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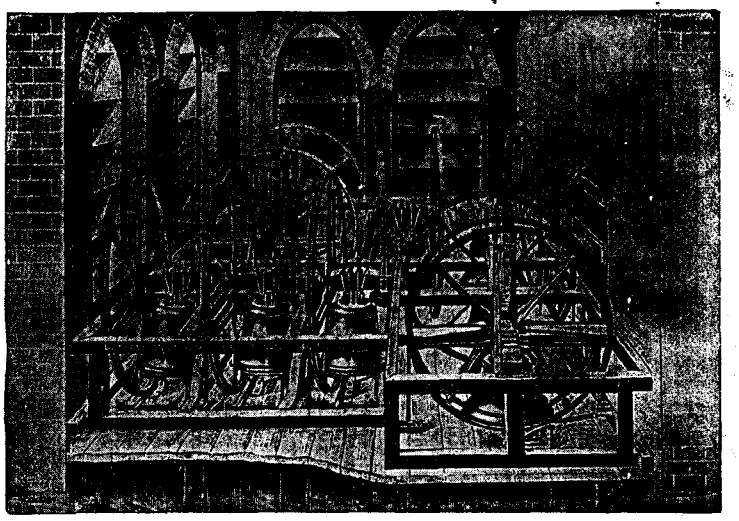
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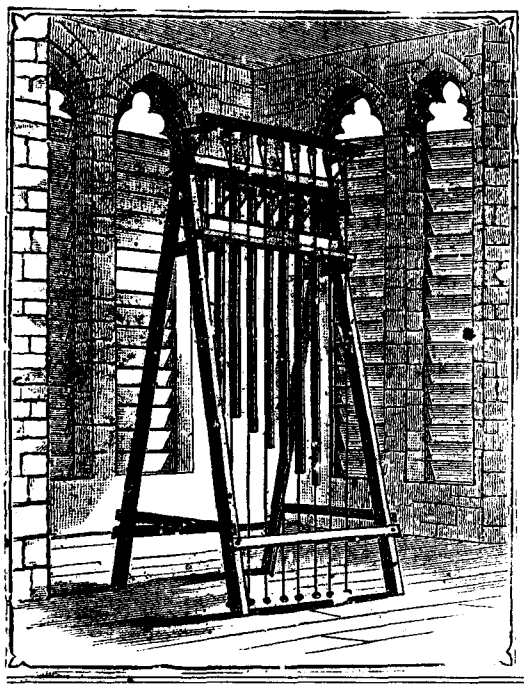
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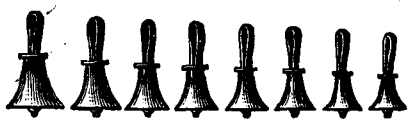
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BURLEY CHURCH, LEEDS.

The bells of this church were reopened on Saturday, December 22nd, after being rehung by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, by the following, who rung a 720 of Oxford: G. Butler, G. Brothwell, F. Hullah, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor), R. Thomas, and J. Logan. The rev. Vicar and a number of friends were present in the belfry.

A good tea was provided at five o'clock, to which about thirty gentlemen sat down, including the clergy—the Rev. D. Walker, Rev. F. A. B. Williams, and the Rev. A. Armstrong—and Mr. Buckley, churchwarden. The Vicar extended a good welcome to all the visitors, and in such welcome was warmly supported by Mr. Buckley. Mr. Holgate (Bramley) and Mr. Thackray (Armley) replied for the visitors. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Frank Hullah (Secretary) to all those who had helped in any way, including the ladies who presided at the tea table. This was seconded by Mr. George Brothwell.

During the evening various 7oos were rung by mixed companies until about nine p.m. All the ringers and visitors expressed their high satisfaction with the splendid running of the bells. The work of completely rehanging them, with fittings of up-to-date character, has been accomplished to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar, churchwardens, and parishioners; while the ringers at this opening ceremony desire to place on record their high appreciation of the good, sound workmanship of the bell-hanger, Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don. The now excellent condition of these bells, together with the well-appointed belfry, has induced the members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated society to make arrangements to hold a meeting there on the 9th proximo.

Burley bells had been silent for some time owing to their defective condition. A lady—a great benefactor to Burley church—Mrs. Dury, of Harrogate, has defrayed the whole cost of this restoration.

ST. PETER'S, THETFORD, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, January 5th, the ringers were invited to the residence of Mr. Thomas Fitzjohn to try the new set of twelve handbells presented to him by the Editor of this paper, when some touches of Doubles and Grandsire Triples were performed, conducted by Mr. E. Dunk, who has spared no efforts to bring the ringing of this town to a higher standard. Mr. W. Spalding, one of the oldest ringers, yielded to the invitation, and spoke highly of their tone, saying the key reminded him of St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich. In the course of the evening we were visited by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Watts, who wished us every success.

We may all be assured if Mr. Fitzjohn has his health, he will use the bells to promote the ringing by his best endeavours in teaching the young members that may come forward.

It was well-known two years ago there existed a grievance between the ringers and churchwardens, but trade in the building line brought two or three half-pull ringers, who invited the Rector to call a meeting, which he did, and thus dispersed the tension that existed, and made Mr. E. Dunk captain, and Mr. W. Everett vice-captain. A debt of gratitude is due to our captain, who we fear will not be able to stay with us much longer through trade. Our ambition has been to record a peal during his stay here, but unfortunately some have left the town, and one sick, has thwarted our efforts. Should ever we record a peal, it will be due to the energy of our worthy captain.

A. C. S.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Armley on Saturday, January 6th, the following places being represented: Bradford, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Leeds, Lightcliffe, and the local company. The business meeting was held at The White Horse hotel, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then arranged to attempt a peal at Pudsey on Saturday, January 26th, the meeting day. On the kind invitation of the Vicar and the members of the Burley branch it was agreed to hold a special meeting at Burley on Saturday, February 9th, the bells having recently been rehung and put in splendid going order by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and local company was moved by Mr. C. Pratt, seconded by Mr. J. Whittaker, and carried unanimously. During the evening several touches were rung on both the tower and handbells, including Grandsire Major and Triples and Bob Major, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Kent, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford Minor. Songs were also rendered by various members, thus making the first meeting of the century a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, DUBLIN.

