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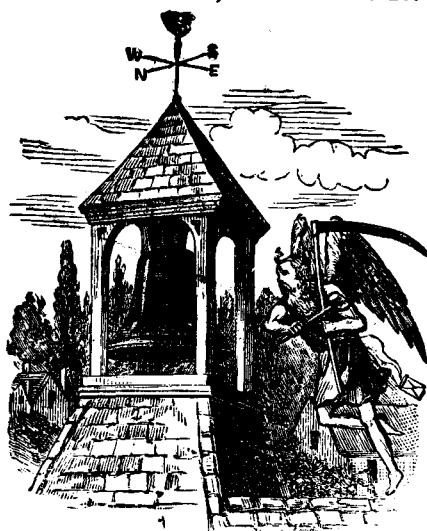
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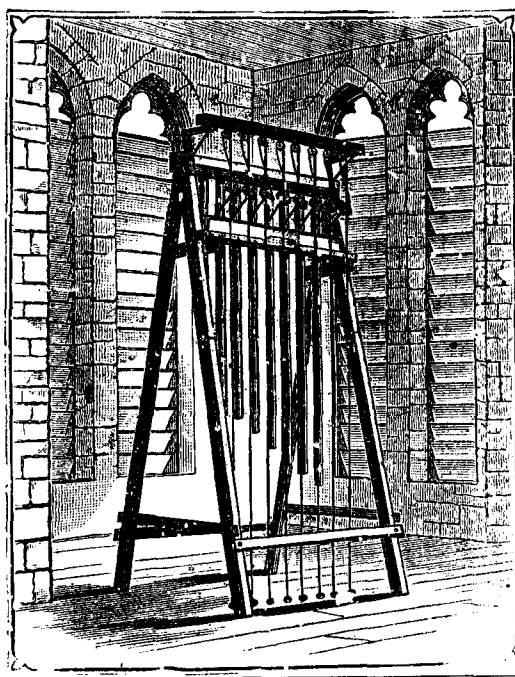
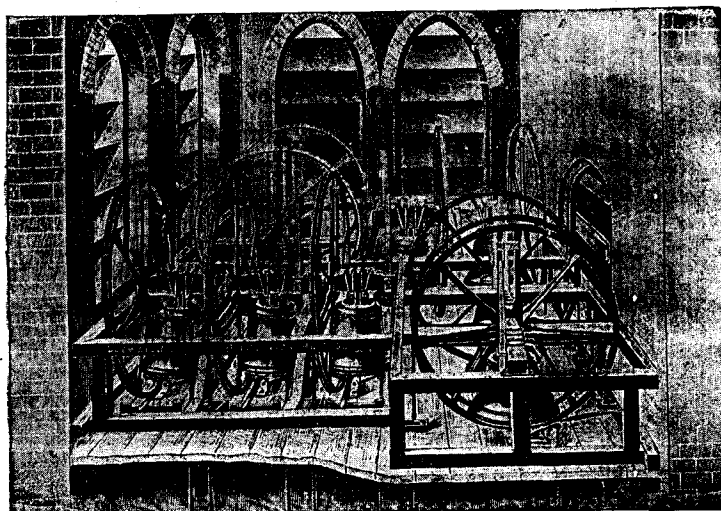
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HERSHAM, SURREY.

We are glad to hear that a new peal of bells for the parish church at Hershham is about to become an accomplished fact. F. L. Vaux, Esq., a local gentleman, has made a very handsome present to the parish church, he having undertaken the entire cost of a new ring of eight bells. At a largely attended vestry meeting on Monday, December 17th, this generous offer was most gratefully accepted, and a resolution was passed directing the requisite steps to be taken to obtain the necessary faculty for the erection of the bells. The work has been submitted to Mr. Thomas Blackburn, Bellfounder, of Salisbury, and it is hoped that the peal will be ready for Easter.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11th, at the church of St. Nicolas, touches of Plain and Grandsire Doubles were rung before service; and in the middle of the service two courses of Bob Minor were rung after the new treble was dedicated by the Rev. R. Abbey, R.D., Rector of Earl Soham. C. F. Ling, H. J. Creasy, F. Day, W. W. Miller, W. G. Crickmer, and D. Collins. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Ling, W. W. Miller, F. Day, W. Burgess, W. G. Crickmer, D. Collins (conductor). Also several touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, and Oxford. The new bell was given by Mr. G. Ling, of Boyton (grandfather of the treble ringer), who was born at Bedford eighty years ago on this day; whose father was a great ringer in the last century, and who often spoke about ringing upon Lavenham bells. The band were afterwards entertained to dinner by the churchwarden, Mr. C. Ling, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung upon the handbells after dinner. Several songs were sung by Mrs. Ling, Miss Ling, and Miss Poley. Before parting the ringers all wished Mr. Ling, sen., many happy returns of the day, and hope he will be spared to see many more. Bedford now possesses a handy ring of six. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

TRINITY YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

A large gathering of the members assembled at Park Street schoolroom on Christmas Eve, and shortly before midnight proceeded to Trinity Vicarage, where they rang three methods on their handbells, following it by the singing of Christmas hymns, etc. Afterwards they proceeded to the houses of the curate and church officials and did likewise; they then visited various resi-

dences, and also paid a compliment to the veteran church bell-ringer, Mr. William Alley, finishing up at the house where their teacher resides. It may not be generally known, but this is the first occasion that these young men have been out with their bells, and that not a month ago many of them had never handled a bell before. It reflects great credit upon them, and Mr. Warden, their teacher, has every reason to be proud of his band. The chief performers were—H. White, 1; T. Beaven, 2; H. Howse, 3; T. Cummings, 4; C. Belcher, 5; J. Drake, 6; F. Hart, 7; A. Sidnall, 8; A. Greatwood, 9; W. Barton, 10; L. Prosser, 11; W. Bendall, 12. There were also duplicate ringers—E. Culverhouse, J. Culverhouse, P. Jones, P. Stevens, etc., and Mr. J. Bruncker kindly assisted.

