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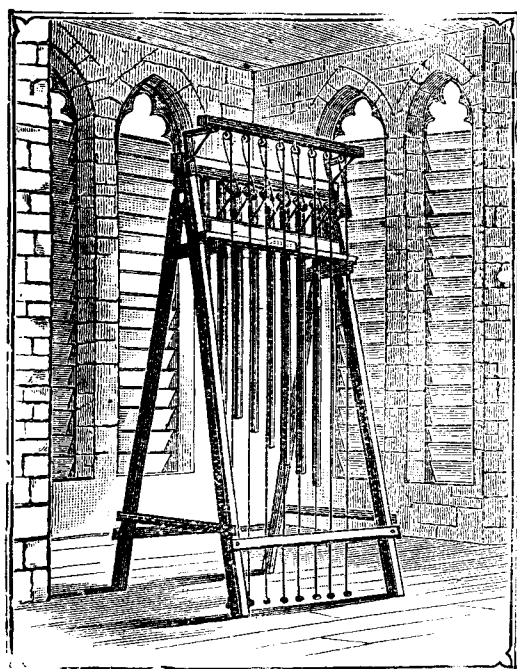
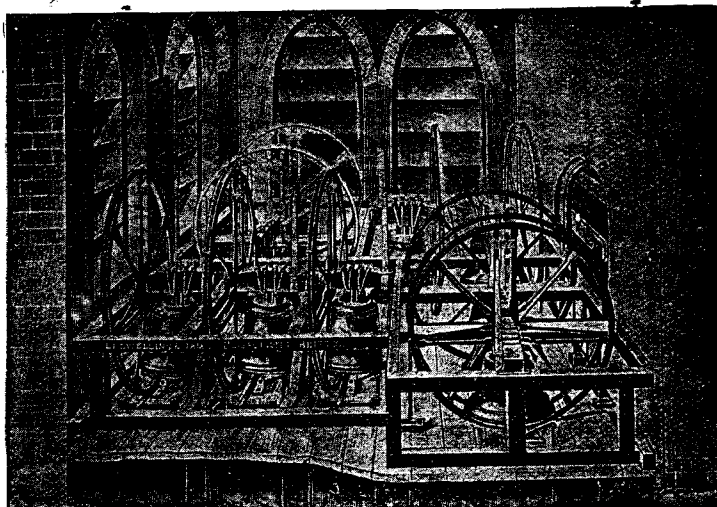
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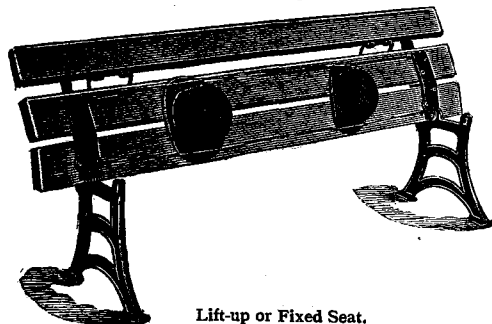
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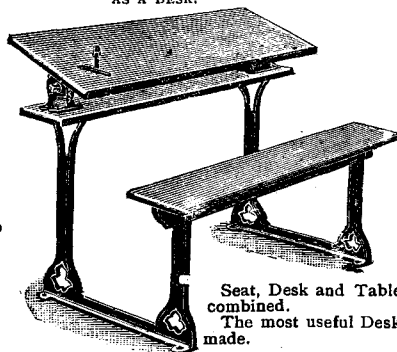
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STRATTON, DORSETSHIRE.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELLS.

For some years past the five old bells in Stratton Church were known to be in a dangerous condition owing to the floors and beams of the tower being in a bad state, and as far back as in April, 1889, Mr. G. R. Crickmay (the then diocesan architect) advised that the bells should be re-hung in new framing, and that the ringing of the bells should be discontinued as he considered the practice dangerous. Nothing was done, however, until early in the present year, when Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury, was instructed to report upon and give an estimate for the re-hanging of the bells. He reported the bells to be all sound and in good condition, but to be deeply pitted where the clappers struck, and advised that they should be quarter-turned. The wooden framework was reported to be very old and much decayed, as the main-bearing beams were worn out and dangerous. The cost of re-hanging the bells all on one level, using iron framework, and doing away with the box on the tower, Mr. Blackburn estimated at £163 10s. The bells and their inscriptions are: 1, Elias Wood, David Casher, C.W., 1753; 2, Samvel Fisher, C.W., T.P., 1695; 3, Anno Domini, 1658, I.P., C.W.; 4, G.P., Anno Do. 1619; 5, R.P., Anno Domini, 1627. It will thus be seen that some of the bells are nearly 300 years old. An appeal was made by the Vicar, the Rev. C. L. Dundas, and the churchwardens, Messrs. A. Pope and T. Chick, to all who were interested in the preservation of the mediæval bells of the county to assist in preserving the Stratton bells intact. The appeal has been generously responded to, and the subscriptions received, together with the proceeds of a jumble sale at Stratton, the Jubilee festival, concerts at Charminster and Stratton, and the sale of a harmonium, make a total amount of about £141, so that between £20 and £30 is still needed to meet the entire expense. The work of quarter-turning, tuning, and re-hanging the bells has been satisfactorily completed.