The sixth annual meeting of this society was held at 92, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Monday evening, December 31st. The President, R. R. Cherry, Esq., Q.C., kindly provided supper for the members, seventeen accepting his hospitable invitation. After supper the Secretary reported that during the year the ringing on Sundays had greatly improved, and that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on May 26th, in 4 hrs. Eight new members joined during the year.

The Committee of last year were re-appointed, after which the members adjourned to the tower, where they rang out the old century and rang in the new.

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The annual meeting of the above Guild was held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Monday, January 7th, 1901, the retiring Master, Mr. W. S. Pritchett, in the chair. There were present also the Rev. E. W. Barnard, M.A., Vicar of King's Norton, the Revs. C. E. Lawe, H. T. Pattinson, and W. T. E. Saywell, assistant-clergy, and a fair number of performing members of the Guild, including Mr. John Carter. Mr. W. S. Pritchettt was re-elected Master, and Mr. W. H. Sumner and Mr. Theodore Pritchett senior and junior Wardens. Mr. Henry Williams, having duly past the test of proficiency, was elected a fellow of the Guild.

The company afterwards adjourned to The Old Bell inn, where a substantial supper was provided. Afterwards "The Queen," "The Health of the Master," and "Prosperity to the Guild" was proposed by the Vicar, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Pritchett, who congratulated the members on the recent accomplishment of two peals of Cambridge Surprise, and the fact that, after six months of practice, a peal of London Surprise was practically within their grasp.

Other toasts and touches and tunes on the handbells interspersed with songs, filled up a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.

As most of your readers will remember, our church was closed on May 2nd, 1898, for almost entirely rebuilding. We rang for five Sundays after that date, then received orders to cease. The bells were silent until last Christmas, when owing to the great pressure on the part of the ringers and the public, we were kindly allowed to ring for the last Christmas of the century, and to ring the new century in. Having very carefully cleaned all the bearings, etc., of grit, we raised the bells in peal on Christmas Eve, and before setting them we rang 504 Grandsire Caters in fine style. Several other touches were rung before we left the bells we love, including one of Grandsire Triples in which J. D. Wheelton, of Prestbury, took part. We were allowed to ring on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Amongst the touches rung were 953, 791, and 305 Grandsire Caters, all conducted by W. Walmsley, except one of Grandsire Triples which was conducted by J. Norbury. The ringers who took part in the ringing were F. Stoneley, J. Bradbury, J. M. Davenport, W. Mc Kinnell, J. Minshull, W. Gayes, J. Norbury, and W. Walmsley; tenor 20 cwt. in E. The bells will not be rung again until the re-opening of the church on April 24th next.

W. Walmsley.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Boxing day, the following members of the St. Stephen's branch, attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. J. N. Oxborrow; A. G. Ellis: H. P. Harman; H. R. Pasmore; W. H. Pasmore; F. Dench; J. W. Golding; H. R. Newton (conductor). The loss of this peal was much regretted by all the band, not only because it was the birthday of J. W. Golding, but also the silver anniversary of the wedding-day of the parents of the brothers Pasmore. May they be spared to reach their golden wedding, is the wish of all ringers to whom they are known.

CANNINGTON, BRIDGWATER.

On Thursday, January 3rd, the choir and ringers, with their wives and a few friends, thirty-four in uumber, were through the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Malet entertained at the vicarage at 7 p.m to a sumptuous repast of good old English fare, which was done ample justice to, after which the company adjourned to the hall, where for a good half-hour roars of laughter were evoked, when each one had two dips in a huge cottage pie, drawing therefrom some pretty and useful presents with no blanks. The ringers then gave some change and round-ringing upon their new handbells lately given to the tower by Mr. Geoffrey Leigh, their hon. member, and then dancing interspersed with songs by some of the company followed. Just before breaking up Mr. Churchwarden Shepherd in a few well-chosen words proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and his family, which was heartily received and cheered to the very echo, and as the clock in the grand old tower boomed forth the hour of midnight, they all left, feeling that a most enjoyable evening had come to an end far too rapidly, and that they had to be very thankful they had such a splendid kind-hearted parish priest, who with his family were doing their very utmost to make their village life happy and cheerful.

CROYDON, SURREY.

On Sunday, January 6th, the following members rang for evening service, 565 of Stedman Triples. Edgar Bennett; W. States; W. Groves; E. Bray; J. Talbot; W. Hill; F. Pates (conductor); A. Jones. This was rung in commemoration of the 34th anniversary of the destruction of the tower and church bells by fire, which broke out on Saturday, the 5th, and continued well on the Sunday morning, the 6th of January. The ringer of the treble is the only living member who rang the old year out and the new one in, being the last time the old bells were rung previous to their destruction on that fatal Sunday morning.

F. P.

In last week's number there was a record of a peal at Ufford, Suffolk. and it was stated as having been rung on the anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Mee. Mr. Mee writes to say he is alive and well, and that the peal was rung on the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. Charles Ward. What is remarkable is that Mr. Mee himself wrote the report, thus announcing his own decease. We shall preserve both letters among our collection of natural curiosities.