This class meets for practice twice each week, and are coming on well. This will be a great help to them when they later on attempt to ring on the tower bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN BRANCH).

On Wednesday, December 26th, the Frieston and Butterwick company journeyed to Wrangle to try for a peal of Bob Minor, but after ringing about 1900 changes the treble rope broke, and there being no time (owing to a wedding), to start again, the rope was spliced, and some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Philips, and then falling in peal, finishing a short time before the wedding party appeared, and so it was agreed to try again on Friday, and the result will be found in the peal column. On Friday night, according to usual custom, the Rev. S. Stafforth entertained the Freeston and Butterwick ringers to supper, and roast beef, plum pudding, &c., and for dessert, apples, oranges, grapes, figs, nuts, prunes, raisins, &c., thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then to the drawing room, some for billiards, some for photographic views, Master F. Stafforth being a first-class photographer, the local views, and views of Switzerland and other parts of this country, being very good. Then coffee and cakes, &c., after which they all wended their way home, thanking through the medium of this paper, the Rev. S. Stafforth for his kindness, and also the Vicar of Wrangle for the use of his bells.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, December 14th, a muffled peal was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, as a mark of respect to the late John Gobbett, by the following members, the usual whole-pull and stand, and a course of Grandsire Cinques being rung: J. Rogers, H. Bottrill, R. A. Daniell, C. Hopkins, E. C. Malim, F. Perrin, A. Hardy, W. Keeble, W. Doran, H. Dains, T. Langdon, and J. Mansfield.

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THE LATE REV. W. C. COTES, OF DENFORD, NORTHANTS.

The funeral of the Rev. W. C. Cotes, the late Vicar of Denford and Ringstead, recently took place at Denford. The body was conveyed from the vicarage to the church gates, where it was met by the officiating clergy, who were the Rev. C. Reeves, of Islington (an old friend of the deceased), and the Rev. J. G. Watson, of Woodford. The hymns sung in the church were "When our heads are bowed with woe," and "On the resurrection morning." As the cortege was leaving the church the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis. At the graveside the hymn "Peace, perfect peace," was sung. A number of wreaths were sent.

Mr. Cotes was previous to going to Denford, one of the curates of the parish church, Wellingborough. He was a genuine hard-working clergyman, much respected by all. He took considerable interest in the bells and ringers, and was an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. RINGER'S WEDDING.

A few days ago, the word went round the neighbourhood, that Freddy Goddard's name had been publicly mentioned in the parish church, then came the announcement that he was to be married on December 27th. Any-way, the outcome of it was that from thirty to forty ringers assembled there at 12 o'clock, eight of these made their way to the ringing-chamber to ring them away from church, whilst the rest waited in the porch to give the bride and bridegroom their hearty congratulations, &c.; meanwhile a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was being rung by the following: J. Basden (conductor), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. Etherington, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; T. Beadle, 5; W. Foster, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; H. Seaward, 8. Later on, a peal in the same method was accomplished, the band afterwards wishing the happy couple every happiness.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday evening, December 27th, the ringers and the choir of the above parish were entertained to a bountiful supper, consisting of that good old English fare, roast beef and plum pudding, and mince pies, by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, at the rectory. After the cloth was cleared, toast and song, and handbell-ringing were indulged in, washed down with some special whisky. Altogether the proceedings were of an enjoyable character, and we separated at midnight, after drinking our host's health with musical honours, and singing "Auld lang syne."

G. T.

The benefice of Chirk, in Denbighshire, was recently offered by the Bishop of St. Asaph to the Vicar of Lilanfyllyn, Montgomeryshire. No sooner was the news of the offer known to the parishioners than a petition was set on foot by them, beseeching him to remain. The petition was signed by 542 parishioners, and it is reported that the Vicar has acceded to its request.

EDWARD HERN.—We regret to say your letter cannot be inserted. We have no desire to be drawn into litigation.

Correspondence.

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

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

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—This is not a subject on which I should in the ordinary course have asked leave to trespass on your space. It bristles with difficulties, towards the solution of which I fear I cannot appreciably assist. When Mr. Newell's letter appeared in your issue of the 17th November last, I, like Mr. Newell, looked forward in vain, as it has turned out, to some instructive communications from the clerical members of the Exercise, and I should not have referred to the matter at all had I not had occasion to write to you in the succeeding week on another point. But, having that occasion, I finished my letter with a reference to Mr. Newell's communication, and asked why people at large should go to church. Mr. Newell, in his letter appearing in your last number, says that I seemed to imply that this question was his. If I did, I must beg his pardon. I never meant to imply that the question was his, and therefore I had, perhaps, better explain how it came to be mine, at the risk of boring your readers.

