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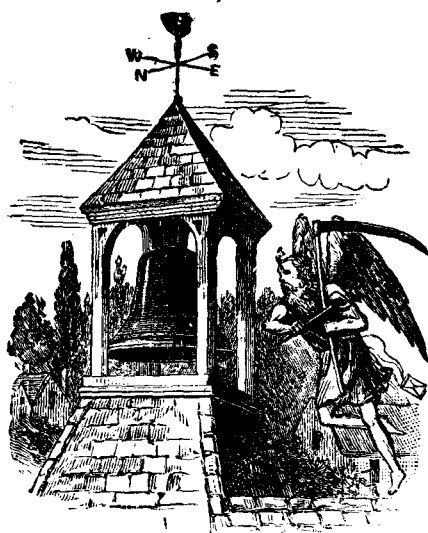
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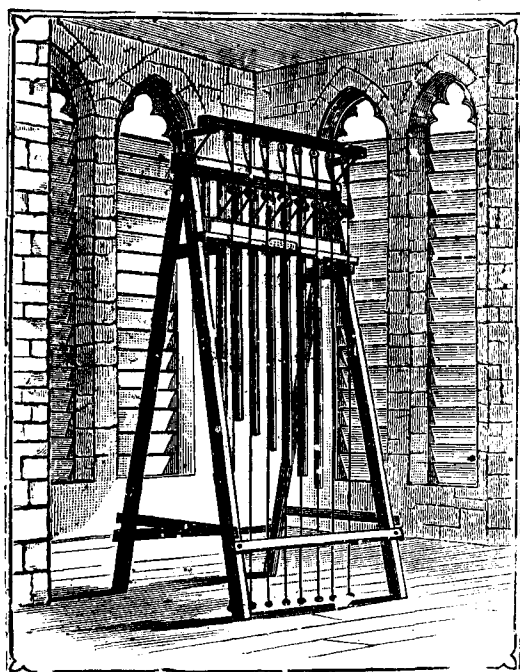
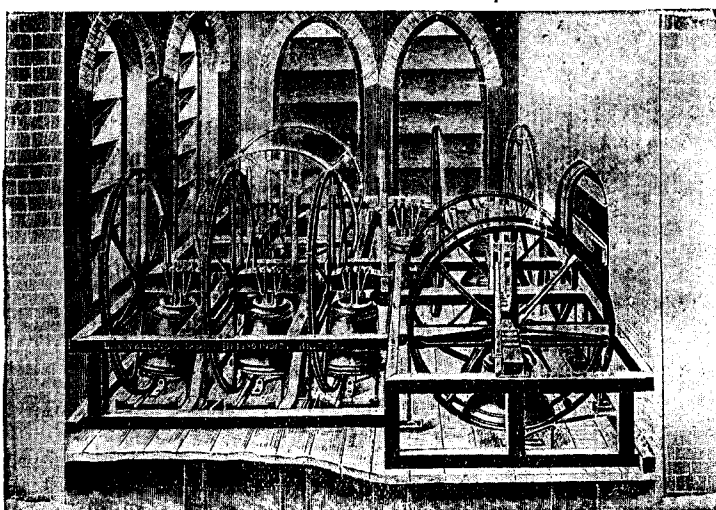
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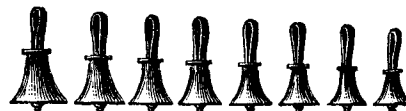
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"Dull morning, sir."

"Yes, it doesn't look very promising."

"No, sir; I fear we shall have a downfall soon, either rain or snow."

This passed between myself and the courteous guard of the Great Central train as I "boarded" it on Saturday last, in commencement of my journey to the busy town of Sheffield. Dull, grey, and heavy-laden, the clouds seemed to lower, and betoken anything but pleasant weather. And then I remembered how, with youthful simplicity, forgetfulness, or whatever you like to call it, I had left my gingham at home, and started off without the sheltering protection of even a walking stick to ward off the *aqua celi* should it come down upon my devoted person, with all the uncomfortable results of a "drenching."

However, there was no time for soliloquies or regrets, as the moment for starting was just at hand. So confiding my little luggage to the care of the aforesaid guard, I took my seat in the comfortable corridor carriage, against which the rain might pour, and the storm might vent its fury in vain. Replying affirmatively to the query "All right for Sheffield and beyond," the whistle sounded, and we were soon travelling at high speed on the iron path. Then I fell into my old habit of ruminating—can't help it, you know; must be a constitutional weakness. As I gazed around me at the comfortable—even luxurious compartment—though a common third class—and saw the many ingenious contrivances invented for the comfort of its occupants, I could not resist a comparison between the amenities of travelling to-day as compared with those of even a quarter-of-a-century ago. Without a doubt, the Great Central's transformation from the old familiar "M.S. and L." has been followed by a wonderful transformation in the elegance and comfort of railway travelling; its rolling stock being almost faultless, its punctuality proverbial, and its officials the very essence of courtesy. More power to it!

But I am digressing—or as Rugby footballists would express it, a bit "off side," so I must resume. We rolled along, mile after mile, through deep cuttings, then emerging into the open with views of urban and rural scenery. Here and there we passed large collieries with their sordid surroundings, swift moving ropes round fast spinning wheels at the shaft heads, bringing up the "black diamonds" from the bowels of the earth, and depositing them in the long rows of trucks which covered the railway sidings. Only a glimpse, however, could we get of this, for the train sped on its way without consideration of the varied scenes through which it passed, intent only on reaching its destination at the prescribed time. So I reached Sheffield, and was soon fully occupied in threading my way along a crowded platform to the bridge which was labelled "way out!"

I reached outside, to find the guard's prognostication

only too correct. There was a "downfall," and no mistake. The elements appeared to be not content with merely sending down "the dew from heaven;" the celestial fluid seemed to come wholesale—whole streets of water at a time.

"How far is it to Matilda Street!" I asked a well-wrapped-up Jehu, standing by, under the sheltering glass roof.

"A mile-and-a-half, sir," he replied.