On a recent Thursday evening the interesting quintet were re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. F. B. Sowter. The little church was crowded on the occasion. The service was taken by the Rev. J. Cane, and the Lessons were read by the Vicar, the Rev. C. L. Dundas. The special Psalm was cxlvii. During the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Revs. C. L. Dundas and J. Cane, passed down the aisle to the belfry, where, at the conclusion of the hymn he offered the customary prayers over the bells. "O Lord of Hosts, and earth, and sky," was sung as the clergy returned to the chancel. Archdeacon Sowter then ascended the pulpit and selected his text from 1. Cor. xiv. 16. He observed that they should not merely hear the sound of the bells, but be able to distinguish the meaning of their voices, and, what was more, the meaning which should edify the church. Of the romantic history attached to bells, there was, of course, no doubt whatever. In the old days bells were used to summon the soldiers, summon citizens to their assemblies,

and summon Christians to church. Their voices had been mingled in the strangest scenes in history. Some of them would remember hearing them ring alike over slaughter, and over ransomed cities. Some would remember when they were heard throughout Europe in the hour of victory and in the hour of irreparable loss. It was not to be wondered at that bells had appealed to the average Englishman, who did not profess to be a sentimental sort of person. He did not think elsewhere they heard anything which could charm them so much as a good English peal of bells. The German poet Schiller had described a number of variations in the voice of the bells, and in each stage he introduced some scene of pathos in the story of human life. In the first of his series there was the infant child carried at the call of the church bell, to be consecrated to God in baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the picture of the husband and mother bending over the child to be dedicated to God. The Archdeacon pointed out the results which followed neglect, carelessness, and sin at home and disregard to the baptismal bell. The next thing the poet described was the happy youth sent out into the world, and the return to the old home of the lad who had grown up into the man. Then the marriage with a maiden who had been the companion of his childhood. Might God grant that the bells of that parish church might ring out prophecies of joy and gladness for those who would be united in holy marriage, and that the tone of their lives might be a perfect tone. The next thing the poet took in connection with the bells was one which was very familiar with them. The husband had gone forth from the peace of his home to gather wealth in the labour and strife of the outside world, and his efforts had been rewarded with success. His wife and children were all that he could wish. Then at the height of his prosperity the fire ascended upon the household and the voice of the alarm bell clanged out from the tower. The next voice of the bell brought with it much more of human sadness. It was the funeral knell tolling for the death of the wife and mother who had been everything to her home. Then once again as the harvest waggon rolled in heavily laden with the sheaves: as the street and market became still and industries silent the vesper bell rang out. That was the association of the church bells with all the changes of life. So their bells would continue to mingle their voices with all the events of their daily life. As they rang out over the parish, they thanked God that many a kind and generous hand had been seen during those last years. He did not think the view of the sacredness of church bells was sufficiently appreciated, but many changes had taken place in that respect. The office of ringer was an office of the Church, and the 800 ringers in their county would more and more learn to feel that to ring the bells was to hold a definite office in the church of God. In conclusion the Archdeacon quoted some lines from Tennyson's. Ring out, wild bells." "Now thank we all our God" was the closing hymn.

A collection was taken for the church bells fund and amounted to £2 16s. 11d.

After the service the bells pealed forth merrily, and the ringers from Bridport who had come to pull the ropes expressed themselves well pleased with the tone of the bells. We should be very pleased to hear that the Vicar and wardens of Stratton had joined the holy crusade commenced for increasing all the rings of five bells in the county to six.

WINKFIELD, BUCKS.

On Saturday last, the Bray Church Ringers, by the kind invitation of the vicar (Rev. J. Daubeny), paid a visit to Winkfield Church for a pull on the bells. A start was made soon after 2 o'clock, but the heavy going rendered anything like quick travelling out of the question, and it was nearly 4 o'clock before the party reached Winkfield. Various touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were very creditably performed. At about five an adjournment was made to the Vicarage, where an excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed, appetites being somewhat sharpened by the ride. Grace having been said by the Vicar, the Winkfield Ringers entertained the visitors with an excellent selection of tunes on their fine lot of handbells, the visitors expressing their appreciation by frequent applause. The ringers who took part were:—Messrs. G. Worsford (leader), J. Brant, E. Bailey, W. Bailer, A. Cooper, and F. Blunden. The curate (the Rev. Watts) jointed the company during tea. Mr. G. Bloomfield, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and expressed a hope that the visit would soon be returned by the Winkfield Ringers. The Vicar, in response, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves. A start was made on the return journey soon after nine o'clock, home being reached safely, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 17th, when about twenty representatives attended from Wraxall, Bristol, Abbot's Leigh, Banwell, Huntspill, Highbridge, Minehead, Old Cleeve, and Weston-super-Mare. A capital tea was provided at Glass's Restaurant. After which the usual business meeting was held.

The Master presided, and he was supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Long Ashton. After tea, an adjournment was made to the tower of the parish church, where during the evening touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor were rung. The Weston ringers have some knowledge of change-ringing, and it is hoped that ere long they will qualify for membership.

GREETING!

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association wishes all members (also friends belonging to other Associations) a very happy and prosperous New Year. He thanks them for help and support in the past, and asks for a like encouragement during the coming year (the last of the Century).

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THORNABY, YORKSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF BELLS BY THE BISHOP OF BEVERLEY.

The new ring of eight bells presented by Mr. and Mrs. T. Wrightson to the Thornaby Parish Church in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria was formerly dedicated on Tuesday evening by the Lord Bishop of Beverley (Dr. Crosthwaite).