The desirability of church attendance on the part of ringers, has never, so far as I know, been dealt with rationally, except by Mr. B. Keeble, and my question was prompted by the desire of seeing any discussion arising out of Mr. Newell's letter, built up on the substratum of fundamental truth. It did not need any great foresight to anticipate that in the ordinary course the correspondence likely to ensue would exhibit that specious fallacy, that it is the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring. But neither I, nor, I should have thought, any of your readers contemplated such a *reductio ad absurdum* as that provided by Mr. Newell's anonymous critics. Mr. Egby enables us to understand Mr. Newell's position, and from what he says it appears that Mr. Newell, having long been a member of a choir at one church at Reading was asked to get up a ringing band at another church in the same town. Finding that he could combine both the work he was accustomed to do and that which he was asked to add to it, he undertook the latter. Well, if it is desirable to do Church work at all, an ordinary person would suppose that the more a man can efficiently do, the higher is the example he sets and the more useful he is in his generation. But the contention of the anonymous critics comes to this—that because Mr. Newell leads a band of ringers he is therefore to give up his other Church work, and that instead of expanding his public spirited efforts, he should, because he is a ringer, contract them. If, Sir, you want to find anything more absurd than this, you had best rise betimes in the morning, for you will need a long day. And if Mr. Newell's serving two churches is to be condemned by ringers, let us ask ourselves what we should think of the parson in whose choir he sings, if that parson were to object, on the ground of Mr. Newell's singing in his choir, to Mr. Newell's ringing at St. Laurence's? I have no hesitation in saying that we should regard a parson who so objected as an illiberal ass. But if so, what are we to say of ringers who object to Mr. Newell singing elsewhere than where he rings?

Now I fail to see how the adverse criticism of Mr. Newell can be based upon anything but on the fallacy of its being the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring. This miserable fallacy is presented to us over and over again, but it will not bear even the most superficial examination. It is impossible that ringing for something can create a duty to take part in the thing for which the ringing is performed. If it were, then it was the duty of ringers in days gone by when bells were rung for race meetings to attend those meetings. This is an obsolete instance no doubt, but coming to our own day can any rational being assert that a band of ringers, got together to ring at a wedding have a duty laid upon them to attend the marriage ceremony because they ring before it takes place? Surely the duty of attendance on anything for which we ring must be the duty laid upon men as Christians and Churchmen, whether they are ringers or not; and hence my question after Mr. Newell's first letter.

Moreover the doctrine that it is the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring breaks down not only in

theory but in practice. For if ringing creates such a duty and a ringer is not going to attend a service, he ought not to ring for it. But in that case how is a band of ringers for Sunday services to be got and kept together? Mr. B. Keeble in a paper urging ringers to attend Church services, which he sometime since read at a meeting of the Essex Association, illustrated this admirably. I regret that, not recollecting when this paper appeared in your columns, I have not time to search for it and quote Mr. Keeble *verbatim*, but he expressly stated that he did not hold that a ringer was bound to attend every service for which he rang, and gave as an instance of what he meant the case of a ringer whose wife would never be able to get to church if the husband did not in his turn go home after ringing and look after the domestic duties. Obviously it would be absurd to say that a man so situated was not to ring for a service which he could not attend. Yet if the fallacy I am considering were true, he certainly ought not to ring.

Many similar instances of duty—to aged parents, for instance—will readily occur to anyone, which may be incompatible with attendance at a service, though compatible with ringing for it. And the duties of a man's calling in life may put him in the same position. Take, for example, a policeman. He may be at leisure to ring for a service, but not to attend it, because he has to go on duty. If ringing be, as we are perpetually being told it is, Church work, why on earth is a man to be debarred from doing what Church work his position and duty admits of?

Mentioning Church work reminds me of another misleading way of speaking of this matter. We are sometimes told that we ought to go to church because we are Church-workers or officers. This seems to me to be nonsense. There are various kinds of Church-workers or officers. Members of choirs, for instance, undertake work in the actual rendering of Divine Service, and therefore undertake to attend it. Other persons are actually engaged not to attend it, as beadles in many town churches whose duty is to stay outside the building, or some of the vergers in Cathedrals or other large churches, whose duty detains them at such a distance from where service is being performed that they cannot follow a word of it. Ringers are in a different position from either of these. The work we undertake is over and done with before service commences, and when it is over we are just as other ordinary laymen are. Mr. Egby seems to think that by ringing we profess to attend church. I entirely dissent from this, and decline to profess anything. We do not attend service officially as ringers except on the occasions when special services at ringers' gatherings are held. Our work being over before service commences, we attend service simply as individuals. A man no more prays or praises officially as a ringer than as an admiral, a horse-coper, a poet-laureate, or a fishmonger.

Again, to say that a ringer should attend the services for which he rings may be either to lay an intolerable burden upon him or to interfere with his freedom of choice of what services to attend. At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where I take my turn in Sunday ringing, there are (besides other services) two morning services, at 9.30 and 11.30, and two evening services, at 4 and 7. If a man were to ring for all of these, would any humane person say he should attend them all? The actual practice is to ring for the services at 11.30 and 7. But if a ringer should prefer to attend one of the services for which he does not ring rather than one for which he does, why, pray, should he not? If a ringer attends afternoon service at, say, Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral, is he to be expected to attend evening service at some church where he may happen to ring?