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ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

By kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Cox, there assembled at the vicarage of Christ Church, Upper Armley, on new year's eve, the ringers, verger (who is an old ringer), and choirmen, about twenty in number. They were introduced to a couple of tables laden with good things suitable to large and healthy appetites, from which an excellent supper was partaken. The proceedings were presided over by the Vicar and his good lady, the Rev. G. Atkinson (curate), and his better half, aud the churchwardens, Messrs. F. Webster and Kitson. The carvers of the respective joints (Mr. John Thackray being kept busy carving and doing justice to all) were kept going to satisfy the inner man until all the "courses" had been tapped off and brought round in excellent style. At the finish of this long course the Vicar made a neat speech expressing his regret that some members could not be there on account of previous engagements, but gave a hearty welcome to all who were fortunate enough to be his guests for that evening, and trusted they would all have health and strength through the coming year. Mr. Kitson (people's warden) made a few remarks, in which he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kind invitation. A move was then made to the drawing-room, where a smoking concert was held, cigars being generously provided by Mr. Kitson. The concert concluded, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Webster (Vicar's warden) to the Vicar and Mrs. Cox for their kind hospitality. He was proud to say he had served under five Vicars in the parish, all of whom were still alive. Mr. Turton (organist) seconded the vote on behalf of the choristers, and W. Walker supported it on behalf of the ringers. The Vicar having replied, the ringers entered the tower and rung 360 of Oxford prior to the midnight service. At twelve o'clock the tenor tolled out the hour, and the others then joined into rounds, touches of Oxford and firing taking place. This concluded a very pleasant evening, the first of its kind in this parish, an event which was highly appreciated.

DORKING, SURREY.

A service in memory of the late Lord William Beresford, V.C., was held at St. Martin's parish church, on Friday, January 4th. Amongst those present were: Lily, Duchess of Marlborough; Lord and Lady Marcus Beresford; Captain Holford (representing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales); Major-General Williams (representing the Duke of Cambridge); Major-General Sir John C. Ardagh (representing the Commander-in-Chief); the Duke of Marlborough; and the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Chichester (Vicar), and the lesson was most impressively read by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, D.D. (sub-Dean of the Chapels-Royal). At the close of the service, the organist, Mr. E. Withers, played the Dead March in "Saul." As the congregation were leaving the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled. T. J. Songhurst, 1; W. T. Boxall, 2; H. F. Songhurst, 3; W. J. Songhurst, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; J. H. White, 7; W. Lynch, 8.

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

RINGERS AT CHURCH AND OTHERWISE.

SIR,—Is it not well to call the attention of the various writers on this subject to the question—"Are the services of the church always performed in a manner agreeable to those ringers who are devout and honest churchmen, who have been attached to the Church from their youth up?" AN AMATEUR RINGER.

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—The subject of the attendance of ringers at church services, if left to be dealt with according to the standard of the average layman, is not likely to advance much. We may admit the whole of Mr. Daniell's logic, so far as it goes, and yet be dissatisfied with the way m which he leaves the question. Surely we need no declaration from the pulpit to remind us of our duties as laymen, whether we happen to be ringers or not. The duty of attending public worship is so obvious, that by our own consciences we stand or fall. At the same time I heartily disagree with the notion that is incumbent on a ringer, as such, to attend every service for which he rings; but I have a strong feeling that a ringer should not wait for any dictum to be pronounced as regards the duties of the average layman in respect of church attendances. He should rather show an example of regular attendance, by virtue of the office he holds, and allow only such obstacles to stand in his way as he cannot possibly prevent. The world will oppose all sorts of hindrances fast enough, and help him to chop logic with his conscience, just as it does no doubt with the average layman. In spite, however, of all logic, we may rest assured of one thing, that it will bring a man peace at the last, if he be able to say with the Psalmist: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth."

And yet it seems to me that belfry rules in respect of church attendance are mostly overdone by those who frame them. Ringers are not unfrequently tied and bound by such rules in a manner which is manifestly unfair. Nothing is left to the proper feeling of the ringers. No allowance is made for family illness, or family duties. He is ticked off as present or absent, as having kept to the letter of the rules, or having broken them. There is too much distrust of the ringers about the whole matter. I would rather have them trusted in the matter of their church attendance, with a quiet word in season interposed, if any are found neglectful: in other words, ringers will be just what the clergy choose to make them in this respect, provided they do not treat them as is so often the case, with absolute indifference. What marvel in such cases, if the ringers had their own way, never troubling themselves about attending the services! If they wanted to attend, the chances are there would be no seat for them, save some draughty corner, which after the exertion of ringing would be well calculated to settle the question of church attendance altogether, by settling the ringer. No, let the same affectionate zeal be shown for the ringers as for the members of the choir, and we should find a great improvement in their attendance at the services. It was well said in my hearing some years ago by a Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the annual dinner of the society, that if the clergy were more often found at the west end of the church among their ringers, the ringers would be more often be drawn to the east end of the church; and I for one believe it to be true. The indifference of some of the clergy is remarkable. Some years ago, the present Archdeacon of Middlesex was good enough to formulate a short belfry office for an Association with which I happen to be connected, and I sent copies of it printed in large type on cardboard to the clergy, requesting that if they approved of it, they would recommend its use, and cause it to be hung up in a conspicuous place in the belfry. It was a simple request enough: but the fact remains that there are some belfries, not many I am happy to say, where the card has not to this day made its appearance. 'Tis true, 'tis pity: pity 'tis, 'tis true. In seeking to get things done "decently and in order" in the belfry, as in the church, it occurred to me that a short belfry office would serve to differentiate between ringing for church services and the secular

peal or practice on a week-day, and one would have thought that the only answer to my proposal would have been "*commendat crebrior usus.*" It has not been so in some cases, and I regret it. I am diverging, however, from what I wished to say at the outset, and it is simply this: that whenever the clergy are disposed to find fault with their ringers for not attending church services, I would ask them to pause for a moment and reflect whether, after such seeming neglect and indifference as I have ventured to pourtray, they could ever have expected things to be otherwise.

ARTHUR T. KING.

SIR,—I have not come across the "fallacy" which Mr. Daniell sets up and knocks down with such vigour, that it is the duty of ringers to attend every service for which they ring. But I have heard it urged, and I think with justice, that the ringers of a parish church should, *as a rule*, be church-goers for the sake of example to others, if not for their own. The incumbent, with whom rests the control of the belfry and the decision who shall ring there, has, it seems to me, a clear right to say that he will not have men ringing for service who habitually walk away—perhaps through the church itself—in face of the assembling congregation. In a large town church, or cathedral, this may be of less consequence. The ringers are paid for doing a certain piece of work at a certain time, nobody knows who they are, or what they do; and it is no one's business to ask whether, when that for which they are paid is done, they go to church or not. So far I agree Mr. Daniell; but in a country parish, where every one knows everybody else and what they do, or do not do, it is a different matter. It becomes a public scandal, if the ringers are known and seen always to absent themselves from church; and I am sure that if the parson himself took no notice of it, his attention would be called to it by members of his congregation. But I can hardly believe that any clergyman of ordinary common sense would take the extreme line against which Mr. Daniell argues, or would refuse to recognize the liberty of the individual conscience in the matter of church attendance.