The bells and frame have cost £450, and have been supplied by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. They are of particularly fine tone, and have been cast by the founders after the model of the old bells at Stockton. Each bell has the following inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the 60th year of reign of Victoria, this bell was presented by Thomas and Elizabeth Wrightson, Neasham Hall, Darlington, January, 1889." In addition the bells are also inscribed as follows:—No. 1, "Come, all ye faithful;" No. 2, "Glad Tidings of great joy;" No. 3, "Lest we forget;" No. 4, "Glory to God in the highest;" No. 5, "Holy, holy, holy;" No. 6, "Ring out the false, ring in the true;" No. 7, "Praise the Lord in the beauty of holiness;" No. 8 (tenor), "Day by day we magnify thee."

When the Parish Church congregation decided to add a tower to the church in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee it was then that Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson generously came forward and offered to present the bells to the town. They are now hung in the tower, which cost £1,300, £500 having still to be raised, but will probably not be rung before January to allow of the new structure properly setting. A formal opening will then probably take place.

At the dedication ceremony last night the Bishop was accompanied by the clergy, choir, and churchwardens to the tower, and was formally requested by the latter to "dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church" the new peal of bells. Dr. Crosthwaite, receiving the ropes, said: By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His holy church. Afterwards the Bishop committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar (Rev. Henry Mellowes, M.A.), and they were then chimed for a few minutes whilst the Bishop, clergy, and choir entered the church, where His Lordship afterwards delivered a short address.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Ringing commenced about 4.30. At about six o'clock the members adjourned to the Church Room, where a substantial tea was provided by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, who heartily welcomed all. After tea, to which about twenty-five sat down, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Isleworth on Saturday, January 28th.

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In Memoriam.

JOHN ASTBURY, OF WALSALL.

By the death of this man (at the early age of forty-eight years), the company of St. Matthew's church, Walsall, have lost the services of an able ringer and conductor, whose abilities were widely known in the Midland Counties. He was a born ringer, his late father being for many years a distinguished ringer in the band of St. Matthew's church. Some years ago upon the death of Mr. William Hallsworth, who had been conductor of St. Matthew's band for many years, Mr. John Astbury was chosen to fill his place as conductor, and he has ably filled that position, and kept up the name of the Walsall band as a first-class ringing society. So recently as Wednesday, November 30th, he was at his post in the tower, and called several touches, and then arranged his band for a peal of Grandsire Caters to be rung on the following Saturday. When leaving the tower he said he did not feel well, and thought he had a cold upon him. The following day he went to his work as a caster, and when lifting a pot of molten lead from the furnace, he stated that he had injured himself internally, and immediately went to his home in Hall Lane, where he died on Wednesday, December 7th. In his last moments his thoughts were engaged upon his favourite art of change-ringing, counting and calling "bobs and singles." Not only in St. Matthew's tower will his loss be felt, but also by the Walsall handbell ringers, of which company he was conductor, and his place will be difficult to fill.

He was also a member of the Walsall volunteer band as drummer. In addition he was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, which Order was represented at the funeral. As soon as the ringers of St. Matthew's Church heard of his death they, together with the handbell ringers, at once decided to relieve his widow of all responsibility connected with the expense of the funeral, and their action was heartily approved of by other bands of ringers in the district, who also together with other friends contributed towards the fund, and for which co-operation the Walsall band desire to tender their sincere thanks. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Ryecroft Cemetery, with full military honours, the volunteer band rendering Chopin's "Funeral March" on the route and as the procession entered the Cemetery. The burial service was impressively read by the Rev. W. S. Swayne, Vicar of St. Matthew's Church; three volleys were fired over the grave, and then the following five of his brother ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Caters, viz.: Charles Astins, 1-2; Frank Hallsworth, 3-4; William Smith (Darlaston), 5-6; Ephraim Lightwood, 9-10. The funeral was witnessed by a large and orderly crowd of people.

In the evening muffled touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on the tower bells of St. Matthew's Church, and thus one of Walsall's renowned Church bellringers was laid to rest until the resurrection morn, and of whom it may be not out of place to quote the old ringers' epitaph:—

Here lies an old ringer beneath the cold clay,
Who has rung many peals both serious and gay,
Through Grandsire and Stedman with ease he
could range,
Until death called the Bob which brought round the
last change.

May he rest in peace.

RINGERS' EXCURSION TO REDHILL, SURREY.

On Saturday, December 10th, the Tonbridge society visited the above place for an evening's ringing practice at St. John's church. Journeying by an afternoon train, and accompanied by Mr. Mankelow, of Tunbridge Wells, they were met by Mr. Dewey, the amiable steeplekeeper, who piloted them to an inn close to the church, where Mr. Wadmore, who resides at Sutton, joined the party, as also did Mr. Argent, of Reigate. A very nice tea was here partaken of, which had been kindly arranged by Mr. Dewey. Then to the tower, where the bells were soon swinging to the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, this being the first time they had answered to Stedman and Treble Bob. Messrs. Argent and Reeves joined the visitors in several touches, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. Many thanks are due to Mr. Dewey for all his excellent arrangements; to the Vicar for his permission to ring; and to the gentlemen who welcomed the visitors and rang with them. Light refreshments at the inn, accompanied by the fraternal intercourse peculiar among lovers of the art of change-ringing, brought the time of departure only too soon, and eventually home was reached just after the stroke of eleven. Excellent railway accommodation was afforded at reduced rates, and it is hoped this is the first of many such outings, which are easily and amply paid for by a small weekly contribution.