The fact is that there is no satisfactory reason to be given for the attendance of ringers, as *ringers*, at Church services. The question really is the one I have asked, Why should laymen attend Church services? If we get a satisfactory answer to this we shall find the case of the ringer covered. No rules can be laid down to bind the laity to attendance at prescribed numbers of services. Sunday is not a day of bondage, and I imagine that no parish priest would assert that it would be good for all his parishioners to attend all the services he provides, except perhaps, where that provision is an irreducible minimum. Human beings being differently endowed may be benefited some by more, some by less, attendance at Divine worship, and it would be absurd, and worse, to make hard and fast rules about atten-

dance on the part of ringers. But if it be said that ringers are lax in attending Church services according to the standard of what may be reasonably desired of the average layman, then let us be induced to improve ourselves in this respect by some rational exposition of a layman's duty, and not irritated by trumpery maxims which, like words full of sound and fury, signify nothing. We, as members of the Exercise, are professed seekers after truth—truth in composition, truth in performance—and even the violent disputes which sometimes break out in your columns about peals are based on theories of truth. If, therefore, the question of ringers' attendance at Church is to be discussed at all, let it be discussed on the foundation of truth, and, for goodness' sake, let us have no more of that miserable ineptitude about the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring—a platitude which only just escapes meaning nothing at all, because what little meaning it can be said to have is mostly false.

R. A. DANIELL.

Obituary.

THOMAS EDWARD BARBER.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on December 15th, aged forty-eight years. The deceased was secretary of the St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, for many years, and a well-known member of the College Youths, and had rang several peals. A muffled peal was rung together with a touch of Stedman Triples in memory of the departed brother. His loss will be severely felt by the members of the St. Luke's society. Several ringers were at the church, and they were represented at the graveside. Communications with regard to St. Luke's society should be sent to J. Pryer, 23, Cologne Road, Clapham Junction.

Miscellaneous Catches.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 18th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. D. Drewett, 2; H. A. Horrex, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; A. Calver, 5; L. Ferridge, 6; J. A. Lambert (conductor), 7; J. Currell, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNBURY (Glos).—On Saturday, December 15th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1152 changes in the method. W. Stowell, 1; F. G. May (conductor), 2; A. Stowell, 3; J. Poole, 4; W. Landsdown, 5; F. K. Howell, 6; H. W. Fussell, 7; H. Howell, 8. The longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, October 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; E. Marks, 2; L. Meager, 3; A. N. Atkins, 4; H. Sear (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6. On October 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, 1; L. Meager, 2; H. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hodges (conductor), 5; A. N. Atkins, 6. On November 4th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. A. Crase, 1; W. Sear, 2; L. Meager, 3; A. Atkins, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at the parish church, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Broad, 1; E. Playdon, 2; E. Gilbert, 3; A. Jackson (longest length in the method), 4; W. Hemming, 5; Jos. Perrins, 6; John Chance (conductor), 7; Thos. Roberts, 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of St. Andrew, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; H. Sear (conductor), 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; A. Dubber, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. Shotton, 8. H. Sear hails from Bletchley. Longest length with a bob bell by F. Sear.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 24th, it should have read C. S. Burden not C. T.; also it should have been first peal of Caters in the method and not first in the method.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Cathedral, Llandaff, on Boxing-Day, at which the Very Rev. the Dean presided, and at the outset gave a most instructive and interesting address to the members on the history of bell-ringing, and the various striking inscriptions to be found on certain ancient bells, and he reminded all of the sacredness of their calling, and their 'privileges, and admonished them to be painstaking, faithful and zealous.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and duly passed and signed, it was decided that the next annual meeting be held at St. Woolo's church, Newport, on Boxing-Day, 1901. The balance-sheet for the year 1899, showing a balance in hand of £19 rs. 3d., was read by the Secretary and unanimously accepted.

Mr. F. Atwell was elected Master of the Association for the ensuing year, and the Rev. C. L. Price was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. H. Aldridge Assistant Secretary. It was unanimously agreed that a sum of £5 be given towards the completion of the octave in St. Augustine's church, Penarth, conditionally upon the Rector of Penarth opening a fund for that purpose, and also that one guinea be given to the funds of the Cardiff Infirmary. There being no further business to transact it became the pleasant duty of the Hon. Secretary to propose a most hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, and taking such an interest in the welfare of the Association. This was cordially responded to by the Dean, who said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Llandaff, and to show his appreciation of their efforts by presiding at their meeting, and he had much pleasure also in becoming a life member of the Association. This intention of the Dean's was heartily welcomed by the members.

Immediately after the meeting the members were entertained in another class-room by Mrs. C. L. Price, who had kindly arranged a very excellent tea. She was helped by Miss Davey and Miss Mary Davey, of the Deanery, and Mrs. Skrimshire. Before leaving the table Mr. Atwell thanked the Rev. C. L. Price and the ladies sincerely for their kind thought and hospitality, and said that all the members were exceedingly grateful to them for their kindness.

The cathedral bells were rung again for evening service, and thus terminated the best meeting which the Association has ever held since its formation.

THE BELLS OF WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On a recent Sunday evening the oldest and heaviest bells were rung full-muffled for Divine Service, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Cook, churchwarden of the parish church from 1864 to 1879. In 1868 these particular six bells were rehung, Mr. Cook being Vicar's warden, and the late Mr. John Wood Sharman parish warden. Of the ringers connected with the belfry at that time only two remain. On New Year's Eve, instead of the usual half-muffled ringing, the "great bell" was solemnly tolled for the midnight service, and later on, a few minutes before twelve, just as the old year "lay a dying," the same grand old bell (which has hung in the church tower for over 260 years) was tolled, raised, and rung as a passing bell for the expiring century. The advent of 1901 was proclaimed by the customary joyous peals. The Vicar of Wellingborough in 1801 was the Rev. Marmaduke Matthews, and the churchwardens for that year were Thomas Williams and William Hardwick.

