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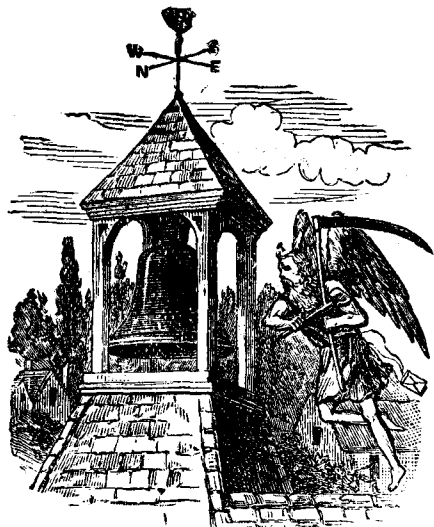
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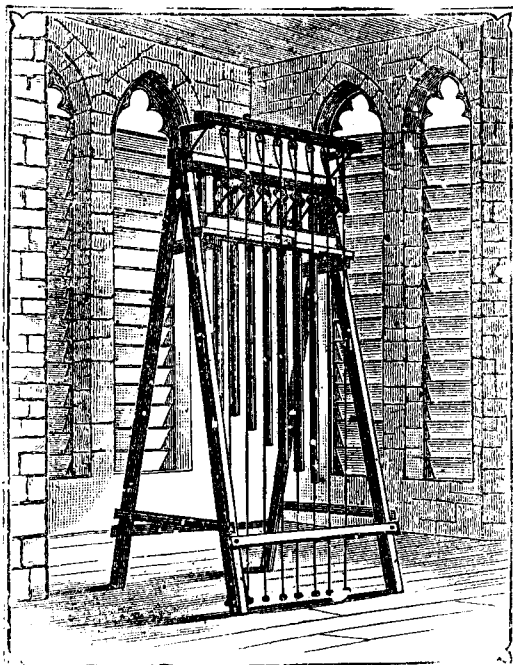
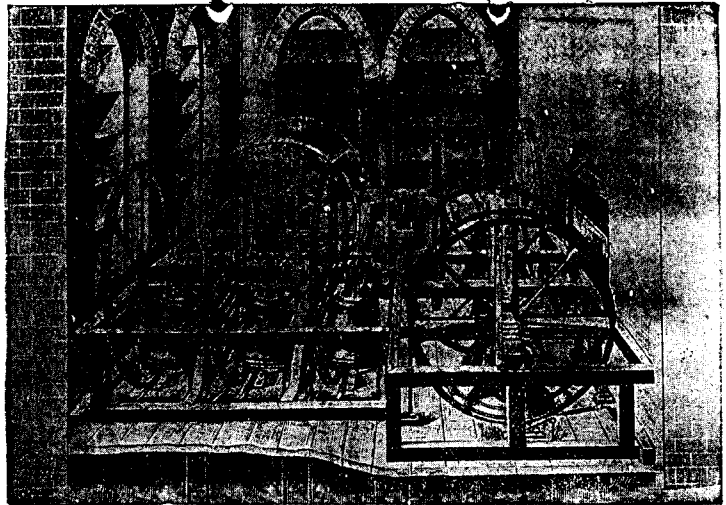
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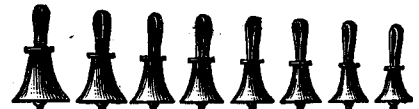
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OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Easter Sunday, the new ring in the tower of All Saints, Gosforth, cast by Messrs. Taylor, were formally dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Maddison. The tenor weighs 22½ cwt., and the whole peal is hung in H frames placed on iron girders let into the wall. Messrs. Taylor have made an excellent job of it, the tone and go of the bells giving entire satisfaction to all concerned. The tower being more than equal to such a peal, there is a minimum of vibration or movement. They should prove an excellent ring for peal-ringing as soon as some deadening material is placed between the ringers and the bells, and the ventilation, &c., of the belfry arranged. All these little matters are being attended to by the energetic Rector and the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, Curate and Guild-Master, and judging from the very complete and excellent way in which every detail of the church is done there is no room for doubt that this will shortly become a model belfry in every respect. A large number of young men are already advancing in instruction under the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. R. Story, with the assistance of Mr. John Foreman, the Vicar of a neighbouring church (St. George's, Jesmond) having kindly placed his belfry at the disposal of the learners during the last few weeks. With the opportunities they will now have in their own belfry a quick advancement in the art is to be expected.

