst., a capital repast being got up by the hostess, Mrs. Bateman. The vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. J. Cherryman, and Messrs. F. Morris and W. Palmer, of Brighton. The repast having been cleared, and the toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, the chairman gave "The Steyning Ringers," coupling with it the name of Mr. G. Gatland, the captain, who responded. For "The Visitors" Mr. F. Morris responded, and then the evening was spent in harmony, the proceedings closing with the National Anthem.

THE THORNHAM MAGNA (SUFFOLK) SOCIETY.—On Wednesday, January 19th, the ringers were entertained by E. Youngs, one of their members. A bountiful spread was provided, to which the ringers and friends to the number of thirteen did ample justice. After the cloth was removed, the company settled themselves down for a musical evening, which consisted of songs and touches on the handbells. The chair was taken by the churchwarden, Mr. Rose, who said he was very pleased to be with the ringers, and hoped that this supper would be an annual affair, and the ringers would stick together and always try to ring for every service on Sunday. He wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Youngs for their trouble in providing such a good supper. Mr. Youngs thanked Mr. Rose for the kind words which he had spoken. It gave him much pleasure to meet the company. Two years ago they could not raise a bell, but now he was pleased to say that they could ring seven different methods on five bells, also 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and they longed to get a 720 of Bob Minor. As usual, the time went much too fast, the party breaking up after thoroughly enjoying themselves in the early hours of the morning, after giving their host musical honours. This company has just joined the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S WESTMINSTER GUILD.—The Twelfth Annual Dinner of this Guild was held on Saturday, February 12th, at Storey's Gate Tavern, Westminster. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. G. Twining) occupied the chair, and twenty-three members and friends did justice to all the good things set before them. The cloth being removed, the chairman proceeded with the toast list which included "The Queen and Royal Family"; "The Church," proposed by Mr. J. Mitchell; "The President," by Mr. H. R. Newton; and then the toast of the evening, "The St. Stephen's Ringers' Guild." In proposing this, the chairman said, it gave him great pleasure to be at such a gathering, and he felt proud of having such a band of ringers at St. Stephen's. The Secretary had stated that for the year 1897 sixteen peals had been accomplished, viz.: six of Superlative Surprise, six of Cambridge Surprise, two of Treble Bob Royal, and one each of

Double Norwich and Stedman Caters, against seven for the previous year. This he (the chairman) considered a very worthy record, and he trusted that the members would stick together and the excellent start made this year maintained, so that at the next Annual Dinner a still better record could be shown. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, who also highly complimented the Guild on scoring another peal of Superlative and one of London Surprise in the New Year. Songs were rendered between the toasts by Messrs. H. R. Newton, J. Pryer, G. Muller, C. T. P. Brice and the pianist, Mr. J. Willis. "The Health of the Master (Mr. H. R. Newton), and Secretary" (Mr. J. N. Oxborrow), who were acting as Stewards for the dinner, was drunk with musical honours, as was also that of Mr. Lamb, the Steeplekeeper, whose 69th birthday happened to fall on that date. The Vicar now withdrew, having to rise early on Sunday, but the others kept the ball merrily rolling with songs till 11.30 p.m., and then with joined hands "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and the party dispersed with the resolution that a quarter peal of London should be attempted next morning with Mr. Pitstow. This was accomplished and will appear in its proper place in the columns of this paper.

THE LEATHERHEAD (SURREY) SOCIETY.—On Tuesday, February 13th, the ringers were entertained to their Annual Supper, given as usual by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Utterton, and A. T. Miller, Esq. After a few touches on the bells they proceeded to the Schools, when a plentiful supply of good things awaited them, to which full justice was done. The Vicar in giving the toast, "The Leatherhead Ringers," expressed his regret that he was not able to congratulate them on ringing a Jubilee peal, but he admired their spirit in making so many attempts, in spite of repeated failure from causes beyond their control. He was glad once again to meet his own ringers, and those who were present from neighbouring parishes, and regretted the absence of many old friends, and concluded by expressing the pleasure it was to give permission for peal ringing whenever asked to do so. Mr. Marks, on behalf of the ringers, suitably responded, and in proposing the health of the Vicar, remarked that they had not given up the attempts for the peal previously mentioned, and that it would not be for the want of trying were they not successful. With various games and courses on the handbells, the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION AT HARTHILL.

On Saturday last the Rev. B. Darley entertained the committee members of the above association at Harthill. Arriving at Kineton Park station at 5.20, a conveyance awaited to take them from Kineton Park to Harthill.