This settled it, and a minute later I was seated in the hansom with the drenched horse in front, and an almost equally drenched driver behind on my way to the works of our old and esteemed friend Charles Henry Hattersley. On arriving, the warmth of the welcome from "brother Harry" and his two big sons soon dispelled all thoughts of the untoward atmospheric surroundings. Almost sooner than it takes to tell it, I was walking amid piles of silverware, and electro-plate of every description, in various stages of completion. Tea sets, cruets, sugar basins, candelabra, and in fact all the concomitants of a silversmiths' establishment were there in profusion almost bewildering. But my immediate object was "a private view" of the present he had been making on behalf of the Yorkshire Association for its worthy president. This was a beautiful set in solid silver comprising a massive three-light candelabra with two smaller candlesticks of similar design—Corinthians—which were really beautiful, and of which to say that the design and workmanship were most creditable to the maker, Mr. Hattersley, is a very mild way of putting it. The occasion was the silver jubilee of the Association, and most appropriately the present was a mass of silver moulded into these elegant shapes.

But time was on the wing; and I had to tear myself away, lest I should be remiss in my duties as chronicler of the important events of the day. Escorted by a most obliging guide I then wended my way—still through the downpour—to Cambridge Street, and was glad when I found myself in The Sportsman inn, in the genial company of the Sheffield local committee and several visitors who had arrived previously. After a brief stay, occupied mainly in warm hand-shaking, I left for the Wostenholme Hall, in Queen Street. There I found the spacious room in course of preparation for the tea. The president and auditors, I was told, had just finished their examinations of the books, and adjourned for dinner. So I did likewise—that is so far as the latter is concerned.

On emerging from the hotel, after a substantial feed, feeling on good terms with myself and the rest of mankind, I heard the sound of the parish church bells. The rain had, fortunately, ceased its pouring, so I sauntered leisurely towards that grand old edifice—worthily the pride of that great Yorkshire town. Time for service commencing was close at hand, so I entered and joined with the rapidly gathering congregation. As I sat, I could not resist musing. My thoughts went back to the first Association service in that venerable place fifteen years ago, when the late Rev. J. H. Fish, M.A., President of the Midland Counties' Association, preached so eloquent a sermon, to be followed—alas! in such a brief space by



yours truly
Wm. Snowden

the death of Jasper Snowdon, the Yorkshire President, and the preacher of the day—a double loss to the Exercise, which is felt even yet, and will continue to be felt for many years to come.

But my ruminations were cut short by the sweet sound of the organ, as Mr. Handforth, the talented organist,



SHEFFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

commenced his opening voluntary. The bells overhead ceased their swinging; the clergy and choir took their places, and the sound of the never-dying "Old Hundredth" was soon reverberating "through chancel and aisle." Then followed prayers by the Rev. O'Connor Fenton; the special Psalm cl. "O praise God in His holiness;" the special lesson read by the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre; the *Nunc Dimittis*; and the recital of the Apostles' Creed. The large and thoroughly efficient choir then rendered Sir John Goss's anthem "Praise the Lord" in most pleasing and edifying fashion; then at the conclusion of the shortened form of service we sang the hymn "When I survey the wondrous Cross," and the Rev. Canon Nolleth, of Beverley, ascended the pulpit to give the annual address.

Taking for his text Genesis xxviii. 33, the preacher commenced with a description of the Jewish service when the High Priest clothed in his robes of office designed by God's command, with their golden bells. How that when the service of sacrifice was being performed, the High Priest wore the simple white robe, but at its completion he donned the gorgeous robe, the sound of the bells on which denoted to the worshippers that the sacrifice had been completed. Thus we had the origin of bells. And so in our days do the bells tell of that sacrifice on Calvary which had set the whole world free. There were many lessons to be learned from the sound of the bells, which were so intimately associated with the Christian Church. When the early Christians in these times of persecution fled to the catacombs for safety, their hours of prayer were denoted in secret, but when liberty was given to them to worship openly, they sounded their bells to summon the faithful. So in our own country, the noble towers and heaven-pointing spires of our cathedrals and churches were built for the habitation of bells. He quoted from the venerable Bede; he told of the gift of heavy bells to Westminster Abbey by Edward the Confessor; and coming later, referred to the remark of the late Cardinal Newman as to the "sound of the bells,

which can never be forgotten." So for centuries in our land, next to the song of birds there had been no music like that of the bells. The Canon mentioned the old ringing Guilds of our country, notably the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was an honorary member, and which had a record of two-and-a-half centuries. Then with reference to the society under whose auspices they were assembling that day. The Yorkshire Association was celebrating the completion of a quarter of a century's existence. What was the use of belonging to it? That question was fully answered by the first rule which specified its objects to be, "the advancement of the true and lasting interest of change-ringers, and their Art, considered both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of Church work." This in itself was sufficient to justify the existence of the Association. Further, by its means a stimulus was given to individual members to excel in their Art. Through its meetings opportunity was afforded for mutual interchange of opinion, and the gaining of information. Through its influence, many improvements in bells, bell-hangings, and in the bell-ringers themselves, had been effected. It had brought forcibly to the notice of both clergy and laity the fact that church ringers were church officers; and that their status as such should be fully recognised. He concluded with an earnest exhortation to ringers to live in accordance with their position in the church, that in whatever they did they would do it for the honour and glory of God, and be ever ready to say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, I will go into the House of the Lord."

(To be continued in our next.)

ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. DENTRY.

The annual meeting of the ringers of All Saints' church, Maidenhead, was held on Wednesday, January 16th. The Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Drummond, presided, and there was a good attendance of ringers. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the Vicar, in the name of the ringers, presented Mr. F. Dentry, the retiring foreman, with a silver-mounted ebony walking-stick, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Frederick Dentry, by the Boyne Hill bell-ringers, Christmas, 1900." Mr. Dentry has been a member of this belfry for thirteen years, and for the past two years has been foreman. He is now leaving, as he is starting in business for himself at Twyford, where he takes with him the good wishes of his brother ringers. He will remain an honorary member of this belfry.