The tower was erected in the Jubilee year, 1897, by the munificence of Mr. Cochrane, of Gosforth, in memory of his son, and the bells were given by his son (Mr. Cecil Cochrane) and daughter (Miss B. Cochrane) in memory of their mother. The bells are suitably inscribed with these details, while the tenor also bears the motto:—

“Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.”

The ordinary morning service was shortened to gain time for the dedication of the bells. Just before the sermon the clergy, choir, and churchwardens proceeded down the chancel to the west end of the church, taking up a position under the tower, the processional hymn being the well known “Old Hundredth.” The ceremony was rendered with much feeling by the Rector, and at its conclusion, as the procession reformed and worked back to the chancel, the bells rang out for the first time to the tune of a course of Stedman Triples. R. S. Story, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; R. S. Chichester, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; J. Foreman, 5; J. W. Taylor, 6; W. Holmes, 7; E. E. Ferry, 8. Inside the church, which was crowded, the bells sounded very sweet and clear. The sermon was preached by the Rector, who took for his text Luke xxiv. 6: “He is, not here, but is risen.” As the congregation dispersed the ringers rang a short touch of Stedman Triples followed by a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and for evening service almost the same band met and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman.

On Easter Monday the members of the Association were invited to complete the opening, when a large number attended. Several touches of Stedman Triples,

Kent Treble Bob Major, etc., were rung during the day, and everyone expressed satisfaction with the bells. The visitors were very kindly entertained to a hot lunch at the Assembly Rooms at 1.30 p.m., the Rector taking the chair, and the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke the vice-chair. About forty sat down and thoroughly enjoyed their meal, the day being somewhat cold and very windy. Mr. R. Story (President of the Association) proposed, and Mr. S. O. Ferry (vice-president) seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Wardens for their kindly hospitality, and assured them of their willingness to be of any assistance to their belfry in the future. This was approved by hearty acclamation, and the Rector, in replying, explained the history of the church to some extent, particularly the tower. They had now one of the handsomest churches in the North of England. He went on to refer to the position of the Ringer as a church-worker, laying particular stress on this point, which he contended should always be kept in view by both the ringers and the authorities. He concluded by thanking the Association for its assistance at the opening, in the matter of instruction and their presence there on that day.

The opening was one of the most satisfactory carried out under the auspices of the Association, no hitch or accident occurring on either Sunday or Monday to mar the proceedings.

OPENING OF HORNCHURCH BELLS.

Two years ago last December was the last occasion on which the grand peal of six bells—tenor 20 cwt. in E—hanging in the tower of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, sent forth their melodious sounds in changes. Such were the condition of the frame and fittings then that the ringers resolved not to ring again until they had been put in going order.

Two years—what a time it seems to look back upon or forward to! and yet those who were fortunate to be present on the 11th inst. could not say that the time had been wasted. In fact to the clergy, churchwardens, ringers and lovers of bells generally the second Thursday in April, 1901, will long be remembered as the day of consummation of a great work successfully accomplished.

When at the close of 1898 it was found impossible to continue ringing with the bells in their bad going state, the vicar, Rev. —Johnson, and his churchwardens readily gave their sanction to a subscription being raised to remedy the evil. So successful was this appeal to the public that greater visions began to float before the eyes of the energetic collectors, and these visions took the tangible shape of two trebles. The result of their efforts was that some time back a local firm of engineers were commissioned to do everything necessary to the strengthening of the frame, new bearings, ironworks, &c. to make the bells run well, and they have carried out their part of the contract in an apparently able manner. To Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was entrusted the work of casting two trebles, and when it is said that they are equal to the old six, cast at the same foundry 122 years ago, and that

and that they have the celebrated Whitechapel 'ping' about them, it will be readily understood that Hornchurch now possesses as good an octave as any in Essex.