As to the case of Mr. Newell, perhaps the clerical members of the Exercise have used a wise discretion in not forwarding to you, Sir, any "instructive communications" on a matter which did not directly concern them, and on which—so far as I recollect without having the correspondence before me—it was not easy to ascertain the real facts. Communications on any subject which the writers imperfectly understand are seldom instructive, and may even darken knowledge.

Writtle, Chelmsford. T. L. PAPILLON.

SIR,—I must trouble you for a few lines in reply to Mr. Daniell. He speaks of the contention "that it is the duty of ringers to attend 'the services for which they ring' as a 'specious fallacy' and a 'miserable fallacy.'" I say it is neither one nor the other, but plain common sense, and right principle. Church bells are provided for calling together the faithful to the offices of the Church. The ringer volunteers his services for that purpose, well knowing the principal object for which the bells are provided. If then having called others to a service he refuses to be called himself, is not his conduct inconsistent? Is it in accordance with that "decency and order" which the Apostle enjoins in the ordering of all Church Services? I think not. In reply to his query "Why should laymen attend church services?" let me give him four reasons why, which if he is a loyal Churchman he is bound to accept, as they are given in the Common Prayer Book, viz.: to thank GOD, to praise Him, to hear His Word, to ask things necessary for body and soul, and let me add a still more important one, viz.: to "strengthen and refresh his soul with the Body and Blood of Christ," which is a duty of the most paramount importance to laymen as well as clergymen.

F. E. ROBINSON.

SIR,—As another parson may I support what Mr. Newhouse has said in answer to Mr. Newell's question. I know as a fact that the absence of ringers from the service they have rung for (and often the fact that they are openly seen going away from it) is a cause of remark and scandal to many church people. The clergy are engaged at the time, and do not notice it. But at the same time, if a man is free to help in ringing at another church than the one he regularly attends, there is no reason why an exception should not be made in his case, always with the consent of the authorities at both churches; but it must be understood to be an exception. On the other hand a ringer who neglects to attend church at all degrades his office to the level of menial work. Fortunately there are very few change-ringers to whom this applies. May it ever be so. Wishing you and your readers A Happy New Century, and—many of them.

Verwood, Dorset. H. DRAKE.

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Major (5152 changes) composed by J. D. Matthews, and rang at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on June 17th, 1899, conducted by myself, is false. I therefore withdraw all claim to the said peal. But I humbly apologise to those who rang in it, and I hope to meet them soon to make another attempt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

PEALS OF EIGHT BELLS AND OVER.

SIR,—I hope Sir Arthur Heywood will adopt the suggestion to publish the names of the towers or districts about which information is deficient. Some of us have helped to fill up the forms with regard to belfries where we ring; but we should not mind also helping to make inquiries about neighbouring peals.

I think myself, that often too much is expected from ringers. Usually they are not men who have offices, or accommodation for writing letters, or even for keeping forms: these latter accordingly get lost and forgotten. In the case of Secretaries, it is different; but I know from experience that they have often more than they can do with their ordinary duties. And though a Secretary is inexcusable who keep forms by him for months not sent out (as that one who has written to you seems to admit), yet his request that different arrangements should be made by the Central Council would seem to be just. I would suggest that on future occasions, the Central Council should ask the Secretaries to do what is required, or to forward by an early date the name and address of someone who would do it for them. This could always be managed.

I would also suggest an earlier date for returning forms: if it were requested that each form be filled in "within a week, or a fortnight at latest, except for special reasons," there would be much more likelihood of its being done.

If fresh forms were thus sent out to defaulting belfries, I think all the necessary information would be obtained within a month.

H. DRAKE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask in "THE BELL NEWS" for me, the name of the Association that holds the record peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and in what year it was accomplished.

Berkswell, Warwickshire. GEORGE HANCOX.

Obituary.

FREDERICK CHARLES NUDDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on December 11th, aged 26 years. The deceased was employed on the North Western Railway, where he met with a fatal accident, and on being removed to the hospital, was found to have sustained a fracture of the neck, and died the following day. He had only been married four months. He learned to ring at his native village, Banham, Norfolk, where there are only six bells; but he never rang a peal. On removing to London, he joined the Royal Cumberland Society, and was a regular attendant at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, on Sundays, where he rang for morning and evening service. On Thursday, December 13th, his brother ringers rung with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand; and a touch of Bob Minor at St. Martin's church, Gospel Oak, as a last tribute of respect.