The first item on the programme was to visit the ringing chamber, where a 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. White, J. Holmes, Rev. B. Darley, D. Russon, S. Smith (conductor), and C. Crawford. After which the ringers adjourned to The Beehive inn, where hostess Storey had provided a good meat tea, to which full justice was done, the ringers' appetites being well sharpened by the keen frosty air. After tea, arrangements were made for the annual meeting, which will be held some Saturday after Easter, at Retford, particulars of which will be advertised in the local papers. At the close of the meeting, Mr. Haigh proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Darley for his kindness in entertaining the ringers to such an excellent repast, also for the use of the bells and the conveyance which he had placed at the disposal of the ringers. He believed all the members present endorsed these sentiments, and he hoped they would all meet again at Harthill on another occasion of this kind, and for some years to come. Mr. S. Smith seconded, and Rev. B. Darley briefly responded, assuring all present that if it was the desire of the ringers to re-elect him at the annual meeting, he should be pleased to entertain them on some future occasion.

The ringers again visited the tower, and the following rung a 360 changes each of Oxford Treble Bob and Woodbine, in 27½ mins.: J. White, D. Russon, H. Haigh, T. Smith, S. Smith (conductor), and C. Crawford. The bells were afterwards lowered in peal, and the ringers conveyed to Kineton Park station to catch the 9.49 train home, all being well satisfied with the afternoon's outing.

DEATH OF MR. JOEL REDFORD.

It is our painful duty to record that early on the morning of Sunday, the 13th of February last, Mr. Joel Redford, Honorary General Secretary of the Lancashire Association, succumbed to a short but severe attack of rheumatic fever, and as the news of his death spread through the county, a deep gloom was cast over the members when they realized the great loss the Association had sustained.

Elected a member in 1880, a year after its re-constitution, he from the first took an active interest in its work, and in the following year was elected Honorary General Secretary in succession to Mr. Chatterton, a post which he has held since, without intermission, until the day of his death; devoting the whole of his energies to the promotion and success of the Association, and ever bearing in mind the objects for which it had been formed.

Genial and kind-hearted, ever ready with a friendly hand, his presence was always welcome at any gathering of ringers. Straightforward and business-like in all his dealings, and possessed of good organising abilities, the Association rapidly grew and flourished under his care and guidance, advancing from a membership of 101, and a balance of £3 2s. 10d. in 1881, until the figures at the last Annual Meeting were—members 926, and balance in hand £94 16s. 10d., figures that are a lasting tribute to his work. Nor should the fact be overlooked that to him is due the excellent scheme of dividing the county into branches, a scheme which has proved of inestimable benefit to the work of the Association. As a mark of the high regard in which his services to the Association were held, a valuable marble timepiece, together with an illuminated address, was presented to him by the members at the Annual meeting held in Blackburn, in 1892.

As a ringer he was ever ready for a pull; a good striker, and safe in changes; constant and regular in his attendance on Sundays and at practice; and the ringers of Holy Trinity church, Bolton, will sadly miss his presence amongst them, he having been associated with them for over twenty years.

His interment, which took place on Wednesday, February 16th, in St. James's Churchyard, Breightmet, was, despite the short notice, well-attended by members of the Association, the following being the names of the members and the towers represented, viz.: Officials, Rev. H. J. Elsee, president; Mr. J. Eachus, vice-president; Mr. A. E. Wreaks, ringing secretary; Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer; Mr. J. Wilson, assistant secretary, and Messrs. H. Chapman, R. Ridyard and Z. Lord, members of committee. Members: Messrs. R. Ravenscroft and E. Hewitt (Manchester Cathedral), Mr. W. Brown (branch secretary of Manchester district), Mr. J. F. Wood (St. Philips, Hulme), Mr. J. Millett (Heywood), Messrs. J. Matkin, and J. Lomax (St. George's, Bolton), Mr. J. Calderbank (The Saviour's, Bolton), Mr. R. Hill (Southport), Mr. W. Marsden (Wigan), Mr. E. Cash (Swinton), Mr. J. Gratrix (Prestwich), Mr. J. Smith, sen. (Blackburn), Mr. William Cass (Bury), Mr. F. Bradshaw (Whitefield).

The officiating clergy were, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton; the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bolton, and the Rev. A. Stephens, Vicar of Breightmet. His fellow-ringers of Holy Trinity, Bolton, performed the sad duty of bearers of deceased's remains to their last earthly resting place.