Two other parish ringers besides Mr. Dentry having resigned during the year, the three vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. A. Martin, H. Gomm, and A. Wiggins. The Vicar, in welcoming the new members into the ranks of the parish ringers, said that he wished to take that opportunity of reminding them of the rule that all ringers should be regular in their attendance at the services of the church. It was not that he wished to complain of the past, but in view of the election of so many new members, he desired to urge them to maintain their standard of churchmanship. He always regarded the ringers as among his chief supporters, and he depended on them to set a good example to other men in the parish. The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. J. Shepherd has removed from 3, Berwick Street, South Lambeth, S.W., to 29, Warner Road, Camberwell.

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 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.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CAVERSHAM, (Oxon.)—On Saturday afternoon, January 5th, eight members of the St. Peter's Society met at the church and rung a 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a course of London Surprise Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. G. Saunders, of The Grove, Caversham. The interment took place in the Caversham cemetery, about one o'clock. The deceased gentleman was the donor of the treble bell in St. Peter's tower, in the year 1891, when two bells were added to complete the octave. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the Divine Services on Sunday.

SEVENOAKS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service. 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; J. Stevens (conductor), 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; A. Young, 8. Also 210. W. Paskin, 1; J. Chatfield, 8; the rest as before. On Monday, October 14th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; J. Stevens, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Wednesday, October 17th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dixon, of Sevenoaks, to Mr. Janson, of Sidcup, 720 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; W. Paskin, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also another 720. W. Paskin, 1; E. Seymour, 6; J. Chatfield, 8; the rest as before. On Monday, October 22nd, for practice, 630 of Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith (longest length of Triples), 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, 360 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also a 720. W. Paskin, 1; H. Jarvis, 2; D. J. Goldsmith, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; E. Seymour, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Ford, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; J. Stevens, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; J. Chatfield, 8. On Monday, November 5th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Stevens, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; E. Seymour, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; A. Young, 8. On Monday, November 25th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; C. Seymour (first 504 with a bob bell), 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. This is the first 504 ever rung by an entirely local band. On Sunday, December 9th, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; C. Seymour, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; J. Chatfield, 8. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8.

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

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—I am very glad to see the letter of my old schoolfellow, Mr. Carpenter, in your last issue. The clerical members of the Exercise have been very coy in helping us about this subject. No doubt they are quite right, if they see fit, to hold peace even from good words. But the fact remains that to two simple questions about the duty of ringers and the duty of laymen, none of them returned any answer at all until some of them were moved to find fault with me for my statements in a letter to you, which would never have appeared but for the accident that Mr. Newell's second letter made it necessary, in fairness to him, that I should write it. And I think that ringers are therefore entitled to claim a good deal of indulgence from the clergy who criticise them, when even the ringing parsons do not readily respond to requests for instruction. It is no doubt true that among others, Mr. Carpenter last week and Mr. Robinson the week before have contributed letters of the highest value to your columns, but they do not do so in response to the original questions.

Now as to Mr. Carpenter. He says I have mixed up *desirability* and *duty*. If so I will substitute *duty* for *desirability*. I was not conscious of the confusion to which Mr. Carpenter points. I used the former term rather vaguely, because I was not sure what words Mr. Keeble had used, and I did not want to misrepresent him. But I accept the correction on condition that it applies to me in any case, but not necessarily to Mr. Keeble.

I do not see why my argument in my third paragraph is faulty. I hold that the duty of church attendance is the layman's duty, whatever that may be defined by wiser men than I to be, and therefore the ringing has nothing to do with it. But if ringing *per se* creates a duty of attendance I do not see how Sunday services are to be differentiated from other things for which we ring. I intended what I said to be a *reductio ad absurdum*, and it seems to me to be a legitimate one.

Mr. Carpenter criticises me by saying that certain words italicised by him, which I used, apparently meant that the idea of personal gain should be the ruling idea in the mind of every church-goer. I withdraw the words at once because I do not accept that idea. When I wrote them I had no intention of answering my question or predicating any particulars about the layman's duty. If I had, I should probably have avoided this mistake. What I was thinking about was that hard and fast regulations about the number of services each individual should attend do not fit in with the differing physical and mental constitutions of differing individuals, and I do not understand Mr. Carpenter to dispute this. Will Mr. Carpenter accept as an amendment this phrase—"Human beings being differently endowed are adapted some for more, some for less, attendance at Divine worship." If not, will he let us know in what way he seems it best to state the proposition?

I again thank Mr. Carpenter for his very instructive letter, which I hope will be widely and carefully read.

The criticisms of my letter by Mr. Egby would probably have been considerably condensed if before writing to you he had done me the honour to read my letter with anything more than the most superficial attention. Of course he need not have read it at all. But as he commented on it I am free to say that his method of criticism is somewhat singular. On the main question he seems to me not to have much difference with me in fact, but he leads off by mis-quoting what I said, in consequence of which he fails to realise my positions.

Mr. Egby says the question was—Are church-ringers duty-bound to attend the services of their church? and that I called the affirmative answer to the query a miserable fallacy. Now this is a gross misrepresentation. If Mr. Egby will refer again to my letter in yours of the 5th inst., he will see that what I described as a miserable fallacy was the doctrine that it is the duty of ringers to attend the service for which they ring: which is an entirely different thing. If Mr. Egby will read that letter of mine and also the one in your last issue in the light of this

correction, I think it possible that he will not feel bound to adhere to his lines of criticism. But if he decides to adhere to them, I will then break a lance with him with the greatest pleasure. I wish, however, to say that Mr. Egby has drawn my attention to an expression which I desire to correct, because it may fail to represent what I meant. When I said "I decline to profess anything," I had better have said "I decline *by the fact of ringing* to profess anything." The only profession I recognise is that referred to in the Baptismal service. When one begins to think how much—or, unfortunately how little—one has acted up to that, no profession on any other ground can be admitted to have any place at all.

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—It is news to me that there is in these days smoking in any tower. I should suppose such cases must be very rare, and where they exist, it must, I should think, be where the parson systematically neglects his ringers. Are these men change-ringers or stoney bands? Of course such a practice cannot be defended for a moment, and where it exists it should be summarily stopped.

SIR,—If we look at the rules of almost any Guild or Association of ringers, we shall find that one of the objects of this society is "To recognise the true position of Ringers as Church Officers," or words to that effect; and at our meetings and on other public occasions, we are for ever reminding people of the dignity and importance of ringing as a High Art, and of our right to be classed and considered with other Church workers.