A YEAR'S RECORD.

Inclusive of four peals one hundred and thirteen 720s have been rung on the bells of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, during the past year. These were as follows: Plain Bob, 20; Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, ten each; Kent, 9; London, 8; Victoria, 6; Woodbine, 5; York, Wells, Bristol and Double Court, 4 each; Ely, Durham, Lichfield and Ringers', 3 each; Chichester, Worcester, Coventry, Huddersfield and Double Oxford, 2 each; and 1 each of the following: Superlative, Lincoln, Carlisle, Chester, Chelsea, Rochester and Oxford.

The ringers taking part were: W. Miller, 104; W. Keeble, 94; J. Moule, 92; T. H. Beams, 85; J. Mardell, 70; W. Doran, 56; G. Hayden, 54; F. Withers and H. Bottrill, 41; J. Philpot, 13; G. Dawson, 10; H. Torble, 4; E. Wightman and E. Tugwood, 2; and the following one each: F. C. Newman, J. Kimberley, G. Clark, H. Gowers, W. Howell, A. Neal, C. T. Hopkins, H. Scarlett, G. Bridges, and A. Fenner. The conductors were W. Keeble, 52; T. H. Beams, 27; W. Miller, 26; J. Moule, 7; and E. Wightman, 1.

The foregoing facts need no comment for to show that the ordinary practice was not neglected; it may be pointed out that the colt of the party rang ten 700s in three methods. To briefly summarise there were rang twenty-seven methods; twenty Surprise, four Treble Bob, and three Plain, by twenty-four ringers under five conductors.

QUIDENHAM, NCRFOLK.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd, the Rev. E. S. Gernier gave the ringers of this place their annual supper. The rev. gentleman presided, Master G. Gernier being in the vice-chair. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the rev. gentleman said how pleased he was to meet the ringers again, and that he had got a surprise for one of the members of the company and another for the whole company. After thanking the members for their services during the past year, and hoping they would meet for many more years to come, he said he had great pleasure in presenting Mr. J. Woods with a silver-mounted malacca cane, in recognition of what he had done for the company during the last seven years.

Mr. Woods, who was taken by surprise, said he did not know how to find words to thank them for what they had presented him with, but what he had done was because he loved ringing. He should value the stick, and hoped he would be spared a few more years to use it.

The Rev. E. S. Gernier said the other surprise was that if he should be spared, before another year there would be two more bells in the tower to complete the octave.

Song and toast were kept up, and the company separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells at liberty from 2.30. Meeting house, The White Horse hotel. Business meeting, 6.30. Hand-bells provided. **FY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.**
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will take place at St. John's, Tue Brook, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.

91, Hawkshead Street, Southport.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association, will be held at Newcastle, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Masfield, 15, Heath Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 5th, at The Little Saddle inn, Dewsbury. Meeting to commence at 5.30, business, election of officers, and ballot for the contests. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—An informal meeting will be held at Swainby (Potts station 2½ miles), to-day, January 5th, after repairs to bells, which are six in number.

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

Stokesley R.S.O.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Members desiring tea, please write to Mr. E. B. Shaw, 14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, by Thursday, Jan. 10th.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, January 12th. Meeting at The White Hart inn. Peal of eight bells. Great Central and Midland Railways.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at Christ church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. and all members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall, on January 12th. Tea at 5 p.m., one shilling per head. Members intending to take tea, are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by Monday, January 7th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the parish church, Stafford, where a short service will be held at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., one shilling per head for all those who send in their names before the 21st inst. to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street West, Bromwich.

The Worcestershire and District Association.—The next quarterly and Committee meetings will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, at Brierley Hill. The tower and bells will be open during the afternoon. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. All subscription are due at this meeting according to rule 8.

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The last four courses thrice repeated.

NOTES TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Otway, who attained his majority on that date, after which all the band, ringing friends from Ashted, and other relatives, about twenty, were kindly entertained to a most substantial supper at his home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Otway, sen.; such a repast that made one think that Christmas Day had dropped in about three days before time. Anyhow, the writer thought it was a good preliminary to the approaching festive

season. Everyone having thoroughly enjoyed all the good things provided without fear of arsenic from our good old Leatherhead brewery, or from over the Emerald Isle, toasts, healths, and good wishes were drank all round, the chief of the evening being to Mr. A. Otway, including his father and mother, and all members of the family, which was very neatly proposed by Mr. Harry Sayer, of Ashted, and responded to by Mr. William Otway, sen. Then came the time for departing, every one having thoroughly enjoyed their kind entertainment.

A. D.

THE PEAL AT DEBBENHAM.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a suitable memento for the passing century. It was also rung by eight members of Court "Star of Suffolk" (A.O.F.), as a tribute of respect to Bro. A. R. Cracknell, who died on December 18th, in South Africa, he being a member of the same Court, and a resident of the neighbourhood. The calling of the peal will be found in the Association report for 1893, page 41.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901.

OUR sincere thanks are due to so many kind friends among our readers who in such an hearty manner have sent us their best wishes upon the threshold of the new Century. We need not assure them that they are heartily reciprocated. The reception of many handsome illuminated new-year cards has been greater at this time than at any previous season, though this kind of compliment has been missed this year from two very old friends.