For the dedication service—conducted by the Right Rev. The Bishop of Colchester and local clergy—the old six were rang by the local band. Then followed the service as issued by the "Church Newspaper Company." Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the whole peal was rang in rounds, during which time a collection was taken, following which came the Bishop's address, in which he pointed out the various lessons to be learnt from the bells and the occasions upon which they rang, and that their sounds should always lead us—ringers and listeners alike—to higher thoughts. The singing of a hymn and the benediction from the bishop concluded the service, and as the clergy and congregation left the sacred edifice the bells again pealed forth. The local ringers, augmented now by a few invited friends, continued ringing till 4.30 when a move was made to the schoolroom where a most bountiful tea was provided, and to which ample justice was done.

Tea over, a short toast list was gone through. These included Vicar and churchwardens, The Ringers, The Subscribers, and the Visitors. All the speakers bore testimony to the gratification at taking part in such an affair, and the excellent work that had been accomplished. Speeches over, the ringers again visited the tower and indulged in ringing for some time. Then to the meeting house where the handbells and chat caused a pleasant hour to pass all too quickly.

The principal change ringing done was: A course of Bob Major, 518 Grandsire Triples, a course each of Kent, Double Norwich, and Stedman and 3 leads of Kent. Those taking part in the ringing were T. H. Beams, J. Dear, W. Doran, W. Dudley, R. Fenh, C. Fenn, G. Hayden, C. T. Hopkins, W. Keeble, J. Moule, W. Nash, and A. J. Perkins, together with the local ringers.

THE PEAL AT TEWKESBURY.

On Easter Monday, April 8th, eight members of the St. Michael's Juniors journeyed to Tewkesbury to attempt a peal on the Abbey bells. On arrival, the visitors were met by J. Wathern, who was very pleased to have a band attempt a peal on the bells, also Mr. A. Edwards and Mr. Holmes, of Cirencester, who had journeyed over to listen to the peal. On arrival at the tower (which is one of the largest in England, and would accommodate four peals of eight on one level), the visitors found everything in readiness for them. After raising the bells, in which Mr. Edwards took part, a few rounds were rung to try the ropes. All being ready, a start was made, and successfully brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes. Mr. Wathern and several other Tewkesbury ringers congratulated the band on ringing an excellent peal. After lowering the bells, the band adjourned to The Bell hotel, where, through the kindness of Mr. Wathern, a splendid tea was provided, and needless to say was done justice to. Mr. Austin, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Wathern for having made such excellent arrangements and hoped to pay a visit again on some future occasion.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The meeting which should have been held at Stokesley, in February, and was postponed by the death of the late Queen, was held on Easter Monday, and was attended by upwards of thirty members from Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Stokesley, Stockton, and Thornaby. Ringing commenced at 10.0 and was kept up with great vigour all day, in fact the bells which are a light ring of six, were never cool except during the interval for dinner at the Golden Lion, where twenty-eight members sat down at one o'clock, the president Mr. G. J. Clarkson occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright, the secretary. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, vice-president. The toast of "The King" having been duly honoured, several new members were elected. The company then dispersed leaving the committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting at Ripon. In the meantime a brake was provided to take a party to Whorlton-in-Cleveland. Canon Wright, who had been unable to attend the dinner, was fortunately able to be present at a tea which was generously provided by the secretary. At the conclusion of the tea the president expressed to Canon Wright the pleasure it afforded them all to see him amongst them on the occasion of their first visit to Stokesley. Canon Wright in replying expressed a hearty welcome to the association to Stokesley. He had always felt a love and appreciation for bells and was fully aware of the usefulness of such associations as the Cleveland and North York, which had already done a great deal of good. Not having time to devote to the Art himself he took credit for the ardent support accorded to it by his son. During the day five 720s of Minor were rung at Stokesley and one at Whorlton, particulars of which will be given in another column.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Essex association was held at Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. In addition to the towers of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, those of the surrounding neighbourhood were open for ringing, but the attendance was considerably short to what the Easter Monday meeting of the association has of late years proved to attract. Tea was served at the Lord Brooke, at which there were present the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Rev. —. Allwork, and some thirty members. At the business meeting which followed, in reply to Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the association said he had communicated with the vicar of Hornchurch respecting the opening of the bells there as announced in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous week. The vicar, who was away for the benefit of his health, had replied that the arrangements were in the hands of the churchwardens, and that only invited ringers would be admitted to the tower at the opening. In the course of a short discussion by three or four members one remarked that had not the question been raised he should have gone to the opening apparently to find that he could not get access to the tower. To shut one out upon such occasions did not say much for those who called themselves brother-ringers. Mr. Keeble said the object he had in asking the question was to prevent any of his friends taking a fruitless journey to Hornchurch,