Now, in any well-ordered parish, no one would be allowed to be a Sidesman, a District Visitor, a Sunday School Teacher, or a member of the choir who was not a communicant. That is the usual qualification for all Church workers, *except ringers*. We are placed on a lower level; in our case, alone, those in authority are satisfied with a lower standard of Churchmanship. It is not perhaps surprising that many clergy who know little of change-ringing, and in some few instances care less, should take up this position; but it has always seemed rather a strange thing to me that we ringers should be content with it.

To be a good ringer is an infinitely more difficult matter than to be a good sidesman; it demands as much energy and as much patience as District Visitor; (I speak from experience of both); it is much harder work and requires far more application than Sunday School teaching (again I speak from experience), and it is in no way inferior as an accomplishment to singing in a choir. Ringing, no less than these other things, is done for the glory of God, and why should a lower standard of Churchmanship be allowed for it?

We shall most effectively answer the question raised by Mr. Newell, and at the same time effectively uphold the dignity of our Art, if in this matter we become "a law to ourselves," and further, insist by every means in our power, that new members of our belfries should possess this same qualification as all other Church workers.

Of course it may be answered that there is a danger of people qualifying in order to become parish ringers; but the same may be said of any religious qualification; and I do not think the objection would operate more in one case than in the case of any other branch of Church work.

51, Crown Street, Reading.

HAROLD CHALMER BELL.

SIR,—My last letter, which appeared on January 12th, was written (and indeed in type) before I saw Mr. Daniell's letter, which appeared on January 5th, otherwise I should have made it more applicable to the points he raises. It hardly seems to me that the other correspondents have been quite fair to Mr. Daniell, in that they have all, in some way or another, ignored the presumptions which he takes for granted. I take it that his proposition is this: Granting that all church bellringers should be loyal and devout churchmen, and should attend church regularly, is it their duty to attend the services at the church at which they ring, and in particular that same service for which they ring?

He is quite right in stating that to answer this question we must first decide why a man should go to church at all. But he seems surprised that your clerical readers are not eager to publish their reasons. The fact is that such a discussion must raise,

as we shall see, questions that are only suitable for the columns of a decidedly theological publication. Nevertheless, as the matter has now been raised, I will endeavour to answer his questions as clearly as I can, and at the same time to avoid offending anyone's susceptibilities.

Man worships God, because it is the highest function for which he has been created. We were created for heaven, and our occupation then (the highest joy of which our nature is capable), will be to contemplate and worship God. Now we cannot learn how to worship God by reasoning about it; nor can we perceive the joy of worship in any way through our understanding: just as a ringer can never learn his Art by merely reading about it: nor perceive the full beauty of a method by merely pricking the changes. To know what ringing really is, he must practise it, and the more he practises (what at first perhaps seemed so useless) the more he loves it. So it is with worship in common: we cannot appreciate it till we become expert at it; nor can we love it unless we constantly practice it. The Catechism accordingly teaches us that it is our duty to God to worship Him; now we might call upon Him, and give thanks in private, but to worship Him means that we must act in common, for all worship is a foretaste of heaven, where we shall rejoice in our united worship. If, therefore, it is a duty to worship, there is no question of our coming to church because we feel inclined or not: or because our understanding tells us that it is a reasonable thing to offer worship to our Creator. Duty means a submission of the will: feelings and reason may help or hinder, but if we accept it as our duty, we mean that we have yielded our free-will to God in this matter. Least of all can we admit that the fact of the services being performed in a manner agreeable to us or otherwise, should influence our performance of that duty, as "An Amateur Ringer" suggests. Personally, if I had insisted that services should be agreeable to me before I would deign to attend them, I should never have worshipped at all. I had to recognize that a soldier cannot choose only those positions that are "agreeable" and that his duty is not altered by the worth of the officers set over him, though his feelings and his career may be affected by their abilities.

So far I suppose we are all agreed. But Mr. Daniell persists in pressing the further question: which are the services that it is our duty to attend. I can only give the answer I have always been taught, and have taught others. Namely, that we call it the Lord's Day because on that day we attend the Lord's service, *i.e.* the Holy Communion. That we can keep the Lord's Day by no other act than by attending that service, and that having attended that service there is no further obligation on us. Any further observances being acts of devotion, and not of duty. This obligation arises from the fact by the common law, or immemorial custom of the church, no one could be considered a loyal member of the church who omitted, when it was in any way possible, to be present at the Holy Communion service once every Sunday. Of course I know there are many who do not hold this, but I hope no one will write to defend or attack my position; though I do not see that any harm can ensue if other positions on this point are stated barely, as I have done, without any attempt to argue them.

I have had to define my position, both to answer Mr. Daniell's question and also to explain why in the belfries that I have had to control there has been no difficulty in this matter. For in such churches no one would be prepared to volunteer for church work unless he attended the Communion service regularly, and if he did that, nothing further would be required of him. Thus it will be seen that, as far as principle is concerned, I should agree with the old pre-reformation custom, still kept up in some places (as at Sileby in Leicestershire), where all the ringers meet every Sunday to ring the bells up for the ancient hour of the parish mass; but for morning and evening prayer that the requirement of the Prayer Book be observed, *viz.*: "the curate shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word, and to pray with him." (Note that nothing is said about this being a fulfilment of the duty of worship.)

Thus, as a matter of principle, I agree with Mr. Daniell, that there is no obligation on a ringer to attend the service for

which he rings. (I leave him to expose the fallacies in Mr. Carpenter's arguments.) But as a matter of expediency I cannot agree with him here. Now expediency must never subvert principle, but it may well supplement it. And in such a church as St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, when the Lord's service is not the principal one on the Lord's day, I should imagine expediency to be the only reason for such a rule. Thus it is inexpedient for a Conservative club to employ a Liberal, or one believed to be a liberal, as a messenger. And I know it for a fact that it is disturbing and a stumbling-block to worshippers (in churches where each service is considered of equal obligation) to see those who have summoned them to worship, themselves carefully to avoid attending that worship. Or again the belfry may need reform badly, and it may be expedient to be strict for a time in marking attendance at church. If the ringers are all young, such a rule may be a great help to avoid temptations. In all cases of course it should be interpreted liberally and allowances made for exceptions, such as have been referred to; so long as every one who sees the breach of the rule, will know the cause of its non-observance. For Mr. Daniell must remember that a bad example, even when unintentional, is contagious. Thus, I happen to know through some common friends, that Mr. Newell is careful in his case, to see that his band attend church regularly; but I know of similar cases where one who has had a good excuse, has been followed by others who had not, and who perhaps began by staying out for a few minutes' conversation with him, ending by staying away altogether; while the rest stayed away, perhaps, for no better reason than that they did not care to go into the church by themselves.