The *Yorkshire Evening Post* is responsible for the following paragraph. We should like to know what were the provisions of the late Earl's will:—

"The best way to be remembered after death is to do something strikingly atrocious. I am not going to waste the little space I have left in recalling instances. The intelligent reader can recall them for himself, and as for the unintelligent reader—well, at Christmas time there is no unintelligent reader. Here, however, is an instance which is quite up-to-date, and which, with ironical incongruity, is published on the very eve of Christmas Day. The otherwise amiable and blameless Lord Winchilsea has left some money to encourage bellringing. Thus will his memory ring down the ages, and deafened generation will ask the generation which had been deafened before, "Who did this thing?" The monotonous reply, from age to age, will be Lord Winchilsea, and when Nero and Caligula are forgotten the memory of Lord Winchilsea will still be clanging and reverberating upon the tortured tympanum."

The following paragraph has been going the round of the papers:—

"At the present time there is living in Grimsby an old man named Matthew Larking, who is believed to be the oldest bellringer in England. He, until recently, resided at Tetney, near Horncastle. He is 97 years of age, and started bellringing at the age of 15, and for 82 years has been a ringer at the parish belfry. He proposes being amongst the ringers on Christmas day."

The *Morning Leader* of Thursday last, had a ridiculous article entitled "The Tin-tinnabulation of the Bells." We should not recommend our friends to make any effort to get this number of the paper; it is full of error, and impudent also.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The first annual dinner to celebrate the presentation of two new bells to St. Andrew's church, was held at The Five Ways inn, on Tuesday, December 20th. Among those present were the Vicar (Rev. J. S. Marriott), and the Revs. J. B. Brinkworth and D. M. Evans (curates), the churchwardens, Councillor D. Robinson, Messrs. E. Russell, H. Talbot, and J. Townsend (sidesmen), and about twenty ringing members from the surrounding district, including Messrs. W. R. Small, Parsons, Mason, A. Spittle, Goodman, Hughes, and Micklewright.

The good things provided having been duly appreciated, the Rev. J. B. Brinkworth (in the absence of the Vicar, who arrived later in the evening) was called to the chair, submitted the toast of "The Queen," which was heartily drunk. Mr. A. E. Parsons, in proposing "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarked that the Church clergy of Netherton were at one with their non-conformist brethren in the great work of Christianity. The other toasts were—"The Donor of the Bells," "the St. Andrew's Society," and one or two others of a complimentary nature, all of which were heartily pledged.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to recitations and songs, and courses on the handbells. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasantly-spent evening to a close.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Friday evening, the 16th instant, the young and rising band of ringers at the church of St. Paul, Wednesbury, assembled with a number of invited guests at the church schools, Wood Green, to partake of a supper which had been kindly provided for them by the following gentlemen, viz.: Lieut.-Col. Smith, Councillor Pritchards, Amos Tonks, Esq., Job Edwards, Esq., and Frank Dickens, Esq., as an encouragement to the band for ringing their first peal on the 3rd instant. The respected Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. G. Tuthill) presided, supported by his curate; and among the guests were county Alderman E. Elwell, J.P., Mr. Churchwarden Aston, E. Wilson, Esq. (deputy townclerk), Messrs. Tyler, Jukes, Cooper, Johnson, Tinsley, Gough, ex-Inspector Hamilton, etc.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the Vicar, and seconded by Alderman Elwell, was passed to the donors of the supper, which was suitably responded to. Mr. Hamilton responded for the visitors, and after thanking heartily the band for their kind invitation said that considering the short time the band had taken to scientific change-ringing they had made very rapid progress in scoring their first peal of Grandsire Triples. He was not surprised at this when he knew it was their good fortune to have such an able instructor as Mr. William Johnson. They also were fortunate in having the encouragement of the clergy and gentry of their parish, which was not so in some parishes, therefore he urged them to rally round their instructor, for in him they had a master of the standard methods. He took that opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the many kindnesses he had received at his hands.

The Vicar suitably responded.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by the company, and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Johnson and Tinsley, the party breaking up at 10.30 p.m.

. We again respectfully ask correspondents to exercise greater care in compiling their reports.

Obituary.

GEORGE HOBBS.

The Redenhall company regret to have to announce the death of their oldest member—George Hobbs—who died on Monday, the 12th instant, in his 77th year. Deceased had been a change-ringer for sixty years, and was much respected by all who knew him. He had taken part in forty-five peals, his first being a 6016 of Oxford at Alburgh in 1849, and his last also of Oxford at the same tower in 1892. On the following Friday the company rang with the bells half-muffled 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 336 of Double Norwich, and 704 of Superlative.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A RINGER.