In the evening, several touches were rung on the muffled bells of Holy Trinity and St. George's, by the members in attendance. Muffled peals were also rung as a mark of respect at the Parish Church, Bolton; on Thursday, February 17th, at St. George's, Bolton; on Friday, February 18th, and at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, February 20th.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting in connection with this association was held at Chard on Saturday, February 5th. About thirty members were present from Taunton, Norton-sub-Hambdon, Bristol, Minehead, and Old Cleeve. A short service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., with a brief but admirable address by the vicar (the Rev. Preb. Robinson). After service, a move was made to the Temperance Hotel for tea. The Master (the Rev.

H. C. Courtney, Minehead), presided, and was supported by the Rev. Preb. Robinson, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), Mr. F. N. Quantock-Shulldham (Norton-sub-Hambdon), Mr. A. J. H. Iles, (Taunton), and Mr. H. W. Tomkins (hon. secretary and treasurer). Thirty-eight new members were elected, and it having been decided that the next meeting should be the annual one, which is due to be held at Wells this year, it was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange the meeting if possible in the early part of May. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Preb. Robinson for his address and the use of the bells, and the vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure he felt in having a visit from the association, and said he hoped that they would come again. After tea a move was made to the church tower, where the bells were kept going until about nine p.m. in touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major. The bells are a rich toned ring of eight and go well, with a tenor locally estimated at from 26 to 28 cwt., but which is given in Ellacombe's "Church Bells of Somerset" as measuring 4 feet in diameter from lip to lip, which would give the weight of the bell at a little over a ton. Although half-pull ringing is not yet practised at Chard, it is hoped that with a few lessons from an instructor it may be before long, and it is satisfactory to observe that the Chard ringers are willing and even anxious to master it.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, February 12th, when the following towers were represented: Blackrod, Chorley, St. Andrew's Leyland, St. James' Leyland, Standish, Preston parish, St. Mark's, Preston, Penwortham, and Higher Walton. During the afternoon touches of London Single Bob and Plain Bob were rung. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the business meeting was held, the president, Mr. James Banister, presiding, supported by the vice-president, Mr. J. H. Gartside. It was resolved that the Annual Meeting be held at St. James', Leyland, on Whit-Saturday.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the ringers for the kind way in which they welcomed the visitors, brought the meeting to a close. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last Monthly Meeting of the above took place at Kirkburton, on Saturday, February 12th, members being present from Almondbury, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Lindley, Fossett; Mr. J. Blackburn, vice-president, presiding. It was agreed that the entries for the eight bell contest to be held on Easter Monday, at Halifax, should close the week before. Each company competing to send the names of their company to the secretary. After other items connected with the coming contest had been passed, Mr. Walter Idle, Dewsbury, presented to the association a handsome gift in the shape of a box for the eight-bell cup, to be competed for on Easter Monday with the cup. The best thanks of the meeting was given for his generosity.

Obituary.

JOSEPH PAUL HEALEY.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death on Tuesday, February 15th, of the above-named ringer in his seventy-second year. He was until a few years back a member of the Wakefield Cathedral (then parish church) company, but owing to rheumatism has not been able to do any ringing of late. He was well-known and respected throughout Yorkshire as one of the old school. He was always known as a good all round ringer, and had taken part in a good many peals, although he has kept no record, amongst them being Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Treble Bob Major (including a 8000 rung at Liversedge when in his seventeenth year) and also a 10,000 at Low Moor. The Wakefield company and a few friends followed him to his grave, four of whom carried him. A course of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung on the handbells at the graveside, and in the evening on the tower bells (deeply muffled) a 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect by the local company. T. M.

Notices.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, February 26th, at St. George's church, Bolton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7 p.m.

H. V. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 5, and 5.30 to 9 p.m. Meeting-house—The Skyrack hotel, opposite the church. Business meeting at 6.30. Trams every few minutes from City Square; also buses from Briggate direct to church. Members please note that contributions for the current year are now due. Nominations will be received for auditors and the various officers for the ensuing year. Handbells provided. A good attendance of members is particularly requested.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—The 30th Anniversary Dinner of this Society will take place on Saturday, March 5th next, at The York hotel, Waterloo Road. Tickets to be obtained of the following—H. Barton, W. H. Passmore, G. Symonds, F. G. Perrin, H. N. Davis, W. Webber, and of the Secretary, VICTOR W. WEST.