So that such a rule is hardly so inept as Mr. Daniell would believe. Nor is the prohibition of attendance at one church and work at another, at all so illiberal as Mr. Daniell suggests. It is entirely a matter of expediency, as some of your readers will know, when I have been attached to a church where there were no bells, I have often been able to help in the steeple of a neighbouring church, even on Sundays when sufficiently near. I have however always been careful to get the permission of both Vicars concerned; and had either ever refused, I should certainly not have considered him "an illiberal ass"; though I might deem his caution excessive.

In conclusion may I protest against Mr. King's assumption that belfry prayers on Sunday must necessarily meet with approval. In such matters, as with smoking and refreshments, I would put the belfry on the same level as the vestry. And I think both vestry and belfry prayers may become a substitute for, rather than a help to, devotion in worship. For secular performances and practice, where there is no other service, a short office is on occasion very well. There is however one point of difference between the belfry and other places for Churchwork. Even the door-keeper is in touch with the congregation, and though he does not hear a word, has taken his part in the service. The ringer in the belfry however is quite cut off, and must become one of the congregation before he can join in the worship.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your columns to state our case as regards ringers attending church services after ringing. I have the pleasure to belong to a company which numbers fifteen ringers, nine out of these are members of the choir. We have no hard and fast rules about attending service, but it has become an unwritten rule with us for the last ten years, in fact ever since the formation of our Society to attend service after ringing. Take last Sunday night for instance, eight ringers were present to ring for service after ringing twenty-five mins., seven out of the eight descended the tower and took their places in the choir, the other rang the sermon bell five minutes longer and then joined in the service among the congregation. You will see by this that all who rang the bells attended the service; this is by no means an isolated instance, it is the exception rather than the rule for our ringers to leave the church after ringing, whether they are members of the choir not. I am of opinion, Sir, that when we use our influence towards increasing the number of such cases as mentioned above, we are engaged in a far more laudable enterprise than when manufacturing arguments in favour of ringers not attending church services.

Leicester Road, Leicester.

STOKER W. WEST.

POPLAR BELLS.

SIR,—As I am in part responsible for the silence of the Poplar bells on New Year's Eve, please allow me to say a word by way of explanation. I was asked a few months since by the Rector of All Saints, Poplar, to assist a young Guild of voluntary ringers, lately formed by him, in their endeavours to grasp the mysteries of change-ringing. Some of them have made very satisfactory progress, and were very anxious to ring open at the close of the year, but I discouraged the idea, as a sufficient number had not qualified to ensure the success of the experiment; and I think that I was right. They will make ringers right enough, if they will stick to it; but it is not advisable that they should attempt to run before they can walk, not one of them having ever handled a rope before. ARTHUR T. KING.

PEALS OF EIGHT BELLS AND OVER.

SIR,—I should like to support the suggestion that the names of towers where information has not been sent in been published, and I would further suggest that Secretaries who are responsible for these towers be asked to see that the returns are made forthwith. I heard of an instance only last Saturday, where a gentleman who acts as Secretary for the ringers of his parish, had only a few days before received his first form for making a return, and actually enquired of me why it was being asked for. Who is to blame in this case?

I should be very pleased myself to take a radius of ten miles, and if a list of those towers that had not been returned within that radius could be sent to me or published in "THE BELL NEWS," I feel sure that I could undertake to see that each tower had sent in its return in the course of a month. I think too there are plenty of others who would assist the authorities in this way, and so enable them to make their return a complete success.

J. F. BARLOW,

Hon. Sec. Chipping Deanery Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Would the ringers of the following places who rang peals on December 31st, kindly state at what time their respective peals were brought round, as it would be very interesting to know which band of ringers really had the honour of ringing the last peals in the 19th century. Tenterden, Kent; Taunton, Somerset; Tong, Yorks.; Twerton-on-Avon; Ipswich, Suffolk; Epsom, Surrey; Swindon, Wilts.; Reading, Berks.; East Retford, Notts.; Heston, Middlesex.

C. E. BIRT.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HAYWOOD.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named gentleman, who, after a long illness, borne with much patience, passed peacefully away at the residence of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Bunn, Gopsal Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, January 17th. Mr. Haywood was the last survivor of the young band of Stedman ringers formed by the late W. Chattel in 1841, and his earlier peals were rung with that celebrity. About 1846 he joined the St. Martin's Youths, and with the late Mr. H. Johnson stood in some notable performances, among others in May 1846 the first ringing of Thurstans' masterpiece, the four-part peal of Stedman Triples; November 1848, 7392 Stedman Cinques; in 1849 peals of Grandsire Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus. In 1859 he was one of the mixed band arranged by Mr. J. Perks who rang the then record peal of 10,047 Stedman Caters at Aston. For a number of years his name appeared in most of the St. Martin's Society's peals. Since the formation of the Guild the infirmities of age have prevented him taking part in peals, but he was always anxious to render what assistance he could in its interests. His quiet spirit of independence and unassuming genial manner gained him the respect of all who knew him. He was in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

A glorious long reign, with a peaceful end; a reign without fear; a reign free from any event calculated to jeopardise the dynasty; a reign with more than the esteem and love of her subjects: a reign wherein loyalty to herself and her house was proverbial. Such was the long reign of HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, a reign, it may be said, singular in such properties. To such a reign modern or ancient history presents no parallel, at least in every one of the characteristics here described. GEORGE III. and HENRY III. both reigned many years, but their tenure of power was chequered by many untoward circumstances from which the late reign was practically free. One of QUEEN VICTORIA's uncles was dubbed (ironically we should think) "the first gentleman of Europe;" it may with the greatest sincerity be asserted that she was the "first lady of the universe." The world has not forgotten her jubilee days, when not only subjects of the Empire came from every quarter of the earth, but princes and governors of states, some of them not immediately under her sway, journeyed to do her honour, and homage. "The Great Queen!" Queen of the vastest Empire the world has ever seen; of many nations and

tongues; people in every climate under heaven, acknowledged her as their supreme monarch. For more than sixty years did she thus reign—a period which no other monarch yet has occupied a throne. A foreign newspaper says she was “a Queen such as history has never seen, and compared with whom ALEXANDER the Great and the Roman Emperors were small.” Now in a green old age she is called to her rest, amid the fervid grief of people of every nation.