We are sorry to recount the death of one of our most promising ringers under peculiarly distressing circumstances. James Nicholls, an inhabitant of Coggeshall, Essex, and only son of the respected parish clerk and sexton of that place, learnt the rudiments of change-ringing with the writer of this memoir, in his native town, after the hanging of the bells in 1874. Soon after that he removed to Wandsworth gasworks, and where he remained until his death. He became a member of the College Youths, and formed one of the company that rung every Sunday at Fulham parish church. He still retained his membership in the Essex Association, and generally was present at the annual meeting. The pressure of work seems lately to have affected his mind and urged upon him unfortunately to take his life. The circumstances accompanying this last act were very sad, and must have brought much sorrow to his wife and family and bereaved father. We tender our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial, rendered the keener by coming just on the eve of Christmas.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 6th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 4900 changes in 3 hrs. A. Strutt, 1; G. Strutt, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 33 cwt.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Faulkner, 1; A. Jolly, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; G. Smith, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Bingham, 8. Longest length on the bells.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Senogles, 1; R. Ibbotson, 2; W. Pennington, 3; R. Atkinson, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, and the first on tower bells by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 30th, at St. Editha's church, an attempt was made for Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2562 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to the tenor clapper breaking. J. Windridge, 1; W. Lago, 2; J. W. Timms, 3; W. Chapman, 4; A. Everitt, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; J. Pratt, 7; C. Pratt, 8.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—The following touches have been rung during the month of November at the parish church, either at the practices or for Divine Service: Grandsire Minor, 360; Triples, 504; Stedman Triples, 256; Bob Major, 224, 672, 320. The ringers taking part were Messrs. G. Card, T. Card, J. Chimers, C. Corke, A. Lawrence, W. Nightingale, G. Rabbitt, W. Steed, G. H. Stonestreet, B. Wadmore, W. J. Wolfe and J. Smith.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, December 6th, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; N. Kibble, 4; S. Atkins (conductor), 5; H. Harper (first touch), 6; J. A. Brown, 7; W. Eyre, 8. On Tuesday, December 13th, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; N. Kibble, 3; S. Atkins, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Appleby, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

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Notices.

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The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at Rotherham parish church. Tower open 4 p.m.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley (six bells) on Saturday, January 7th, 1899. Meeting house The Cardigan Arms. The Leeds St. Peter's Society of Handbell Ringers will attend and play selections at intervals during the evening. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday afternoon, January 7th, 1899.

W. W. C. BAKER.

Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The 21st anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 12th, 1899, when it is hoped there will be a record attendance. Fuller particulars next week. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday next, January 7th, 1899.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The first meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on Saturday, January 7th, 1899. Service at 12 o'clock, Luncheon at 1, particulars by circular. Important business meeting after luncheon. Ringers intending to be present at luncheon kindly inform the Secretary not later Wednesday, January 4th.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stokesley.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. All ringers invited.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, January 14th. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30 prompt. The meeting will be presided over by the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley, Vicar. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock, but as there is service in the church at 7 o'clock no ringing is allowed between 7 o'clock and the close of the meeting.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John's Church, Hackney, on Saturday, January 21st. The bells will be raised at 4 o'clock. The Hon. and Rev. A. G. Lawley, Rector of Hackney, has kindly intimated that he will preside at the meeting. It is hoped that all members and friends who have the welfare of the Association at heart, will endeavour to attend. *Datur honos arti!*

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Surrey Association.—A meeting of representatives will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, at 6 p.m., which I trust all who can will attend. Will representatives kindly obtain and forward before the 31st inst., the subscriptions still unpaid for the current year.

CHARLES DEAN, *Jun., Hon. Sec.,*
5, Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT OLDBURY.—This is the 100th peal by Messrs. Smith and Grove, and is also the quickest peal rung by the Worcestershire Association. It is also the third quickest peal of Triples ever rung, exceeding the peals by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Sussex County Association by half a minute only.

R. E. GROVE'S 100 PEALS.—London Surprise Major 2, conducted 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 9, conducted 9; Superlative Surprise Major 16, conducted 13; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 17, conducted 15; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 34, conducted 29; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1; Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 3; seven methods on 6 bells 4; total rung 100; conducted 73.

MR. W. H. SMITH'S 100 PEALS.—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 10; Superlative Surprise Major, 14; Double Norwich, 16; Double Oxford Bob, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Grandsire, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 30; Grandsire Triples, 5; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Royal, 1; seven different methods on six bells, 7; On handbells—Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; total—100; conducted 7. Rung on twenty-four peals of bells.

THE PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.—The following is a list of Mr. C. R. Lilley's 50 peals: Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Bob Royal, 3, conducted 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 6, conducted 4; in seven methods on six bells, 16; in two and four methods on six bells, 4, conducted 2; in twelve methods on five bells, 3; in three methods on five bells, 1. Total—50. Conducted 9. Rang in thirty different towers.

Compositions.

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By GEO. R. WINTER, *Retford, Notts.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

3 4 6 2 5 - - -

6 2 3 4 5 - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

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4 2 3 5 6 - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - -

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4 5 2 3 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - -

Repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By C. CHARGE, *London.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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2 6 4 3 5 - - -

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4 2 3 5 6 - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - -

Repeat the last eleven courses with bob at middle omitted. If the whole is repeated, the peal will be 6120. This peal has the 6th twenty-two courses at home.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Monday, December 26th, 720 College Single in 24 mins. R. M. Craft, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; H. Markwell, 4; A. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. Also a 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 Duke of York on the bells during 1898, the same being rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Markwell, who was conductor of the band for upwards of seven years, and who at the beginning of the year took up his abode at Terrington, Norfolk, his absence being keenly felt by his brother-ringers at Wilburton.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

WE have very little more space allowed us in this column than is sufficient to wish all our readers and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year! The numerous records of peals, many of them coming to hand very late indeed, has effected quite a change in all our arrangements, and compelled us to postpone one or two important matters until next week. Forty-three peals in one issue is nearly as great a number as ever were published. To prevent in the future the great strain upon the small staff of this paper we must ask our friends to lose no time in sending reports of peals rung. The late reception of so many this week has caused us unnecessary trouble and disappointment, which we must endeavour to guard against in the future.