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Position to date.	Jan. to Oct.	Nov.	Total	Treble Bob. Maximus	Royal.	Major.	10 T. B. M. M	7 T. B. M. M.	Grandsire. Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Minor Mths. Triples.	1 Minor mthd	2 "	3 "	4 "	5 "	7 "	Dbl. Norwich C. B. Royal.	Dbl. Norwich C. B Major.	Dbl. Oxford Bob Major.	Duffield Major	Forward Major.	Shipway Major.	Plain Mths. Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	Surprise. London S. Maj.	Cam. Sur. Major.	Sup. Sur. Major	St. Stephen's Surprise Major.	7 Surprise Minor methods.	Stedman. Cinques.	Caters.	Triples	Total value in points.
VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL				16	14	12	20	15	11	9	8	7	3	4	5	6	7	9	28	16	16	16	20	24	10	8	7	2	50	30	30	30	25	28	24	24	
1 Oxford Dicsn. Guild..	63	9	72	—	—	5	—	—	—	2	—	16	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	*1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	38	1219
2 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	36	4	40	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	7	1	3	1	—	1	4	13	1057
3 Kent County Assocn..	48	5	53	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	5	—	—	—	6	8	928
4 Middlesex Cty. Assen	38	10	48	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	5	15	864
5 Sussex County Assn..	35	2	37	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	—	7	—	—	—	1	11	737
6 Norwich Dio. Assen...	44	7	51	1	1	6	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	1	2	1	4	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	*a*8	—	4	4	—	—	—	2	1	723
7 Lancashire Assocn....	37	10	47	—	1	6	—	—	1	1	—	18	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	7	600
8 Winchester Guild....	33	4	37	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	10	545
9 Essex Association....	29	4	33	—	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	*b*1	—	—	3	—	4	—	1	3	532
10 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	22	2	24	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	5	8	519
11 Glos. & Bristol Assen.	29	5	34	—	2	3	—	—	—	2	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	463
12 Surrey Association....	34	3	37	—	—	7	—	—	—	5	—	13	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	*c*1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	404
13 Midland Cties. Assen..	24	3	27	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	*d*2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	363
14 Yorkshire Association.	28	2	30	—	—	13	—	5	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	354
15 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	12	1	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	282
16 Worcs. & Dists. Assn.	13	3	16	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	266
17 Bath & Wells Assn ...	13	6	19	—	—	—	3	5	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	243
18 Durham & Newtle Ass.	15	3	18	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	229
19 Hertford Cty. Assen..	13	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	*f*1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	201
20 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	13	1	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	196
21 Cleveland & N. York..	9	—	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	185
22 Chester Dio. Guild....	15	1	16	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	177
23 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	11	2	13	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	176
24 Waterloo Soc. London	9	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	155
25 Bedford Association..	7	1	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70
26 Ely Diocesan Assn ...	4	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	65
27 St. James' Soc. Londn	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	57
28 Devonshire Guild....	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
29 Heavy Woollen Dists.	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
30 North Notts. Assn....	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
31 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
32 Hereford Dio. Guild...	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
33 Old East Derby Assn.	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
34 Irish Association.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
35 Salop Guild.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Independent Societies...	23	5	28	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	11	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	*g*5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	190
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JESSE GILLETT	3.	FRANCIS E. WARD	8.
JOHN AUSTIN	4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ..	9.
WILLIAM B. BISS	5.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR; 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE..	*Treble.*	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE ..	5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON† ..	2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE ..	6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ..	3.	RICHARD RIDYARD	7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD	4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

†First peal in the method. The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills Stockport.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	*Treble.*	FRANCIS E. WARD	6.
RICHARD A. JUDD	2.	HENRY LOVELL	7.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN, ..	8.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ..	4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ..	9.
THOMAS NEWMAN	5.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th her extent behind the 9th in the tittums, and behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, College Single, Heston Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER† ..	*Treble.*	HENRY CHANDLER	4.
ERNEST GLADMAN†	2.	CHARLES EDWARDS	5.
GEORGE GLADMAN†	3.	SYDNEY CARTER ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

†First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and first peal upon the bells. The band consisted entirely of parish church ringers. Heston Bob is a new method by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALAN F. DAVIDSON ..	*Treble.*	ROBERT S. STORY	4.
JOHN W. ROBINSON	2.	WILLIAM STORY..	5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

The above was rung instead of Double Norwich, one man failing to turn up.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HARDING	*Treble.*	CHARLES HARTLEY	4.
WILLIAM CLARKE	2.	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN ..	5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	3.	JOHN BATEMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are in a left-handed frame, and were rehung by Mears in 1894.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GRUNDY ..	*Treble.*	RICHARD P. HEALD	5.
ROBERT FIDDIES	2.	JAMES CALDERBANK	6.
TITUS BARLOW	3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS ..	7.
PETER NUTTALL	4.	JOHN MAKIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the 20th century, and also for the arrival of Lord Roberts from South Africa.

HILLINGDON EAST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HILLINGDON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

CECIL BELLAMY* ..	*Treble.*	JOSEPH J. PRATT	5.
HERBERT J. AYRES†	2.	†WILLIAM HONOR	6.
JAMES W. ODELL	3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER ..	7.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN† ..	4.	†GEORGE BELLAMY ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the return of Earl Roberts from South Africa.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANK WEBB	*Treble.*	BERNARD JEALOUS	6.
WILLIAM J. BARKER.. ..	2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ..	7.
HARRY SEAR	3.	ISAAC HILLS	8.
JOSEPH CHURCH..	4.	GEORGE VALENTINE	9.
CHARLES CHASTY	5.	RONALD GLASS	*Tenor.*

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

H. Sear belongs to Bletchley, Bucks., the rest to the local band. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new century, and the return of Lord Roberts.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.	*Treble.*	RICHARD A. JUDD	5.
THOMAS NEWMAN	2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	6.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ..	7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS	4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5000 CHANGES

Being twenty-nine 6-scores and a date touch of 1520.

FREDK. PRESCOTT* ..	*Treble.*	†EDWIN C. FRICKER	4.
EDWIN R. PRESCOTT* ..	2.	†WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ..	5.
STEPHEN BROWNJOHN* ..	3.	*HENRY BEACHAM ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

STANFORD-UPON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WHITTLE	*Treble.*	†WILLIAM PERVIN	5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT..	2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. ..	6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN ..	3.	JAMES HUTCHBY	7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH ..	4.	RICHARD F. LANE ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. F. LANE.

†First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER†	*Treble.*	†FREDK. WELLS	5.
HARRY THOMPSON	2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS	6.
HUGH GLADWELL*	3.	*WILLIAM KINSEY	7.
CHARLES HONEYBELL† ..	4.	†OLIVER GARWOOD ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by W. KINSEY.