71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' church, Wigan, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in vestry at 7 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held as usual on Saturday, March 5th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.0 p.m. Dinner will be served at The Woodman, Easy Row, at 6.0 p.m., when J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., will preside. Dinner tickets, free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Tuesday, March 1st, to the undersigned,

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, March 5th. Members who intend being present must send word to Mr. W. Twigg, Secretary, 97, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd. A peal-board which has been placed in the tower to commemorate the ringing of the silent peal of Surprise Minor will be unveiled on that day.

REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will

be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on March 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, Prime, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney. Saturday, April 2nd, 1898, is the suggested date for the presentation to be made, and intending subscribers are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions at least a week before that time.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT KENDAL.—This is the first peal of Caters recorded on the Kendal bells since February 22nd, 1819, the number of changes rung on that occasion being 5147, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. The peal recorded this week was therefore rung on the 79th anniversary, and was the first attempt by all the band, who have been practising Caters for about nine months. An interesting fact in connection with the two peals is that two of the present ringers (Dennison and Tyson) are great grandsons of ringers bearing the same name who took part in the peal in 1819.

THE PEAL AT HAGLEY.—This is Mr. T. J. Salter's 100th peal rung under the Worcester-shire Association, and he is the first member to attain that honour. The composition may be found on page 110 of the 1895 appendix.

THE PEAL AT DARTFORD.—This peal was arranged specially for Mr. R. Cullum, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang, his first touch of Triples being a quarter-peal with the treble on New Year's morn, and a quarter-peal with the 2nd the following Sunday. It is also Mr. F. Cullum's first peal since his return from Australia at Christmas.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL.—This peal was rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the St. Stephen's Guild, which took place this evening, and of which an account appears in another part of this paper. First peal of Grandsire Caters by ringers of the 4th, 6th 7th and 8th. Messrs. Goodenough, Matthews and Bell hail from Bath. Messrs. Wilkins and Matthews were proposed members of the association previous to starting.

MR. F. J. PITTS.

Will Mr. F. J. Pitts, late of Kennington, London, kindly return to the Secretary of All Saints' Society, the volume of "THE BELL NEWS," the property of the All Saints' Society, Fulham.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. G. H. Simon, Hon. Secretary of the Heavy Woollen District Association, is Triticine, Limited, Knottingley. The address of Mr. James George is now 55, Bath Street, Rugby. Friends kindly note. The address of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff is 10, St. Joseph's Road, Dublin.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5424.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
5	4	2	3	6	-	-	-	S
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Twice repeated.

Reducible to 5088 by calling bob for single, home in first course, and omitting the three courses braced in any one part.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5184.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1898.

SOME incidents have occurred lately which would appear to demonstrate that there is not that chivalrous behaviour to belfry visitors which is necessary among the Exercise. We have had some peculiar disclosures among recent correspondence, which shows that the free-masonry, as it may be termed, which is believed to be such a prominent characteristic of change-ringers, does not obtain upon every occasion. A "lock-out" we must regard as a very strange proceeding; and when ringers themselves are the cause it cannot be too strongly condemned. We should highly commend the attitude of any ringer who formally objected to ring, if, from some ridiculous punctilio, any ringer whose conduct was known to be correct was debarred a tower, or prevented from ringing after access to the ringing-chamber was obtained. It seems that we are still troubled now and then by those persons who have long borne the *soubriquet* of "Jacks-in-office." It is necessary that the influence and authority of these people should be curtailed. They ought to be taught that the

head official of the belfry is the leader or Master of the company of ringers, and we hope all ringers will do their best at every opportunity to impress this important fact upon their clergy.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Bristol on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 31st May, 1898.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of May. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.* Hon. Sec.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Wednesday evening, February 9th, a visit was paid to the above church by the following ringers: Rev. P. E. P. Berry, L. Vidler, Esq., and J. Durrant, from Rye; Messrs. C. Tribe and G. Cramp, from Tenterden; and G. Johnson, from Appledore. These all journeyed thither on their bikes, and were met at the church by Mr. E. and T. Burden, of the local band. The visit was arranged to give the Rye contingent a helping hand in change-ringing, and so far, to use their own words, was both pleasant and instructive, and advanced them several notches in the Art. We learnt with satisfaction that the ceiling to deaden the sound in the Rye belfry will soon be an accomplished fact, and then we hope to hear of something good in the way of change-ringing locally; and to hear those two magic words "that's all" ourselves in the near future.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

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HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 9.
WILLIAM H. PASSMORE* .. 5.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by HENRY N. NEWTON. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Porter, Esq., the late churchwarden. *First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. Treble.	JOHN BLACKMAN 5.
RICHARD CULLUM* 2.	JAMES SAXBY 6.
GEORGE CULLUM 3.	HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 7.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4.	*ARTHUR T. PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. CASTLE.