Such a number of performances appears to be an excellent salute to the dying year. Forty-three peals in one issue! How many, we wonder, of unsuccessful attempts? The number for the corresponding week a year ago was twenty-seven. We care not if the number is doubled, so that we receive the reports in good time.

The Metropolis.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM Treble.	THOMAS MAYNARD 6.
CHARLES HOPKINS 2.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	WILLIAM R. PINSENT 8.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 9.
WILLIAM B. MANNING 5.	THOMAS WATSON Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by FREDK. A. NUNN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER G. DARLINGTON Treble.	*HARRY LAWSON 5.
SIDNEY WADE 2.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 6.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 3.	LEWIS J. DARLINGTON .. 7.
JOHN E. MILLER 4.	SYDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. T. Darlington, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	THOMAS G. DEAL 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
EDWARD DUNN 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The Provinces.**KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.***On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S.

JOHN O. BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	JOHN CRANE 6.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	THOMAS WAKEMAN 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

REDDISH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, December 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. SMITHSON* Treble.	*T. SMITHSON 5.
T. MARSHALL 2.	A. BARNES 6.
S. FERNLEY 3.	J. S. WILDE 7.
J. FEARNHEAD 4.	J. BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

*First peal.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	ALFRED FLOWERS 5.
THOMAS COLLINSON† .. 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
JOHN BARBER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON 4.	CHARLES H. WATTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob Major.

DISS. NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK WATLING† .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHENERY 5.
WILLIAM IRELAND 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND 6.
CLEMENT MOORE* 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
JOHN TAIT* 4.	ELLIS HAYWARD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal.

ECCLES, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM DENNER* Treble.	*SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOHN DENNER* 2.	*JOSEPH BROOKES 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	ALFRED POTTER 7.
JOHN POTTER 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. T. EASON* Treble.	J. W. MOORHOUSE 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	THOMAS MARS 6.
FRED MOORHOUSE* 3.	*GEORGE BUCKLEY 7.
GEO. HINSLEY* 4.	JNO. E. HARTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal. Rung on the light eight.

WESTERHAM, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble.	GEORGE STEER 5.
WILLIAM G. GRANGER* .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
DAVID WRIGHT 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HERBERT J. FORD* 4.	ROBERT STONE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Stedman. This was Mr. Granger's first attempt for a peal of Stedman, and was rung to celebrate his coming of age, after which the band wished him many happy returns.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY TAFES Treble.	*ERNEST MEXTER 5.
WILLIAM BATE† 2.	WILLIAM EASTER 6.
WALTER HOBBS 3.	WILLIAM HUNT 7.
WILLIAM HOLLIER* 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS START Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE 7.
RICHARD LANE 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 8.
JOHN THOMPSON 4.	JAMES HUTCHBY 9.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.	CHARLES A. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Start, Matthews, Lane, Grundy, and Hutchby; and first peal in the method upon the bells. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, particulars of which will be found on another page.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 23, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR NEALE Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH 6.
EDWARD AUDSLEY* 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
FRANCIS GROVES* 4.	†JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM LATTER Treble.	HERBERT FORD 5.
EDWARD DUNK 2.	JAMES HEASMAN 6.
STEPHEN PERKINS 3.	EDWARD MANKELOW 7.
GEORGE SMITHERS 4.	JACK PRESTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM GORDON Treble.	HY. T. MOSTON 5.
SAMUEL FERNLEY 2.	FREDK. T. SPENCE 6.
THOMAS SALE 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
JOSEPH BARLOW 4.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

The above peal was kindly arranged by W. Gordon for Messrs. Moston and Spence, who hail from Grappenhall, who take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, from whom special permission had been obtained.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE A. KING Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 5.
KEITH HART 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 4.	GEORGE SMART Tenor.

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

DEANE, BOLTON. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	THOMAS PEERS 7.
EDMUND HEWITT 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN EVANS Treble.	F. G. BIGGS 5.
F. K. BIGGS 2.	S. T. GOODCHILD 6.
R. H. BIGGS 3.	F. BOREHAM 7.
H. STRATFORD 4.	JOS. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by F. BOREHAM.

This was F. Boreham's first peal as conductor, and was begun on the 24th and finished on his birthday, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns and many more such excellent peals.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BENTLEY Treble.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 5.
ISAAC WHALLEY* 2.	*THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK* .. 3.	ROBERT PARKINSON 7.
JAMES HY. BANKS* 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Sunday, December 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM 5.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN TUDBALL* 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16 Chapel Row, Gosport.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

FREDERICK DAY.. ..Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	ALFRED GRIMES 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 7.
WALTER LAST 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This was the conductor's 50th peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. BROWNE ..Treble.	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 5.
ISAAC FOLKARD 2.	ERNEST LINCOLN 6.
FREDERICK HEMBLING .. 3.	ROBERT BAKER 7.
WILLIAM FELGATE 4.	FREDERICK BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BAKER.