First peal in the method as conductor by W. Kinsey, and first in the method on the bells. †From Glemsford. *From Felsham. Thompson hails from Cavendish, and Symonds from Lavenham. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. ——. Vatcher and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED J. TURNER ..	*Treble.*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5.
GEORGE A. KING	2.	THOMAS CARD	6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. ..	3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. ..	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT ..	4.	KEITH HART	*Tenor.*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

T. Card hails from Southborough.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE ..	*Treble.*	THOMAS RICKETTS	5.
OWEN W. LAYNG	2.	CHARLES J. GARDINER ..	6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE	3.	THOMAS ROBINSON	7.
LOUIS A. WILSON	4.	JAMES L. WELLS ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BIRD ..	*Treble.*	WILLIAM J. BARKER ..	5.
FRANK WEBB	2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN	6.
CHARLES CHASTY	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE ..	7.
HARRY SEAR	4.	WALTER WEST	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been increased from six to eight by the addition of two trebles by Mears & Stainbank. First 5040 changes by W. West, who hails from Wolverton, Bucks., and first 5040 on eight bells by F. J. Bird and Freeman. F. J. Bird hails from Harrold, Beds., and W. Freeman from Emberton, Bucks, the remainder from Bedford.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ..	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FINCH	6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. ..	3.	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN.. ..	8.
RICHARD WHITE	4.	HARRY WOODWARDS.. ..	9.
WILLIAM J. SMITH	5.	F. STEDMAN WHITE..	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 69th birthday.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN EACHUS	*Treble.*	WALTER BROWN	5.
FRANCIS SMITH	2.	ALFRED CROSS	6.
WM. PYLE	3.	†ROBERT DAVIES..	7.
GEORGE E. TURNER.. ..	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

†First peal in the method.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE TOSELAND† ..	*Treble.*	EDWARD CHAPMAN	4.
ERNEST UNDERWOOD ..	2.	*SAMUEL BURDITT	5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER ..	3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

†First peal on six bells. *First peal with a bob bell. Burditt hails from Desborough; the rest from Kettering. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. EDWARD WREAKS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM LEVER	5.
JOHN POTTER	2.	TITUS BARLOW	6.
THOMAS PEERS	3.	JOSEPH POTTER..	7.
ALFRED POTTER..	4.	SAMUEL OAKES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford, Victoria, Duke of York and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOS. DUXBURY	*Treble.*	EDWARD A. POLLARD ..	4.
CHRISTOPHER PARKINSON..	2.	FREDERICK G. POLLARD ..	5.
JOHN F. WAGNER	3.	ROBERT W. HARGREAVES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOS. DUXBURY.

First peal of Minor by all. †Rung prior to the bells being taken out to be augmented after being in Padiham nearly sixty years. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major purported to be rung at Dudley, was rung at St. Andrew's, Netherton, not Dudley.—In the report of the peal rung at Milnrow, the time should read 2 hrs. 58 mins.—In the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Birmingham on December 31st the ringer of the 4th should be Porter, not Parker, as reported.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Pickin, 1; S. Breeze, 2; J. Woods, 3; F. Jones, 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon, 6; E. Breeze (conductor), 7; H. Reynolds, 8. Longest touch of Triples by Messrs. Breeze and Reynolds.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST GARSTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the church of All Saints, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; T. Bull, 3; J. Monk, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 1; T. Bull, 2; F. Pounds, 3; D. Geater, 4; H. Brooks (conductor), 5; N Spindlow, 6.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Cox, 1; J. Tucker (conductor), 2; C. Cox, 3; A. W. Higgs, 4; R. Chapman, 5; F. Haines, 6; C. Chapman, 7; R. Haines, 8. Messrs. Cox (2), and Tucker hail from Reading; Higgs from Burghfield.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, November 19th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; C. Cox, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; A. Osborne (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; W. Wilkins, 7; J. Tucker, 8. W. Wilkins hails from Maidenhead. On Sunday, November 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; N. Cox, 2; J. Tucker, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Cox, 5; J. Swain, 6; A. Osborne (conductor), 7; E. Searle, 8. On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Barkus, 1; C. Stone, 2; V. Rowe, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Chapman, 5; A. Osborne (conductor), 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; N. Cox, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodenough, 1; N. Cox, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Chapman, 5; J. Swain, 6; A. Osborne (conductor), 7; H. Pickering, 8. Also 616 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; C. Stone, 2; W. P. Routh, Esq., 3; C. Cox, 4; A. Osborne (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; C. Chapman, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. C. Giles (conductor), 1; E. Bruce, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; C. Stone, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; A. Osborne, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; J. Goodenough, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor on the back six in 27 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; J. Woods, 2; F. Jones, 3; T. Hughes, 4; J. Dillon, 5; E. Breeze (conductor), 6. First 720 in any method by H. Reynolds.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks.)—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service at Christ Church, 360 Oxford. Jos. Thackray (conductor), 1; Jas. Peacock, 2; W. Walker, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. Also 240 Duke of York. C. Taylor, 1; W. Walker, 2; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 3; the others as before. For evening service, 360 College Pleasure. Geo. Brothwell (Burley), 1; W. Walker (first in the method), 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford. Jos. Thackray 1; W. Walker (first as conductor), 2; G. Brothwell, 3; others as before.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Highfield, 1; R. Chaffer, 2; T. Clark, 3; W. Verty, 4; G. Marshall, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. Dale, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On September 5th, 720 London Surprise. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Doran, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor). On September 9th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrill, T. Scarlett, W. Doran, G. Hayden. On September 23rd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Philpot, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams (conductor), J. Moule, G. Hayden. And 720 Victoria Surprise. F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble, W. Miller (conductor). T. H. Beams. On September 27th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrill, F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Moule. On September 30th, 720 Double Court Bob. F. Withers, W. Bridges (Mistley), H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor). On September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor). And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell, H. Torble. On October 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrell, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor), T. H. Beams, W. Doran, G. Hayden. On October 10th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. H. Bottrell, J. Moule, W. Keeble, J. Mardell, W. Miller (conductor), T. H. Beams. On October 14th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Philpot, H. Bottrell, W. Miller, F. Withers, G. Hayden, J. Moule (conductor). On October 24th, 720 Rochester Surprise. F. Withers, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor), W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Doran, J. Moule, H. Bottrell, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor), On October 28th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, W. Miller, H. Bottrell, F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor). Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams (conductor). And 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Withers, W. Keeble, J. Moule, T. H. Beams, W. Miller (conductor), G. Hayden. On October 31st, 720 Victoria Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor), G. Hayden.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January, 3rd, at All Saints