Correspondence.

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

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

IN REPLY TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—In your columns we seem to pass from grave to gay, from lively to severe, and one of the biggest jokes I have come across for a long time is Mr. Dains's letter in your last issue. He suggests that I should publish a complete list of peals of 5000 and upwards rung with muffles. As the first claim to a performance of this kind was stated recently in your columns to be made in 1817, it is evident that to comply with Mr. Dains' request I must investigate all the peal records throughout the country for upwards of eighty years. I feel sure my respected friend was winking the other eye while he wrote that letter. Indeed I wonder how a man who could get as far as that suggestion managed to stop at it. Why, oh why, while he was about it, did not he urge me to pay off the National Debt, or to go forth on foot, armed with a bow and arrow, to capture De Wet?

I agree that such a compilation as Mr. Dains suggests would be interesting: but it is a thing that can only be done by co-operation. I am willing to co-operate in this way—I will get out a list of muffled peals rung by the Cumberland Youths and the St. James' Society. I dare say Mr. Cockerill will do the same for the College Youths peals, and also the Hon. Secretary of the Waterloo Society for that company's peals, and I am sure that I may count on Mr. King to do likewise for the Middlesex Association. This at least will, I expect, account for the Metropolitan section, and I propose that each of us, when we have prepared our lists, send them off to 47, Richmond Road, where Mr. Dains can edit them and forward them to you for publication with the benefit of any comments of his own. If this is done, I have no doubt that our country brethren will add their information.

R. A. DANIELL.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

SIR,—The articles and correspondence on this subject which have lately appeared in your columns have been very interesting and instructive. Will you kindly allow me space for a few remarks.

Mr. Drake claims the extracts which have been given us as confirming his view that the passing bell—a bell sounded before death—was not used in pre-reformation days. The inference I draw is the other way. We are told, among other expressions, that these bells at Salisbury were sounded "in extremis." This is a term which I have always understood—and I have endeavoured to assist my understanding by asking others more learned than myself, who confirm my view—to mean at a time when the physical conditions of an individual are such that soul and body appear to be about to part company. Therefore it appears to me that unless Mr. Drake can distinguish the use of the words "in extremis" in this particular connection from what they ordinarily mean, we have in these old accounts an authoritative reference to a bell sounded before death, which though described in other words is really the same as the "Passing bell" of post-reformation times. I bear in mind Mr. Drake's exposition of the "particular judgment," but, surely, the parish priest did not wait to assist a parishioner to pass through it till death had actually taken place. Was it not always one of the functions of the parish priest to supply to dying persons the appropriate offices of religion? And if so, what could be more natural and appropriate than that neighbours and fellow-parishioners should be warned by the sounding of a bell to offer up their prayers for someone with death at his elbow, for whom the parish priest was performing, or was about to perform, the last rites before death, the intention of which rites would surely include supporting the dying man through the particular judgment. There seems no reason why people who prayed for a person dying should not also pray for him when dead and passing through the particular judgment, but it is not quite plain to me why persons should not be warned to pray at all before the deceased was actually dead and passing through the particular judgment. Therefore while I think that the extracts from the Salisbury accounts confirm my view of the passing bell being an old institution, I do not