It is sixteen years since a peal was rung on these bells by a local band. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. Dr. Allan for the use of the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

THOMAS ABBOTT* Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
CHARLES CHASTY† 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. †100th peal.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. in G.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY 4.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER* .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First 5040 in seven methods. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN T. HOLMES Treble.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	EDWARD HOLDEN 7.
FREDERICK HILTON 4.	HERBERT NASH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LLOYD Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 5.
FREDERICK ATTWELL .. 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
JOHN W. JONES 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS 7.
JOHN HARRIS 4.	BENJAMIN TILLY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ..Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
ARTHUR LONG* 2.	JOHN PUGSLEY 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JAMES GRABHAM 4.	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..Treble.	HERBERT MARTIN 5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY* .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
CHARLES GEORGE 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	*JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD Treble.	*WILLIAM HORNE 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES* .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 8.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL 9.
CHARLES STONE* 5.	JOHN TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Treble Ten.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUEFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ..Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
JAMES DURRANT 2.	HENRY W. BALDRY 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 4.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Stedman by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE Treble.	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 5.
GEORGE S. BROWN 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	CHARLES TITCHENER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Six Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,464 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
I. GEORGE SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the longest peal in the method ever rung in the county and by the Association, and longest peal on the bells and by all the band except C. Wilkins. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. S. Adams, for the use of the bells, and also J. Garrard, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness on this and previous occasions.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	THOMAS R. BENNET 5.
JOSEPH GAYTON 2.	JAMES PAGETT 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT 3.	ERNEST C. HUNT 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	THOMAS WAREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Barber and Gayton, who came from Bangor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. Treble.	*HENRY S. REEVES 5.
EDGAR COLLINS 2.	CHARLES EDWARDS 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	*GEORGE ALLDER 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	HENRY CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal of Major.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

THOMAS B. WOOD* .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
JOHN T. HOLMES 2.	EDWARD HOLDEN 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7.
FREDERICK HILTON 4.	FREDERICK WARRINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal; also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly entertaining them after the peal; also Mr. G. Dawson, the steeplekeeper.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Coventry, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, Jun. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Minor ever rung by six brothers.

WALTHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two 720s of Canterbury, and three 720s of Bob Minor.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE SQUIRES .. Treble.	JOHN WILDMAN 4.
ERNEST J. GALE 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 5.
JOHN JAMES JACKSON .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and first by Messrs. Squires, Jackson, and Wildman.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SAFFRON

WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. J. PITSTOW .. Treble.	ALFRED PITSTOW 5.
ERNEST PITSTOW 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	FREDK. PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW,

This is the first peal rung in the method in the county from which it took its name.

MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent, and two of Woodbine, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLEMENT BEST .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS STROUD 2.	FRANK TRUSSLER 5.
THOMAS E. ELLIS 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the recent wedding of Dr. George, late of Midhurst.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM 5.
HENRY J. POOLE* 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ARTHUR DOBLE* 3.	*JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 4.	FRANK MILLARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours Twenty-seven-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS WAKEMAN Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
JOHN BENNETT 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS 7.
JAMES PAGETT 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	*JAMES STEVENS 5.
GEORGE SMITHERS 2.	HERBERT J. FORD 6.
WILLIAM LATTER 3.	STEPHEN PERKINS 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW 4.	*JAMES MUGGRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS.

*First peal of Stedman. This was Mr. Stevens's first attempt for a peal of Stedman, he only having rung one touch previously.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. H. BURRELL, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WESLEY WATSON 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—E. Wightman. Rung to celebrate the birthday of W. Watson, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., consisting of 720 London Pleasure, 720 Kent, and 458 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Runter, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 61 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; S. Atkins, 7; J. Appleby, 8. Rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; T. Horton, 3; A. Flowers, 4; T. Collinson, 5; G. James, 6; A. H. Hill, 7; J. Hall, 8. Composed and conducted by T. Collinson. On Friday, December 16th, Messrs. Jaggar, Balcombe and Hodges of Wolverhampton, and R. Balcombe, of Cardiff, visited this tower for the purpose of seeing the extraordinary hanging of the bells and ringing a touch on them by the local company, in-

cluding three of the young band—Thomas Hill, James Small and Edward Jones. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening. On December 17th an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after a short time. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; G. James, 4; S. Hughes, 5; T. Collinson, 6; A. H. Hill (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. R. Small. On Sunday, December 18th, before morning and evening services, touches of Grandsire Minor were rung by W. R. Small (conductor), F. Bywater, James Small, Edward Jones, Thomas Hill and Adam Hickman Hill, of the local band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOLLINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 26th, at All Saints' church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (44 bobs and 10 singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; A. Day, 2; A. Trowell, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; A. Trowell, 2; A. Day, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; W. H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Day, 5; A. Trowell, 6. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, which are a fine ring of six.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; H. Lampkin, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lampkin, 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; H. Lampkin, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lampkin (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Dennis, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. Clout, 3; H. Lampkin, 4; H. Shipp, 5; W. J. Walker (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; J. Champion, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Lampkin (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

CHARING (Kent).—Recently several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; W. Spice, 5; J. Clifford, 6. On October 4th, 720 Plain Bob. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; E. Archer, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice, 6. On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Willis, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; J. Willis, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, December 8th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; S. Perkins, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; F. Harrington, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. Kember, 6; S. Perkins, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Turner, 8. Also a plain course of Stedman Doubles. S. Perkins, 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; F. Harrington, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; S. Faithful, 6; G. Kember, 7; H. Martin, 8. A plain course of Stedman Doubles, with W. Smith ringing the treble, the others as before. Also two courses of Stedman Doubles. G. Smithers, 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; E. Mankelow, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; F. Harrington, 5; S. Faithfull, 6; G. Kember, 7; H. Martin, 8. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. H. Martin (first attempt), 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; F. Harrington, 6; G. Kember, 7; E. Turner, 8.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On October 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). W. Hollands, 1; H. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; W. J. Walker, 5; S. Beach, 6. On October 13th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). C. Clift, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Saturday, November 12th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Kitchingham, 1; J. Clout, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; J. Dixon, 4; H. Lambkin, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). *J. E. Grensted, 1; A. Day, 2; W. Lambkin, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. *First 720. And 720 Grand-