The number of peals in this number form a goodly list, "the metropolis" being just saved from non-representation by a peal of Caters at Kensington; and it is somewhat remarkable also that the Middlesex Association has no peal records amongst them. Had one or two of our friends sent their communications earlier the list would have been of greater length. We

trust all our brethren will bear in mind that it is necessary to regard the instructions given on the opposite page concerning the time when every report, and everything intended for publication, should come to hand. It is necessary to adhere rigidly to such arrangements always, a disregard of them, to please some correspondents, having before now resulted in late publication. Last week we issued with other illustrations, a portrait of Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen. (of Loughborough). There are a few copies left of this number, for which early application should be made to the publisher.

While dealing with such matters as these, there is another which it is found necessary to say a word about. It is respectfully asked that greater care be used in writing out reports, especially peal records. Where initials only are used, they should be distinct and plain, admitting of no ambiguity. What may seem clear to a writer, is sometimes very far from being clear to a reader. It is hoped our friends will take greater pains in future.

We are always very pleased to compliment and encourage young bands who have done their utmost to surmount all the usual initial difficulties. The Society of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, has just scored its first quarter-peal, the first in Scotland by a local band, and we have no doubt, from the energy and determination the members have shewn, that we shall soon hear of a peal being rung in the modern Athens by the Cathedral Society, a performance which we shall await with interest.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAMUEL DAVIE* Treble.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
GEORGE BRUSH† 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. 8.
R. A. DANIELL, ESQ. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN.† 5.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Rung to welcome the commencement of the new century, also in honour of the inauguration of the new Australian Commonwealth.

The Provinces.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble.	JOHN WYATT 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 2.	WILLIAM MARKS 7.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY, JUN. 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
HENRY WOOD 4.	EDWARD HULL 9.
JOHN WHITE* 5.	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur C. Otway. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR; 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	†SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 5.
S. QUINTON 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
DAVID GEATER 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	†HARRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal with a covering bell.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL CORNISH Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK .. 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 7.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Nevard hails from Great Bentley; Newman and Rashbrook from Colchester; the rest from Ipswich.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE PRIEST† Treble.	†EDWARD GROVE 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	ALFRED PEEKE 6.
HENRY SYCAMORE† 3.	HARRY G. BEAMS 7.
CHARLES E. READ 4.	THOMAS EVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON† Treble.	WILLIAM G. GRANGER .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE† 2.	*JAMES F. CLARKE 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN* .. 3.	*HARRY ABGYLE 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	†ALBERT DUBBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†From Rugby. *From Nuneaton. Barber from Birmingham; Granger from Westerham. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. Canon Alderson and churchwardens for the use of the bells, especially at such short notice, as it was intended to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major at Rugby, which had to be abandoned through illness near the church.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN WYATTTreble.	*WILLIAM S. SMITH 5.
HARRY A. HORREX* 2.	*ALBERT CALVER 6.
JOHN HOYLE* 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
THOMAS MILES* 4.	JOSEPH FAYERSTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

*First peal of Bob Major.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WARDTreble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY 2.	EDMUND WILLIS 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON 3.	CHARLES E. HART 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 4.	GEORGE WHELDONTenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by C. E. HART.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WARDTreble.	WILLIAM EARLE 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	FRED. HOLLINGWORTH 6.
GEORGE TOMLIN 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	EDMUND WILLISTenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Messrs. Tomlin, Earle, and Hollingworth hail from Melbourne; the rest belong to Derby.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYETreble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
HENRY FLANDERS 4.	ERNEST PYETenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

A start was made for Royal, but after ringing twenty minutes one of the ropes became untucked which caused a stoppage, and time being limited the above was rung instead.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;

5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYETreble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	WILLIAM PYETenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MAURICE STEERTreble.	WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	WILLIAM HORNETenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. HORNE

Mr. Lightfoot was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild previous to starting. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCHTreble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	†ALFRED ARNOLD 6.
C. A. CASTLE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 4.	ANTHONY STRANGETenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN BASDENTreble.	WILLIAM FOSTER 5.
GEORGE RANSOM 2.	THOMAS BEADLE 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED SHEARDTenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Frederick Goddard, a prominent member of the local band, on his marriage on that day to Miss Elizabeth Anne Woods.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS PRICETreble.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5.
JOSEPH SHARP 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITHTenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANNTreble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2.	JAMES BOUGHTON 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT* 3.	FREDERICK R. SURRIDGE 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETTTenor.

Composed by the late J. REEVES, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FOR BLACK AND BLUE SERGE FOR LADIES' DRESS
and Costumes, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

REGINALD LOVEDAY† .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN K. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

†First peal in the method.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 5.
ALFRED ACFIELD 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
EDWARD TODD 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Messrs. Mee and Rivers belong to Sproughton; the rest are of the local company. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Mee, a well-known ringer and a dear friend and genial companion, and who is sadly missed.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN PHILIPS Treble.	JOHN SHARP 4.
H. STAFFURTH* 2.	E. CLAYTON 5.
E. ROLLINSON† 3.	A. O. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell. Messrs. Philips and Rollinson hail from Butterwick; the rest from Frieston.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOHN HOYLE Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
GEORGE WELLING 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
ARTHUR DEAN 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. Treble.	ALFRED FLOWERS .. 6.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 8.
HARRY WITHERS .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The ringers of the 2nd and 9th hail from Rugby.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. Treble.	RALPH BIGGS .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. MAJOR .. Treble.	JOHN W. JONES .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COMPTON .. 2.	*JOHN DAVIS .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER .. 7.
CHARLES POCKETTS .. 4.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES POCKETTS.