think they are inconsistent with Mr. Drake's theological position. I wonder whether the Writtle documents go back far enough to enable Mr. Papillon to enlighten us on this matter. If they do, will he kindly help us?

Arising out of these articles there is another matter which seems worth mentioning, namely, the application of the terms "Treble" and "Tenor" to bells. The word Treble, as far as I can make out from the dictionaries of Grove and Skeat, came into general use for the highest singing voice during the sixteenth century, and therefore its application to the highest crying of a ring of bells first appears in the Churchwardens accounts cited by the writer of the articles and by Mr. Papillon at about the time we might naturally expect. Having thus attached one musical term to bells it was natural enough in course of time to attach another, and accordingly Tenor makes its appearance some years later in both places, though the term Tenor as a musical term is of greater antiquity than Treble. Can anyone give us a good reason for the lowest voiced bell to have been called Tenor rather than Bass, which would have been more in accord with musical example? In Grove's Dictionary we read—"The tenor bell is the lowest in a peal of bells, and is possibly so called because it is the bell upon which the ringers hold or rest,"—a statement which is absurd. It seems to me just possible that Tenor was applied instead of bass because the general tone of the lowest bell suggested rather the quality of a tenor voice than that of a bass voice. But this is merely speculation. Both Treble and Tenor are used by Stedman, so that both were generally accepted terms in the early days of change-ringing. By the way, Stedman also uses the word "sally." Can anyone give us the origin of this term?

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—On reading over the above I wish to add a word about bells at deaths. When we were discussing this subject some months since I hazarded the opinion that the passing bell was chimed, and the bell after death was rung. This was plainly the case in Dowe's arrangements at St. Sepulchre's, and I do not see why this should not be a relic of pre-reformation practice. The bell sounded at Salisbury "in extremis" might well be chimed, and on notice of death having actually occurred the sexton might well ring it up. The process would thus be continuous and reconcile Mr. Drake's view of what was done with mine.

R. A. D.

A SLOVENLY HABIT.

SIR,—A ringer from the provinces almost always notices among the many very good features of London and suburban ringing the shockingly untidy habit of clashing the bells down anyhow aiter ringing for service, and before the service is begun. The majority of church-goers scarcely ever put in an appearance till just as the service begins, and consequently what they hear is hardly calculated to give them the best impression of their bells and ringers. The habit is comparable to an organist who having played his best to empty pews turns round and sits on the keys while the congregation is assembling. The discord in the one case would scarcely be greater than in the other. The sensible way would be either to cease the bells properly, or better still, to ring quite up to time and cease them after the service is over. Customs die hard, especially bad ones, but at a time when the opponents of ringing in large towns are neither few nor unimportant it is surely unwise to disgust our friends and put a stick into the hands of our enemies by a bad habit which is so easily remedied.

J. A. T.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I am always pleased to see a new method being rung or even a good old one brought off the shelf, and congratulate the Brighton gentlemen on their performance. The concluding paragraph of Mr. Baker's letter seems to put London Surprise into the easy-to-ring method list. Will that gentleman kindly publish the rule that the band applied to the method to ring it so successfully, so that we may compare notes and see if it is not possible to make it quite as easy as London, and more interesting.

R. CARTWRIGHT.

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The 186 peals of Grandsire Triples were made up as follows: Holt's ten-part and variations, 52; Holt's Original, 40; Taylor's Bob and Single, 30; Davies's five-part, 12; Parker's twelve-part, 11; Hollis's five-part, 9; Vicars's, six-part, 5; James's ten-part, 4; other peals, 23.