If we had looked upon Her Majesty as merely an emblem of the greatness of this Empire, it is a proud satisfaction to know that for so long a period she filled the position, and that without the least probability or suggestion of removal. What other ruler in these latter days, Continental or otherwise, has reigned one-half the number of years without fearing or in fact undergoing exile, deposition, or it may be assassination? The Queen never thought of the probability or likelihood of such things. True it is that one or two insane persons accosted her, and let off some powder, but nothing came of it beyond the incarceration of the offenders. From real danger of the sort Her Majesty was practically free. Therefore when we find that in very modern times the revolutionist or regicide has carried out with success his abominable purposes, we may certainly feel nothing less than a proud satisfaction that our deceased lady feared none of these things. Physical force revolutionists do not thrive in these islands; the atmosphere is unsuitable for them, and they soon wither away.

One effect of the peaceful reign of QUEEN VICTORIA may be noted in the comparative quiet, orderly, and peaceful accession to the throne of her successor, EDWARD VII. Under such circumstances, the governments of some foreign nations would have expected a political commotion of some kind. Our Empire is free from these things, because our rulers and people are wise, and free from that excitability which throws men off their balance.

Bell-ringers of the whole Empire will do their part in showing their sorrow for their deceased QUEEN; and they will also be to the front—none more so—in the pageantry appropriate to the accession of KING EDWARD.

“GOD SAVE THE KING!”

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Huddersfield, Ringers', Cambridge and Victoria Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL* Treble.	JOHN MARDELL 4.
JOHN MOULE 2.	GEORGE HAYDEN 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

*First peal of Minor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
WILLIAM TEGG 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Bishop of London. This is the first peal rung by all members of the local society.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Friday, January 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
WILLIAM BERRY 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The quickest peal upon the bells. F. H. Gooch hails from Poplar, and this was his first attempt at a peal.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR HARDY Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
THOMAS LANGDON 4.	WALTER LONGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Bishop of London. It was intended to have rung Stedman, but one of the band failing to appear, the above was substituted. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Bainbridge-Bell, for the use of the bells. First attempt for a peal of Triples by the ringers of the 6th.

The Provinces.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5073 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD† 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 5.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the 6th in seconds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	FREDERICK M. BACON .. 7.
CHARLES SMART 3.	JOHN JAY, JUN. 8.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	KEITH HART 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE 5.	GEORGE BLEACH Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GALE Treble.	ALBERT SMITH 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 2.	GEORGE CARTER 5.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells, also by five of the band, and is the first peal in seven methods ever rung in the county by an entirely local band.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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ARTHUR PAINTER 4.	RICHARD W. FROST .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JOHN SLOMAN Treble.	TOM W. CREED 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
JOHN CRIDLAND 3.	HARRY WAYGOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

First peal in the method by all.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, January 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ in D.

WILLIAM SPIBY Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
JOHN W. BARNES 2.	WALTER JAMES 6.
CHARLES DALBY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	RICHARD YOUNG .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of London, who was formerly Bishop of this Diocese. All are members of the local band, except the conductor, which is the 100th tower he has rang peals in, in eighteen counties.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

J. CLIFF† Treble.	*E. A. WEIGHTMAN 5.
J. FOREMAN† 2.	†J. E. R. KEEN 6.
J. LEIGHTON† 3.	E. FERRY 7.
J. W. ROBINSON† .. 4.	*OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples in the method. ‡First in the method, and first with a bob bell. Great credit is due to E. A. Weightman, who belongs to the new band of S. Paul's, Alnwick, and who had only rung two short touches of Triples previous to starting for the above peal.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

JOHN J. JONES Treble.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 5.
IOSIAH HARRIS 2.	FRANK BLONDELL 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY MILES Treble.	GEORGE BARTLETT 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
JOHN LONGSHAW 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD HARTLEY .. 4.	ALFRED MILES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWIN BRISTOW* .. Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWIN RAPLEY 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major.

LANGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s of Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire, and four 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SPIBY Treble.	WALTER JAMES 4.
CHARLES DALBY 2.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of bells, also Mr. F. Sewell for having everything ready.

SHERE, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY* Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT† 2.	*ARTHUR FRANKUM 6.
GEORGE GUNNER 3.	*CHARLES HAZELDEN 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	HARRY FELLOWES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Hazelden was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

G. CHESHIRE* Treble.	J. S. NEEDHAM 5.
F. DEXTER* 2.	J. O. LANCASHIRE 6.
Z. POTTER* 3.	†A. MARTIN 7.
G. CLEAL 4.	*T. TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. CLEAL.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. This peal which is now rung for the first time, is an eight-part composition, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 25th, 1898.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM STOWELL Treble.	JAMES J. POOLE 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	HENRY W. FUSSELL 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	FRANK K. HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Major by all except conductor and ringer of the 4th. First peal of Major on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOHN A. MOULT* Treble.	*FRANK G. BURLEIGH 5.
JAMES HUTCHBY 2.	HARRY WHITTLE 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 3.	RICHARD F. LANE 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Lane, Grundy, Burleigh, Colburn and Hutchby belong to Loughborough; Mould to Whitwick; Inglesant to Quorn; Whittle to Stamford. The band were complimented on their excellent striking.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS MANSFIELD Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN SEVIER.