This peal was rung to oblige Mr. J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Monmouthshire, and Mr. J. Davis, who hails from Lydney, Gloucestershire. *First peal with a bob bell.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

EDMUND G. HOLLAND .. Treble.	JOHN E. GRENTED .. 4.
ALBERT J. DAY .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD* .. Treble.	NOAH HOLYOAKE .. 5.
FREDERICK PLANT .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Major. Rung with the bell half-muffled on the eve of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the death of Mrs. Blanche Skidmore.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK NAISBY .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 6.
JOSEPH PARKER† .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 4.	†WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS GOFTON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the treble. ‡First peal in the method as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. 2.	WILLIAM PETTIT .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MILLETT .. Treble.	W. SCHOFIELD .. 5.
G. WALMSLEY† .. 2.	J. PARTINGTON .. 6.
J. W. FITTON* .. 3.	S. BRIERLEY .. 7.
G. HOYLE .. 4.	*B. GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOYLE.

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
SEDLAY COLLINS .. 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 6.
JAMES G. RUMSEY .. 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

*First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	GEORGE PAICE .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

W. C. Hunt hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne; Hoad and Thompson from Reigate; the rest belong to the local band. Messrs. Hoad and Thompson were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Deritend,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 2.	JOHN T. PERRY .. 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 7.
JOSEPH PARKER .. 4.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was commenced at 9.35 p.m. December 31st, and came round at 12.31. January the 1st.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE .. 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. 2.	ALFRED HINDS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
GEORGE CRAMP .. 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, to commemorate the passing away of the 19th century.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON.)

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST W. POOLE* .. Treble.	JAMES BURGE .. 6.
JAMES ROUTLEY* .. 2.	SIDNEY WYATT .. 7.
BERTIE W. VAN TROMP .. 3.	WILLIAM EVELEIGH .. 8.
FRANK SADD .. 4.	EDWARD WYATT .. 9.
JOSEPH FOWLER .. 5.	*WILLIAM WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES BURGE.

First peal. First peal of Caters by all except Messrs. Fowler, Burge, and S. Wyatt. First peal of Caters as conductor.

TONG, YORKS.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. SALLOWAY .. Treble.	P. CORDINGLEY .. 4.
T. LATIMER .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 5.
R. P. FARROW .. 3.	H. ODDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. W. BROWN† .. Treble.	A. C. MELHUISE .. 5.
F. A. SKUSE .. 2.	†T. F. KING .. 6.
W. J. DAVIS .. 3.	G. W. TEMPLE .. 7.
G. W. STOKES* .. 4.	*V. D. EDWARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. A. SKUSE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a farewell to the dying century. V. D. Edward was made a member of the Association before starting. †First peal on treble. †First peal in the method. *First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL;

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM† .. Treble.	HENRY BOWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON† .. 2.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM† .. 3.	†WILLIAM WOOD .. 8.
JAMES MOTTS .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung to usher in the new year. †First peal of Royal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM CANNING Treble.	JAMES EASTON 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	ALFRED E. BASSETT 6.
HARRY PEDERICK 3.	STEPHEN WILSON 7.
GEORGE PEDERICK 4.	THOMAS EVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	† JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

†First peal.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK SWEETZER .. Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First Surprise peal by all except the ringers of 4, 6 and 8, and first Surprise peal ever rung in the town of Reading.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. Treble.	HARRY WARBURTON 6.
GEORGE SWANNACK 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
ARTHUR T. WINTER 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER 8.
T. HERCY DENMAN 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES 9.
F. WALTER ABBOTT† 5.	GEORGE W. D. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

†First peal of Caters. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the expiration of the 19th century, and was conducted by the retiring captain.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.
Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM KNIGHT Treble	RAYMOND J. WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JAMES HINTON 8.
HENRY PRING 3.	CHARLES TOMPKINS 9.
ALFRED PEARCE 4.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 10.
HERBERT H. TUCKER 5.	HENRY PORCH 11.
GILBERT PEARCE 6.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

First peal of Maximus by all the band, and on the bells. This is the first peal in which the tenor has been rung as a changing bell, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BITTON (Glos.)—On Friday, November 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1900 changes of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, in 1 hour 45 mins. Tenor 1 ton. P. Beer, 1; G. Miller, 2; W. Somerville (conductor), 3; C. Beer, 4; A. Miller, 5; G. Jennings, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WIRRAL BRANCH)

PIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Friday, November 2nd, the bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late G. R. Clover, Esq., of Birkenhead, who was formerly churchwarden of Bidston. The deceased was the donor of the treble bell eighteen years ago, and he always subscribed liberally towards the church, and to other charities. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 240 of Bob Doubles (whole pull). For evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled) 18 bobs 2 singles. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. G. R. Clover died October 29th, at Llandrindod Wells, aged 54 years, and was interred at Bidston, on November 2nd.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs 18 singles), in 23½ mins. H. Castle, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter (Dover), 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Sone, 5; T. Tabrett, (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, (38 bobs and 22 singles), 23½ mins. J. Axon, 1; G. Newman, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 1344 of Bob Major, in 53 mins. J. Prickett, 1; J. Jones, 2; J. Harris, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; G. Watkins, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. G. Watkins hails from Barry, J. Clutterbuck and W. Coombes from Cardiff, J. Harris from Landaff, J. Jones from Newport. On Sunday morning, November 4th, for Divine Service, 602 Grandsire Triples. G. Watkins, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. G. Watkins, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. Coombes (composer), 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; F. Bye, 8. The above quarter-peal contains the Queen's, Tittums, and Whittingtons.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon.).—On Thursday, November 8th, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal-tablet, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. This touch was rung by the band who rang the two peals recorded on the tablet. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; G. Room, 2; H. Brooks, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; T. Bull, 8. Also 504 in the same method. G. Room, 1; F. Pounds, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; J. Bull, 4; H. Brooks, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; J. Monk, 7; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 8. All conducted by J. Monk.