church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes in 47 mins. H. Farnan, 1; J. Hinton, 2; J. Herbert, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; J. Crombie, 5; C. Charge (composer and conductor, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; J. W. Diver, 8; W. Charge, 9; S. How, 10. Rung in honour of the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. H. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 9th, 1008 changes Bob Major. W. Riches (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; E. Gibson, 3; J. Adams, 4; A. Riches, 5; F. Barber, 6; F. Warren, 7; D. Rush, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smith, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Smith, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For evening service 180 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smith (aged 13), 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Austin, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. G. Smith and H. Austin hail from Bengeo, Herts.; the rest belong to the local band. On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 19th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter-1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smith, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Phillips (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. C. Gale, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 28th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. A. Wright, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Phillips, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; G. Carter (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Lawrence, 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon.)—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Haneock (first quarter-peal), 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey (conductor), 4; J. R. Sandover, 5; W. Mogridge, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. W. Nethercott, 8. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

EXETER (Devon.)—On Saturday, November 24th, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd (conductor), 1; A. W. Searle, 2; Rev. M. Kelly, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey, 7; E. Sargent, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 9th, for Divine Service at St Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brook's) in 45 mins. W. Cooter, 1; J. Bonney, 2; F. Tubb (Appleton), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. Scholes, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. Sears, of Shoreham, to Miss A. Hayward, of Steyning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., taken from J. J. Parker's twelve-part. F. W. Steele, 1; E. Britstow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; D. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; F. R. Dearing, 8.

SHOREHAM (Sussex).—To celebrate the same event, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. J. Boyd, 1; W. Henson, 2; J. Matthews, 3; F. R. Dearing, 4; B. Challen (first 720), 5; J. Bacon, 6; F. W. Steele (conductor), 7; G. Lloyd.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 20th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). *G. Willis, 1; J. Dyson, 2; W. Hills, 3; *F. Beeken, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; A. Hills, 6. *First 720.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On November 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On November 22nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Bennett, 1; R. Ashmore, 2; E. Stamper, 3; J. Backhouse, 4; M. G. Bennett (conductor), 5: W. Longden, 6.

DOLGELLY (North Wales).— On November 27th, at St. Mary's church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the occasion of one of the ringers' birthday. J. Negann, 1; J. Vizor, 2; O. G. Jones, 3; Rev. O. Evans, 4; D. Roberts (conductor), 5.

LONDON.—On Thursday, November 15th, at 192, Chobham Road, Stratford, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8, Also 1260 in the same method. G. R. Pye, 1-2; E. Wightman, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Pye (conductor), 7-8. On Sunday, November 25th, at St. John's, Hackney, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Rumens, 1; A. Coles, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; E. Hall, 4; A. Pye, 5; J. Scholes, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D. Composed by J. Bradley.

PETERSFIELD (Hants.)—The members of St. Peter's belfry visited Privett parish church, Holy Trinity, on Monday, November 26th, and rang the following touches. 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; S. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. Also a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; A. Butler, 2; W. Read, 3; S. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; H. Sutton (conducter), 7; W. Downs, 8. H. Sutton, and W. Read are members of the Privett band, the others Petersfield band.

PENSHURST (Kent).—On November 9th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, 1; G. Izzard, 2; J. May, 3; G. Edwards, 4; G. Baker, 5; H. Seal, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; A. Foreman, 8. And several 120s of Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, others of the local band standing in. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Seal, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; F. Whibley, 3; E. Bridger, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Edwards, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; J. Ray, 8. On November 14th, 504 Stedman Triples and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Groombridge, S. Perkins, jun., W. Latter, E. Mankelow, J. Smith, W. Spice, S. Perkins, sen., G. Smithers.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Recently, on handbells retained in hand, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. W. Copsey, 1-2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; H. F. Dawkins, 7-8. For evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Nash, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; H. F. Dawkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; A. Sorrell, 8.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Still, 1; G. Fuggle, 2; A. T. Godley, 3; R. Pelling, 4; G. Turley, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; James Maynard, 7; G. Izzard, 8. This is J. Thorpe's first quarter-peal with a bob bell, and was rung at the second attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Maynard, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.)—On Christmas Eve, at St. Giles's church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. At midnight, 720 Bob Minor, 9 bobs and 6 singles. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. On Christmas day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles. A. Clark, 1; R. Valentine, 2; W. Yates, 3; E. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 6 singles. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Tucker (first touch of Kent), 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F. W. Yates hails from Thrapston, Northants.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. Hughes, 1; W. Jones, 2; E. Poulton, 3; F. Oakhill, 4; F. E. Webb, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. R. Howell (conductor), 7; T. W. Grimes, 8. Longest touch of Triples by 1st, 2nd, and 8th. On Wednesday, November 21st, at Dursley parish church, after ringing 1 hour 11 mins., and during which time, just over 2000 changes had been rung, the treble rope broke at wheel. Afterwards, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, standing as for peal attempt. E. East, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Robins, 3; F. Oakhill, 4; F. E. Webb, 5; E. Whittard, 6; H. W. Fussell (composer and conductor), 7; T. W. Grimes, 8. First quarter-peal by 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 8th.

Notices.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 12th, 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 Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, to-day, 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, to-day, Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. JAS. JACQUES, *Branch See.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, to-day, 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 to-day, 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, to-day, 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, to-day, January 12th. Tea at 5 p.m., one shilling head. 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 15th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street West, Bromwich.