The 164 peals of Stedman Triples: Thurstans's four-part and variations, 144; Thurstans's one-part, 11; other peals, 9.

The 115 peals of Treble Bob Maximus, Royal, and Major:—In the Kent Variation, 103; In the Oxford Variation, 12.

The time occupied in ringing the 924 peals was 2824 hours 35 mins., or 117.69 days

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
1 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1
2 Ancient Society of College Youths	7	5	2	4	4	2
3 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3
4 Middlesex County Association	—	—	25	18	9	4
5 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5
6 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6
7 Lanaashire Association	8	10	4	5	7	7
8 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	14	21	13	20	16	8
9 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881	156	1885	500	1889	797	1893	705	1897	905
1882	244	1886	556	1890	699	1894	859	1898	1002
1883	330	1887	646	1891	878	1895	766	1899	912
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GEORGE BAKER.
February 20th, 1901.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER'S MANCROFT SOCIETY.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Peter Mancroft, 396 Grandsire Cinques. A. G. Warnes, H. W. Stanley, E. Ward, P. Sadler, F. Knights, F. Howchin, G. Howchin, E. Francis, F. H. Knights, G. Smith, A. W. Brighton (conductor), S. Smith.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, February 1st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Saturday, February 2nd, 640 in the same method. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, G. Norman, S. Robinson (senr.), G. Marsden, S. Robinson jun. (conductor). On Sunday, February 3rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, W. Collier, S. Robinson (sen.) G. Marsden, S. Robinson jun. (conductor). On Monday, February 4th, 240 Oxford and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, S. Robinson (sen.), G. Marsden, S. Robinson (jun. conductor). On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, W. Price, S. Robinson (sen conductor), W. Collier, S. Robinson (jun.).

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor. N. Smith, F. Radley, W. Moore, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade (conductor). On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. F. Radley, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade (conductor).

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On January 23rd, 1008 changes, representing Her Majesty's age in years, months, and days, consisting of 48 of Violet, 240 of Kent, and 720 of Oxford. F. C. Newton, R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. T. Lowe, T. J. Morris, J. Allen (conductor).

Giles, J. E. Groves, G. H. Lee, W. Marks, J. R. Pritchard, W. T. Robson, F. Shepherd, G. Wightman and J. Wyatt, 4. In addition to these, there were 31 who conducted 3 peals; 49 who conducted 2 peals; and 180 who conducted 1 peal. Also 1 Silent peal of Stedman Caters (on handbells), and 1 peal published without a conductor's name, making a total of 323 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Number of peals on handbells, 27; on church bells, 897. They were rung as follows: January, 68; February, 77; March, 75; April, 59; May, 85; June, 66; July, 30; August, 47; September, 75; October, 89; November, 105; December, 148—Total 924.

Increase on the year previous (1899)—12.

In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7000 and under 10000 changes, count as 2 peals. The following table gives the first 18 Societies and their relative positions from 1895 to 1900 inclusive, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild	12	9	14	12	15	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	10	13	12	7	11	11
12 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12
13 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13
14 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14
15 Worcester and Districts Association	19	12	6	3	10	15
16 Central Northampton Association	23	18	10	14	14	16
17 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	25	20	22	25	20	17
18 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	9	8	18	19	31	18

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Bartholomew's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8. On Saturday, February 2nd, for the memorial service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; F. Voice, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 980 Grandsire Triples, composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, Sussex. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; G. Apps, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, at St. Barnabas' church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Wright, F. Vicars (conductor), A. Cheshire, W. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a 6-score. H. Webster, F. Vicars (conductor), G. Wright, T. Willis, C. White, W. Willis. And for evening service, another 6-score. H. Webster, F. Vicars (conductor), A. Cheshire, F. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. And another 6-score with W. Willis (conductor), the rest as before. On Saturday, February 2nd, a 6-score. H. Webster, W. Willis (conductor), G. Wright, T. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. And another 6-score with F. Vicars (conductor), the rest as before. Tenor 7 cwt.