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

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST BRUCE Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
JOHN TUCKER 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First Surprise peal by Messrs. Bruce and Tucker, and first on the bells.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

RALPH GILBERT† Treble.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
FREDERICK STUBBS 2.	FRANK KIRK 6.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3.	*HARRY SHARMAN 7.
HENRY STUBBS 4.	FRED. GILBERT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method; also first peal in the method by a local band. This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 24th, 1900.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

RICHARD PERKINS* Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 6.
WILLIAM POTTER 3.	JOHN PIPER 7.
FRED. PLANT 4.	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to N. Hollyoake on his thirty-sixth anniversary.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER† Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 5.
WALTER PERKINS 2.	JOHN J. MAWBY 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT 3.	*FRED. WILFORD 7.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER 4.	JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. GARRATT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of London, who dedicated the tower and bells in 1893. The composition has the 6th ten times at home at the course-ends. †First peal in the method. *First peal of Major, and hails from Northampton.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
FREDK. E. BURDEN 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
SIDNEY SAKER 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells since recasting and augmentation from six to eight by Warner and Sons. F. Burden hails from Rolvenden; Saker from Hastings; Johnson from Appledore; the rest from Tenterden.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HENSON* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	FREDERICK R. DEARING .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FREDERICK W. STEELE† .. 4.	*BERT CHALLENGE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday complement to F. W. Steele; also the conductor's 250th peal.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 5.
JAMES HUNT 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT 5.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 2.	JAMES JACQUES 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM 3.	DAN RENSHAW 7.
JAMES ARROWSMITH 4.	TOM WELLINS Tenor.

Conducted by DAN RENSHAW.

First peal by all the band except Messrs. Renshaw and Oldham. First peal away from the treble by T. Oldham. First peal by the local band, and first peal as conductor by D. Renshaw.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH)

BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).—On December 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 12 mins. W. Wilkinson, 1; W. Worthington, 2; R. Clitheroe, 3; J. Eckley, 4; H. Threlfall, 5; T. Crookall, 6; J. Bolton, 7; J. Winter, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. J. Thornton, 1; J. Hepworth, 2; H. Clapham, 3; T. E. Hepworth, 4; L. Snowdon, 5; R. Thornton, 6; E. Wheeler (composer and conductor), 7; A. Muffett, 8.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, December 5th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1900 changes, in 1 hour 12 mins. O. Warden, 1; T. Crook (conductor), 2; J. Watkinson, 3; S. Watkinson, 4; T. Bowling, 5; E. Banister, 6; J. Banister, 7; J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, November 5th, 720 of Kent

Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; W. Hillman, 2; R. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 of Plain Bob. T. Hammond, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. D. Searle (Arundel), 4; C. Blackman (Arundel), 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. The bells were half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Corporal G. Wilkinson, a member of the choir, who died in South Africa, on November 17th.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 11th, at the parish church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinder, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; C. Saker, 3; F. Mathis, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. J. Sinden, 1; Billenness, 2; F. Mathis, 3; L. Stapley, 4; W. J. Thomas, 5; S. Saker, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; W. Franks (conductor), 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 25th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "BELL NEWS." S. W. Shoesmith, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; A. S. Langridge, 3; W. Pelling, 4; C. Painter, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6; A. J. Turner, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. This was rung before the service at which Mr. R. J. Dawe's infant daughter was baptised. On Wednesday evening, November 28th, an attempt was made for Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost in the eighteenth part, reached in two hours and forty-eight mins., owing to the breaking of the 7th rope. G. Williams, 1; G. A. King, 2; A. J. Tuurner, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; J. Steddy (Edenbridge), (conductor), 7; J. F. Steadman, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

OXTON (Cheshire).—Recently at St. Saviour's church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob, 6-8 behind. C. Owens, 1; G. R. Newton, 2; J. Owens, 3; J. L. Grant, 4; W. Hughes, 5; J. W. Evans, 6; J. Hughes (conductor), 7; H. Brocklebank, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, for morning service, 576 Bob Major. J. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; R. Birchall, 3; J. L. Grant, 4; G. R. Newton, 5; J. W. Evans, 6; J. Hughes, 7; W. Hughes, 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; R. Birchall, 3; G. R. Newton, 4; J. Hammond (West Kirby), 5; J. Hughes, 6; W. Hughes, 7; J. W. Evans, 8. Both the above touches were conducted by G. R. Newton, these being his farewell touches prior to taking up a vocation at Llangollen, North Wales. He is a most enthusiastic change-ringer, and has striven ardently to encourage the Art in the above tower. His brother ringers are extremely sorry to part with him, but wish him every possible success. No doubt, ere long, we shall hear of some achievement in the above named place.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Webb, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; G. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 19th, 720 Double Court Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; W. Webb, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 28th, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; H. J. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Shufflebotham, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On November 10th, 720 of Ringers' Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Miller (conductor), G. Hayden. On November 9th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, J. Philpot, W. Doran, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), J. Mardell. On November 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrell, J. Mardell, W. Keeble, T. H. Beams. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Withers, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Moule, D. Hayden. On November 21st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Keeble, G. Hayden. On November 25th, 720 Ringers' Surprise. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams (conductor), A. Fenner, W. Miller, J. Moule. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller, W. Doran, W. Keeble.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 12th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 35 mins. W. Pye (conductor), 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

And at St. Edward's church, on Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 43 mins. H. Holgate (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Nash, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; H. F. Dawkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On September 29th, 720 of Double Oxford. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble, 2; T. H. Beams (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On Sunday, October 7th, 720 of Kent. F. Withers, 1; T. H. Beams (conductor), 2; J. Kimberley, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; H. Scarlett, 6. On Sunday, November 4th, a 720. F. Withers, 1; K. C. Fox, 2; H. Gowers, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. There will be no more ringing at St. Mary's, church, Woodford, Essex, as the bells are to be repaired and quarter-turned.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, November 2nd, at Christ Church, 720 Chester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 4th, 720 Tulip. D. Brigg, 3; J. S. Lomas, 5; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Duke of York. A. White, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, October 11th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Symphony, standing as before. On Monday, November 12th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Friday, November 16th, 720 Rochester Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, November 18th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. For evening service, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. H. L. Cockroft, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 Ringers' Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. For evening service, 720 Dewsbury Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; the rest as before. On Monday, November 26th, 720 Oxford Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 30th, 720 Albion Surprise, standing as before.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. T. J. Morris, 1; W. Hughes, 2; Rev. C. A. Clements, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; F. C. Newton, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe (first 720 in method as conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris (first 720 as conductor in the method), 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. On September 23rd, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. C. Newton (conductor), 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Allen, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Turner, 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Garnett, wife of Mr. Alex. Garnett, a former churchwarden, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris (conductor), 4; J. S. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. T. Lowe, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. Turner (first 720 as conductor in method on bob bell), 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 620 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; T. Jennings, 2; R. H. Green (conductor), 3; F. C. Newton, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton (conductor), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6.