*First peal. F. J. Cullum was elected a member of the above society previous to starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS HORTON Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
HARRY MILLS 2.	JAMES HALL 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the Vicar for his kind hospitality afterwards.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

JOHN COOK Treble.	FRANK KNIGHT 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
WALTER CHARMAN 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN and Conducted by H. H. CHANDLER.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and contains the 5th twenty-four times and the 6th the extent in 6ths place. First peal in the method by Messrs. Akehurst and Jordan, who bail from Capel; and first peal of Major on the bells since they have been recast.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

H. WHITTLE Treble.	T. START 5.
A. W. MATTHEWS 2.	W. A. MASTERS 6.
W. H. INGLESANT 3.	R. F. LANE 7.
J. HUTCHBY 4.	G. DOUGHTY Tenor.

Conducted by R. F. LANE.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

W. JAMES HINTON .. Treble.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON .. 3.	CHARLES BELL 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	FRANCIS PRICE 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.	WILLIAM COLSTON Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by W. J. HINTON.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. 2.	*ALBERT E. READ 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	*SAMUEL GARNHAM 7.
JOHN C. SELF* 4.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Kent. For calling see Association Report for 1895, page 70.

RAMSBOTTOM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. SHEPHERD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
JAMES S. TAYLOR 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 7.
ROBERT LEACH 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. A. Clements, who is shortly leaving Ramsbottom for Southport, with the best wishes of his brother-ringers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK WOOD* Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
ALBERT E. BARROW† 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 7.
CHARLES EADES 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 8.
JAMES HUNT* 4.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 9.
JOHN J. JONES 5.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal of Caters as conductor. The above are all local men.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JOHN MAWBY Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James Houghton, jun. This peal has the combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never there at a course-end.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1898, in Two Hours Forty-seven-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	GEORGE PINCOTT 5.
JOHN DAVIES 2.	*JOHN MAKIN 6.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. 3.	HENRY MOSS 7.
PETER NUTTALL 4.	JOHN MOULDING Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

*First peal with a bob bell in the method. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Joel Redford, who died February 13, and was interred at St. James's, Brighton, on February 16th.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, February 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JAMES DURRANT 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
GEORGE ROBINSON 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and
Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 18, 1898, in Three Hours Four and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	JOHN MAKINSON 5.
WALTER RUSHTON 2.	GEORGE MOSS 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY 3.	HENRY MOSS 7.
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4.	JOHN MAKIN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK 6.
WILLIAM DYER 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

This is the first peal since the bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

T. LAWRENCE Treble.	C. GARDINER 5.
G. C. ILES 2.	T. RICKETTS 6.
A. LAWRENCE 3.	O. W. LAYNG 7.
T. ROBINSON 4.	J. H. SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

This peal has the 6th alternately wrong and right. It was rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. All the above are employed in the Great Western Railway Works.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
HENRY MOSS 2.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
JOHN MILLETT 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 8.
EDMUND HEWITT 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD 9.
WALTER BROWN 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Joel Redford, secretary of the above Association. In the above band eight towers are represented, viz., Manchester Cathedral, St. John's Deansgate, Manchester, St. Thomas', Pendleton, St. Luke's Heywood, St. Mary's, Eccles, The Saviour's and St. George's, Bolton, and Prestwich parish church.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED S. LEE* Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	THOMAS HORTON 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	*JOHN W. PARISH 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	*FREDERICK HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MARK LANE Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 2.	HERBERT FRANK HULL 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER 3.	HERBERT SHARPE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev.—Bickmore for the use of the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE 5.
JOHN TUCKER 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
HENRY TUCKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON,

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
THOMAS BETTISON* 2.	†SOLOMON ROBINSON 6.
JAMES EMTEN* 3.	*WILLIAM H. TURTON 7.
GEORGE BURNHAM* 4.	*CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal and first attempt.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

R. COOKSON* Treble.	WILLIAM ATKINSON 5.
JOHN FISHER 2.	GEORGE MILLER 6.
HENRY GREGSON 3.	ROBERT ATKINSON 7.
RICHARD REDMAN 4.	JOHN MILLER Tenor.