The Yorkshire Association. — The 25th annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, on Saturday, January 19th. Service in the parish church at 4 o'clock, with sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolleth, of Beverley, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre, Rev. F. G. Sandford, Rev. C. F. Knight, and other clergy, will assist. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Wostenholm Hall, Queen-street, followed by the business meeting in the same place. The rings at the parish church; All Saints, Brightside; St. Mary's, Norfolk Row; Norton; and Walkley, will be at the disposal of visitors. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. John Milligan, 251, Springdale Road, Walkley, Sheffield, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. It is hoped there will be a large attendance to celebrate the "silver Jubilee" of the Association.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The St. James's Society, London.—The Society having appointed Monday, January 21st, to receive the report of the Auditors, and to proceed to the election of officers, the attendance of members is particularly requested on that date, at St. Clement Danes, and afterwards at the meeting-room.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As important business will come under consideration, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

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, on Saturday, January 26th. 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. JOHN SMITH.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Saturday, January 26th. Meat tea, 6d. each, to those sending notice to the Hon. Sec. before January 21st. Full particulars next week.

REV. H. E TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes, Wilts.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, January 26th. Meeting-house, The Royal hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham Branch.—The usual quarterly meeting, will be be held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 o'clock. Members' subscriptions are now due.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
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The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, January, 26th. Further particulars next week.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Cotgrave, Notts.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lewes, on Saturday, January 26th. Particulars next week.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Central Council.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before the 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901, became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council. H. EARLE BULWER,

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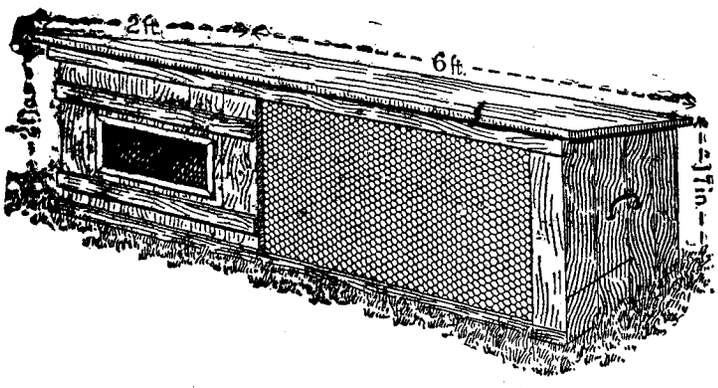
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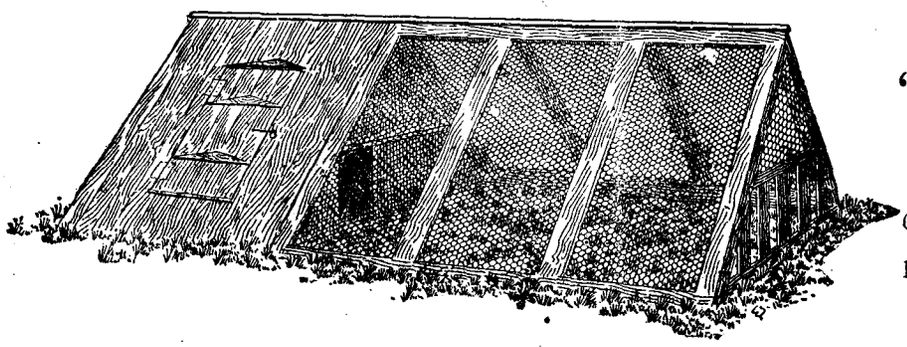
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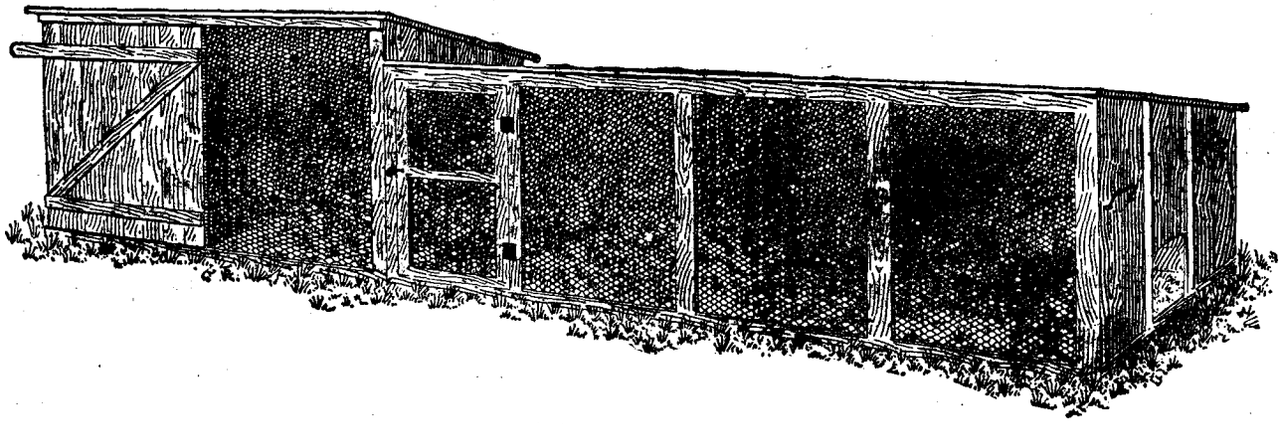
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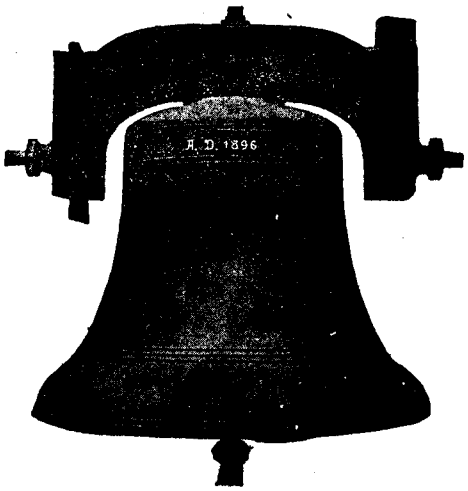
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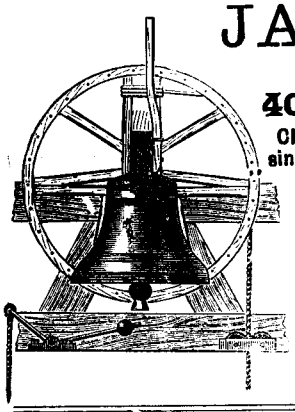
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