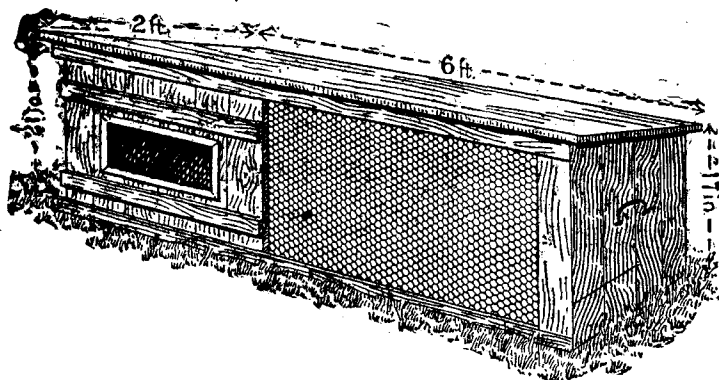
LANE END (Oxon.).—On Saturday, November 10th, at the monthly meeting, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Bownes, 1; F. Goodchild, 2; Ralph Biggs, 3; W. Bishop, 4; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 4th, 1900, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. R. Roffey; E. Raddon, 2; G. Reading, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8. This was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Private H. Weston, of the C.I.V. and H.R.H. Prince Christian, who were interred on that day, the former at Godalming, Surrey, and the latter in South Africa. Also handbell ringing at the residence of Mr. C. Willshire, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Hunt, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; C. Willshire, 5-6; S. Radford, 7-8.

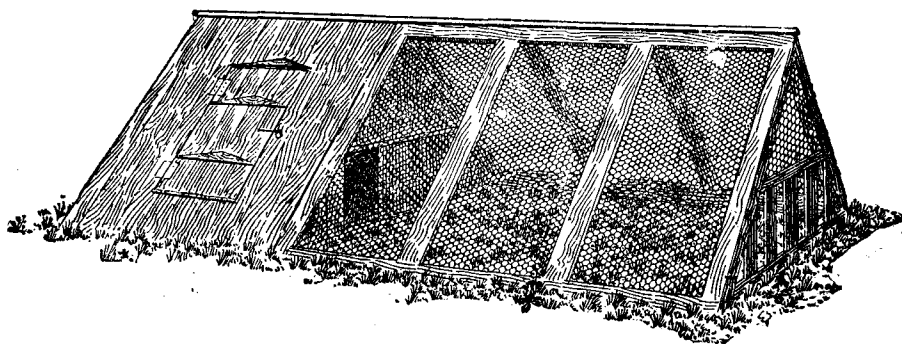
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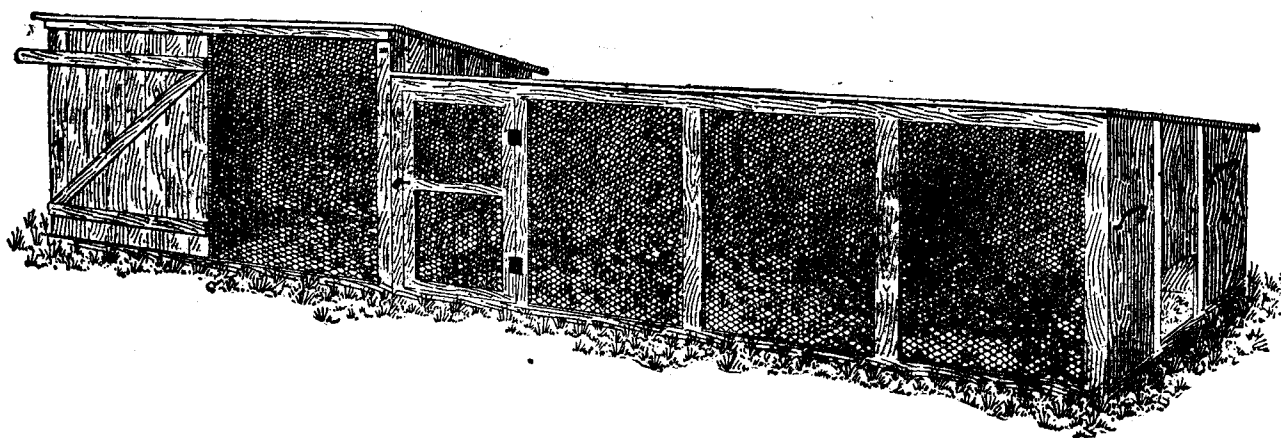
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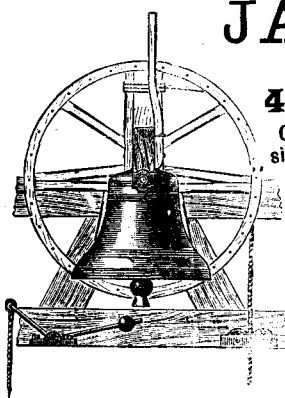
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