Composed by J. CROSS and Conducted by WILLIAM ATKINSON.

This is the first peal of Triples by this branch. *First peal in any method. Messrs. Cookson and Redman hail from Kirkham.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR GATLAND Treble.	GEORGE SMART 5.
CHARLES SMART 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
JOHN SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN SUGDEN Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
WILLIAM CLARKE 2.	JOHN NEWBOLD 6.
JOHN WM. THOMPSON 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
THOMAS DRAPER 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN 3.	GEORGE WELLING 7.
LOUIS ATTWATER 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALEY and

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

First peal in the method by the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th men.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RHYS HAWES* Treble.	RALPH BIGGS 5.
H. STRATFORD 2.	F. BOREHAM 6.
FRED. G. BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK K. BIGGS 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First attempt in the method.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED T. BRUNSDON Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place and the 2nd never there.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS E. GRIFFITHS* .. Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
WILLIAM G. HALL 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
HENRY DAWKES.. .. 4.	GEORGE BURROWS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

*First peal in the method.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM RUMSEY Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY 4.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	FREDERICK ALDERTON .. 5.
ALFRED GRIMES 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

This is the first peal in three methods on the bells.

WELSHPOOL.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED GRICE Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
THOMAS J. BRATTON 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3.	WILLIAM MADDOX 7.
HERBERT JONES.. .. 4.	JOSEPH BADGER Tenor.

Conducted by W. MADDOX.

First peal as conductor; also first peal by tenor-man.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble.	JAMES GARMAN 5.
ARTHUR CHARMAN* 2.	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	JOHN COOK 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN and
Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

*First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED COX Treble.	WALTER PELLING 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
GEORGE WOODMAN 3.	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 7.
ARTHUR CHARMAN 4.	JAMES GARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

*First peal in the method.

WANTED a large peal of handbells. Forty-nine bells. Chromatic scale; G25 to G04; or a larger peal with duplicates. Must be in thorough good condition, and sweet tone. State lowest possible terms, with maker's name, and all particulars to WILMER ROGERS, 8, York Street, Wrexham.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, February 21, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT 5.
E. J. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
J. HANDS 3.	H. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY.. .. 4.	T. NEWMAN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. W. PIKE and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

This peal was attempted on Tuesday, February 15th, as a birthday compliment to R. T. Hibbert, but after 2 hrs. and 55 mins. faultless ringing, the fifth rope broke exactly one course from home.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 6.
HENRY REEVES 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
RALPH ARNOLD 4.	JOHN STEADMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MCKEGG Treble.	JOHN PARKIN 5.
JOHN DRONFIELD 2.	WILLIAM DRONFIELD .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal, in six equal parts, has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course end.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON Treble.	*CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS.. .. 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON 3.	*CHARLES BELL 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT† 4.	FRANCIS PRICE 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.	WILLIAM COLSTON Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

Has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th thirteen times right.
*First peal of Caters. †First peal in the method.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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On Tuesday, February 22, 1898, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE OLD STREET SCHOOL ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 1-2.	*WILLIAM T. PRITCHETT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM PALMER 7-8.

Composed by F. CLAYTON and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Referee, Mr. Fred Sumner. *First peal of Major on handbells, also by the Guild.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday evening, December 26th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. A. Winter, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; T. H. Denman, 3; E. Collingburn, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; R. Mills, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joyner, 9; G. R. Winter, 10.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, December 6th, 688 and 224 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; E. Herbert, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Janes, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, December 13th, 224 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Matthews, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. M. Lane, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; R. Marshall, 8. And 224 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; M. Lane, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; E. Herbert, 7; D. Harris, 8.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday evening, January 9th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. F. Perrott, 1; F. Lowe, 2; S. Lowe, 3; S. Constant (conductor), 4; H. Toll, 5; A. Robinson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Roberts, W. Newman, A. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and J. Orford. First touch of Oxford by all except A. Roberts. On Saturday, November 20th, 720 Plain Bob with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Doley. H. Skelding, F. Brace, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, T. Heathcock, and J. Orford. On Sunday, November 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Pugh, W. Newman, F. Brace, A. Roberts, J. Paget, and J. Orford. On Wednesday, December 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Roberts, W. Newman, T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and G. H. Pagett. On Wednesday, December 22nd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. A. Roberts, W. Newman, T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and A. E. Parsons. First in the method by all except Messrs. Roberts and Parsons.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Friday, December 31st, at the meeting-house, on handbells, 672 Bob Major. A. G. Warnes, 1-2; C. E. Borrett, 3-4; G. Smith, 5-6; E. Francis (conductor), 7-8. Also other shorter touches with G. Howchin, 1-2; F. J. Howchin, 3-4; the rest as before. The above was rung before ringing out the old and in the new year.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Michael's church, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Flory, 2; J. Self, 3; J. O. Nevill, 4; H. Howlett, 5; W. Last, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read (conductor), 8.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—Recently, at the house of Mr. Abbott, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), on a new peal of handbells. H. Howlett, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; W. Last, 7-8. This was the longest length on the bells.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On handbells, at the house of Mr. Crickmer, 640 and 1312 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Howlett, 1-2; G. Crickmer (conductor), 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; W. Last, 7-8. Messrs. Howlett, Flory and Last hail from Framlingham; Crickmer from Earl Soham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Tuesday, January 25th, for practice at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Andrews (longest length), 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; A. Andrews, 3; P. Paine (longest length), 4; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 5; C. Luery, 6; H. G. Fairbrass, 7; R. Goodbourn, 8.