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HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Wilde, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 360 each of New London, Violet, Kent and Oxford, standing as before. On Sunday evening, November 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, November 10th, seven 720s Violet, New London, Kent, Oxford, College Single, Warnham Court, and Plain Bob. W. Wilde, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Shallcross, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service,

720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. For afternoon service, 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On January 14th, to welcome the return of Captain Thatcher from India, 1050 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Adams, 1; C. H. Shearn (conductor), 2; F. Chivers, 3; J. Hambleton, 4; G. Miles, 5; T. T. Hayward, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Sperring, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On October 28th, at Christ church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; F. W. Ford, 3; W. Tegg, 4; A. Glasscock, 5; A. Miller, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; S. Jones, 8. On November 18th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Miller, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; C. Bate, 8. On November 25th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On December 2nd, 1280 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; J. Miller, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong (composer and conductor), 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; R. Charge, 7; S. Wade, 8.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor. F. W. Purton, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; W. Tegg, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Miller, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; W. Tegg, 4; F. W. Penton (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; F. W. Ford (first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Thursday, January 17th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Bishop of London, a whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. W. Driver (conductor), 1; J. Buckingham, 2; J. Herbert, 3; M. Smith, 4; A. Jones, 5; Alfred Jones, 6; J. Crombie, 7; H. Farman, 8; W. T. Elson, 9; S. How, 10. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; W. Charge, 2; J. Herbert, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; J. Crombie, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; H. Adams, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge, 9; R. Burgess, 10. Composed and Conducted by W. T. Elson. On Sunday, January 17, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. C. Charge, 1; J. Herbert, 2; G. Thrussell, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; W. Charge, 7; M. E. Smith, 8. Composed and conducted by W. T. Elson. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Buckingham, 5; W. Charge, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; C. Charge, 8; J. Aldridge, 9; S. How, 10. Composed and conducted by C. Charge. All these touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Saturday, November 10th, at St. David's church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. R. Carter, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; E. Taylor, 3; S. Taylor, 4; R. Hughes, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; R. Nicholls, 7; W. Crane, 8.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—On November 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 of Doubles, being four 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently, 6-score of Morning Star, and 6-score of Evening Star. G. Abbott, jun., 1; A. Abbott, 2; T. Chappell, 3; G. Abbott, sen., 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5. Also 6-score of Grandsire, Gog Magog, Morning Star, Evening Star, Plain Doubles and Old Doubles. A. Copping, 1; G. Chappell, 2; A. Abbott, 3; J. A. Read, 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, January 8th, at St. Andrew's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; G. Petrie, 3; J. Coales, 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, January 15th, for practice, 2160 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. G. Greenwood, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; A. B. Barrett, 3; N. Kidd, 4; R. Alcock, 5; J. Waller, 6; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; J. W. Newton, 8; W. Newton, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10.

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Notices.

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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, to-day, 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 Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey, to-day, 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, announced to take place at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed. **P. E. BEX, Hon. Dist. Sec.**

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting announced to be held at Loughborough, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed indefinitely.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting announced to be held at Southover, Lewes, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—The meeting at Crawley, postponed from November 12th, 1900, will be held on Saturday, February 9th.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow, to-day, Saturday, January 26th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in Boys' Schoolroom, 5.45. Business Meeting, 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting.

H. C. BELL, Branch Secretary.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—In consequence of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, the meeting announced to be held at Staplehurst, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is (at the request of the Rector), postponed until February 9th.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lightcliffe to-day, Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of this Association, announced to be held at Gloucester to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Sec.

26, Long Street, Devizes, Wilts.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, February

2nd. There will be a short service held during the afternoon, followed by a business meeting. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting announced to be held at Reading, on Monday, January 28th, is postponed. **A. W. PIKE.**

43, St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.

The Essex Association.—The meeting of the above Association at Great Bentley is postponed until the 16th February. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to attend must notify me by the previous Tuesday. **HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.**

Great Totham.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The meeting announced to be held at Stokesley on Saturday, February 2nd, will not take place.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual business meeting will take place at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 30th, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. **W. H. WEBBER, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will take place at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. **REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.**

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Kildgrove, on Saturday, February 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper Street, Kildgrove.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at the church of St. Mary, Ealing, on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Lampton, Hounslow.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

JOSEPH NORBURY, Hon. Sec.

34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Hertford County Association.—A committee meeting, to consider the division of the Association into branches, will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, in St. Peter's belfry, St. Alban's, at 4.30 p.m. As the question is of great importance to the welfare of the Association, it is earnestly desired that every affiliated band will depute a representative to attend and lay their views before the meeting. After the business, the bells will be at the disposal of the ringers, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Peter's. **E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.**

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Leiston, on Thursday, February 7th. Dinner at The Black Horse at 1.30—2s. 3d. Hon. Members and friends; 1s. 3d. company members. Reduced rail fares only to parties of eight, from any one station. Notice in any case to be sent to the Hon. Sec. before February 1st.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Walsden, on

Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are welcome. **JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.**

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Burley (6 bells), on Saturday, February 9th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting-house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Swinton, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election, are requested to notify me without delay. Notice of alteration of practice nights and names of correspondents should also if necessary be sent at once, also obituary notices. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

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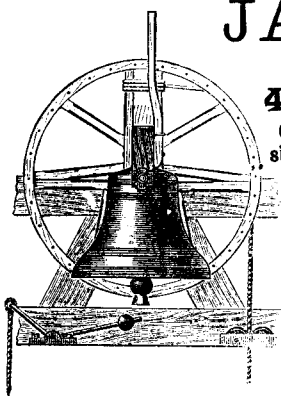
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