sire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Day, 1; W. T. Hyland, 1; W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; J. Dixon, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; H. Lambkin, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; W. Hollands, 2; J. E. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; H. Coast, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, for the Dedication Festival, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clift, 1; W. Hollands, 2; J. E. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; H. Coast, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Tunbridge, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E. Wright, 4; E. Runter, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wright (conductor), 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; T. Crozier, 5; E. Runter, 6. On Friday, November 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Wright, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, 720 Woodbine. T. Crozier, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 24th, 720 Duke of York. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Bradley (conductor), 1; T. Crozier, 2; E. Runter, 3; G. Parsons, 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Bradley, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. E. Wright (conductor), 1; T. Crozier, 2; E. Runter, 3; G. Parsons, 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 30th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Runter, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service, 699 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, November 27th, a 700. On Sunday, December 4th, 644 in the method. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6. H. Perrin, sen., 7; A. Bass, 8. On Tuesday, November 29th, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 48 mins. G. Dent (conductor), 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; F. Perrin, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), 8. On Sunday, December 11th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Cavill (Hoddesdon), 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; A. Bass, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, November 30th, 252 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; F. Hollingworth, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; J. Warren, 7; G. Parsons, 8. Also 364 Grandsire Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. C. Tunncliffe, 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; W. Earl, 8. Also 252 Oxford Bob Triples, standing as before, conducted by H. Hollingworth. On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, 252 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earl, 5; J. Warren, 6; G. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. Recently, for practice, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Earl, 1; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; W. Malins, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. C. Tunncliffe, 5; G. Parsons, 6. On handbells, retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hollingworth (conductor), 1-2; H. Hollingworth, 3-4; W. Malins, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; G. Kemp, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; F. Potter, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; T. Davy, 2; J. Buckingham, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Double Court. D. Mays, 1; G. Kemp, 2; T. Davy, 3; F. Potter, 4; J. Rose, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. All conducted by G. Cattermole.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. R. Green, 1; T. B. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; R. Masters, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Tuesday, December 6th, for Divine Service at

the parish church, Bishopwearmouth, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; J. W. Parker, 3; R. M. Pick, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; J. Field, 6. J. W. Parker belongs to the church of St. Ignatius, and this is his first 720.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Knaggs, 1; J. Cottrell, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 896 Superlative Surprise Major. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; C. Hall, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; A. McFarlane, 8. This is the first touch of Superlative by the above Association, which came into existence the day previous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESSAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 364 Plain Bob Triples. J. Kettle, 1; R. T. Holding, 2; R. Langford, 3; T. Davies, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Dentith, 6; R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. For evening service 504 Plain Bob Triples. J. Kettle, 1; R. T. Holding, jun., 2; G. Crawley, 3; R. Langford, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Dentith, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. Longest length by the ringer of the 3rd.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On December 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Single Minor, composed by H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. T. Millington (conductor), 1; J. Maycock, 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Strutt, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; C. Edwards, 4; G. Strutt, 5; T. Beadle, 6; J. Basden, 7; A. Sheard, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief two bobs past the half-way single, through the breaking of the 3rd rope. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; F. Elms, 8. On November 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. H. Howse, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; T. Price, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. On December 4th, for afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Gower, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; H. F. Fayers, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 8th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Kent. B. Cowling, 1; A. Haigh (Pateley Bridge, first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And 144 Oxford. F. Blacketh (Bramley), 1; A. Haigh (first in the method), 2; Jno. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Summersall, 6. An attempt for 720 Bob Minor came to grief.

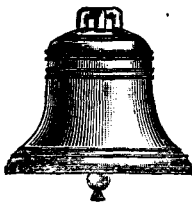
BILDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; T. Levitt, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Keeble, 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 8th, at St. Michael's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Ricketts, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Sear, 4; H. Champness, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by H. Sear.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Friday, November 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Kitchingham, 1; J. Clout, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; E. Clout, 5; H. Lampkin (conductor), 6.

MONKS ELBIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 4th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6.

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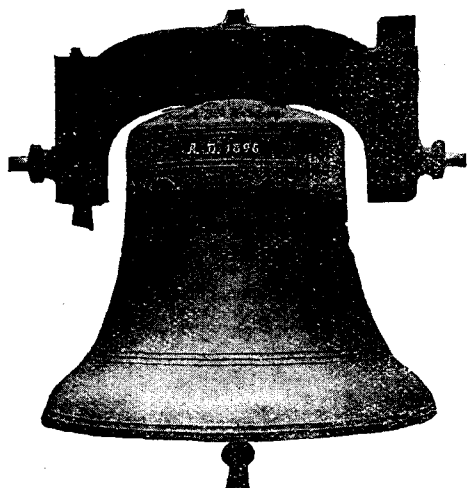
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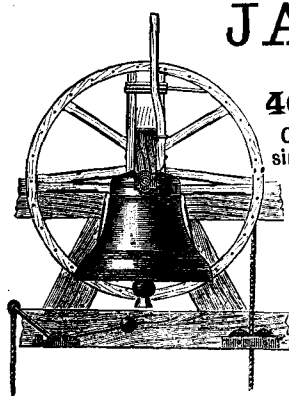
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