SEAL (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 12th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (being the first 720 on the bells). R. Stone, 1; W. Steed, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; D. Wright, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; D. Wright, 4; W. Steed, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; W. Steed, 4; T. Groombridge (conductor), 5; H. J. Selby, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; W. Steed, 3; D. Wright, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; R. Stone, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

UHCURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, January 15th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Hawes, 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; J. Champion (Rainham), 5; H. Shipp, 6. On Tuesday, January 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hawes, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Hawes, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

FYLDE (Lancashire).—On Friday, November 12th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. G. Maries, 1; E. Forshaw, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. On Sunday, November 14th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by W. Wilcox. J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; the rest as above. On Friday, November 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). E. Forshaw, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday, November 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. J. Pendlebury, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; the rest as above. On Friday, November 26th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). Composed by N. J. Pitts. G. Maries, 1; W. Gillett, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; J. Moore, 4; E. Tipping, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. On Friday, December 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Forshaw, 1; G. Maries, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Pendlebury, 2; the rest as before. On Friday, December 17th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Maries, 1; E. Forshaw, 2; the rest as above. On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by H. W. Wilde. G. Maries, 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, December 17th, for practice at the church of St. Alkmund, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Dolman, 3; W. Owen, 4; H. Jones, 5; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; F. Taylor, 8. On Sunday evening, December 26th,

for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Owen, 2; G. Taylor, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. Espley, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Espley, 8. Also a 420. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Owen, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. Espley, 5; G. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8. On Friday, January 7th, for practice, 337 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; W. Owen, 3; G. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Burrows, 8. Also a 420. W. Dolman, 1; W. Owen, 2; G. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Burrows, 8. Also 210 Darlaston Bob Triples, with G. Scarratt, 1; the rest as above. On Friday, January 14th, owing to the death of Mrs. Julia Bainbrigge Wightman, wife of the Rev. Charles Edward Leopold Wightman, late vicar of St. Alkmond for over fifty-two years, the following touches of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. A 336. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Owen, 2; G. Taylor, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. Fullick, 5; G. Byolin (conductor), 6; Rev. J. Mackay, 7; W. Dolman, 8. Also 420. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Dolman, 2; W. Owen, 3; H. Jones, 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; A. Fullick, 8. On Tuesday, January 18th, after the funeral of Mrs. Wightman, 730 Grandsire Triples. G. Tipton, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; W. Owen, 3; T. Burd, 4; H. Jones, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Also 420. G. Tipton, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; H. Jones, 3; T. Burd, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Burrows, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 25th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42½ mins. G. Walmsley, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; H. Walmsley, 3; J. Lattersfield, 4; J. Partington, 5; A. Newman, 6; J. Millett (conductor), 7; J. Chadwick, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; C. Parker, 2; T. Levett, 3; H. C. Sewell, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. Messrs. Sewell (2) and Levett hail from Hitcham; the remainder belong to the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 23rd, before Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. F. Blondell, 1; J. Hunt, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; S. Radford, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; E. C. Boniface, 7; F. Wood, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, 480 Stedman Triples. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5; J. Ballard, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. For afternoon service 504 Stedman Triples. F. Wilson, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5; T. Curtis, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. For evening service 503 Grandsire Triples. R. E. Sutton, 1; Alice White, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5; J. E. Ballard, 6; H. White, 7; J. R. Higgins, 8. E. J. Heathorn hails from Woolston, Southampton. On Sunday, January 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, 1; H. Lawes, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. F. Hansford, 4; C. Holdaway, 5; F. Wilson, 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 9th, after Divine Service at St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Balcombe (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Knights, 2; B. Dalton, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; J. Jaggard, 5; G. Burrows (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Sawyer, 1; C. Giles, 2; H. Tucker, 3; F. Tubb, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; G. Foxell (first 500 of Caters as conductor), 8; A. Osborne, 9; A. E. Reeves, jun., 10. On Wednesday, January 12th, for practice, 509 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; A. E. Reeves, jun., 2; J. E. Hern, 3; H. Tucker, 4; F. Tubb, 5; C. Giles, 6; W. P. Routh, Esq., 7; A. Osborne, 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), with the bells deeply-muffled as a last mark of respect to the Rev. G. O. Brownrigg, late Rector of St. Mary's,

Harrogate, Yorkshire, who has been lately residing with his son the Rector of Preston. H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Symonds (conductor), 3; C. Levitt, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; W. Hollocks, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday, January 18th, 672 London Surprise Major. A. H. Martin, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. This is the first touch of London Surprise by all, and the first ever rung in the county. And 1056 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Brown, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Christmas Day for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Duke of York. J. Heckingbottom, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Sunday morning, December 26th, for Divine Service, 240 each of Armley Pleasure, City Delight, and Oxford. J. Heckingbottom, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 Duke of York, 96 each of Violet and Woodbine, 240 Oxford, and 72 Kent. J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 1; Joe Thackray, 2; R. Walker (Pontefract), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Sunday morning, January 2nd, for Divine Service, 240 London Scholars, 360 Duke of York, and 72 each of Oxford and Kent. J. Hey, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 Tulip. Joe Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 360 Armley Pleasure. J. Guy, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; the rest as before.

BRANDSTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Meadows, 1; T. Bradlaugh, 2; H. Baldry, 3; P. Bedingfield, 4; H. Bedingfield, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Bradlaugh and P. Bedingfield. On Sunday, December 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Bedingfield, 1; W. Wightman, 2; T. Bradlaugh, 3; H. Bedingfield, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. On Friday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedingfield, 1; H. Bedingfield, 2; T. Bradlaugh, 3; P. Bedingfield, 4; A. Meadows, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedingfield, 1; H. Meadows, 2; T. Bradlaugh, 3; H. Bedingfield, 4; P. Bedingfield, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6. E. Wightman hails from Woodford, Essex.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday morning, November 28th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Stalham, 1; H. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; R. Wood, 4; G. Hill, 5; F. Hill, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; W. Allfrey (conductor), 8. In the evening 822 Grandsire Triples. H. Stalham, 1; H. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; R. Wood, 4; F. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. On Friday, January 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Murray, a member of the congregation. J. Freeman, 1; H. Hill, 2; F. Hill, 3; R. Wood, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Stalham (conductor), 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. On Sunday morning, January 23rd, 536 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Stalham (conductor), 2; H. Griffiths, 3; R. Wood, 4; F. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. In the evening a 536. H. Hill, 5; F. Hills, 8; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, January 30th, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. A. Allfrey, 1; H. Stalham (conductor), 2; F. Hill, 3; *R. Wood, 4; H. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. *Longest length with a bob bell.

LANGHAM (Rutlandshire).—On Monday, January 10th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. J. Sewell, 1; J. Gale, 2; C. Williamson, 3; F. Sewell, 4; H. Bartram (conductor), 5; T. Clarke, 6. Another 300. J. Gale, 1; J. Sewell, 2; H. Bartram (conductor), 3; F. Sewell, 4; R. W. Baker, 5; T. Clarke, 6. And several more 6-scores with H. Edgson, 1; J. Gale, 3; H. Bartram, 5. These are the longest lengths by all except the conductor and Gale, who hail from Melton Mowbray. It may be stated that this band only commenced to learn change-ringing in November last, and the above is the result after seven lessons which have been given by H. Bartram.

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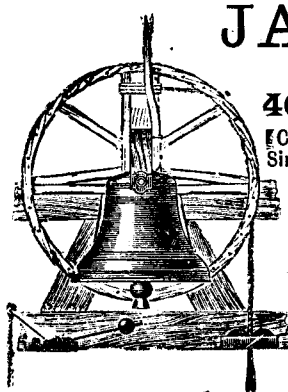
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