PATLEY BRIDGE (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Cuthbert's church, for service, 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Buck, S. Basnett, A. Haigh, G. H. Mason, C. R. Knibbs, J. Summersally (conductor). After service, a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Major. W. Welhan, F. Allard, C. Souter, G. Melbourne, E. Draper, W. E. Tydema, T. W. Souter, W. P. Rouse. Also several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major with C. Alderton and J. Wade. After the memorial service the usual whole pull and stand and 720 Bob Major. W. Souter (conductor), C. Souter, C. Alderton, G. Melbourne, E. E. Draper, W. E. Tydema, G. Wade, W. Rouse.

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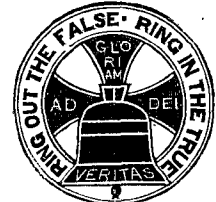
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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1901.

RINGERS' ASSOCIATION FOR RUTLAND.

On Easter Monday, a meeting was held at the Church-room, Oakham, for the object of forming a Bellringers' Association for the county of Rutland. There was a good attendance, including representatives from Oakham, Uppingham, Langham, Somerby, and Exton, and amongst those also present were the Revs. F. Baggallay (Oakham), G. E. Britten (Somerby), and S. Hartley (Exton). It was understood that Ashwell was willing to join the Association, but their delegates were unable to arrive in time for the meeting. The Rev. F. Baggallay was voted to the chair. On the proposition of Mr. Preston, seconded by the Rev. G. E. Britten, it was unanimously decided that a Change-ringers' Association for the county should be formed, and the Chairman then read the draft rules, which were considered seriatim, and subsequently, on the motion of Mr. Gregory, Mr. F. Towell seconding, these, as amended by the meeting, were adopted. The Rev. G. E.

Britten proposed, Mr. Gregory seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oakham (who was prevented from attending the meeting through a prior engagement) be elected President of the Association, and on the proposal of Mr. R. W. Baker, seconded by Mr. Preston, Mr. G. Welch, of Oakham, was appointed secretary and treasurer. The following six change-ringing members were appointed on the Committee in accordance with rule 4, viz.: Messrs. R. W. Baker (Langham), F. Towell, E. W. Higgs (Oakham), Preston (Sommerby), Gregory (Uppingham), and Watson (Ashwell). It was left with the foregoing to elect six honorary members of the Committee, and the Committee will choose the Vice-Presidents and Master. Forty-one names were handed in for membership of the Association, and doubtless other villages in the county than those named will before long become affiliated to it. After the meeting an adjournment was made to the parish church, when two 360s of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901, at 2.30 p.m., at which the Venerable Archdeacon Edmondson presided. Previous to the meeting at 2 o'clock, shortened evensong was held in Coity church at which the Archdeacon gave the men an earnest address. There was a large number of the members present, about forty. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the next quarterly meeting be held at Usk about the the first week in July. Two towers joined the Association and twenty-one new members. A discussion then followed as to the advisability of having certificates of membership, and it was resolved that the hon. secretary should see Diocesan architect and surveyor, and ask him to draw up a suitable design for the diocese and that the same, together with its cost, be brought forward at the next meeting. The Archdeacon said he was very glad to welcome the Association to Coity, and to see such a satisfactory attendance of members. The hon. secretary asked the Archdeacon to accept from him on behalf of the members their sincere thanks for the keen interest he was taking in the work of the Association, for becoming a life member and for presiding that day as well as for the hearty reception and hospitality he had extended to those present. Later on a discussion followed as to the advisability of arranging for a holiday trip on August Bank Holiday instead of the usual quarterly meeting. The hon. secretary said he supported the proposition cordially as he thought a pleasant long day trip would afford better opportunity for the men to get to know each other, and to cement the friendship between them which was already being formed. Messrs. Atwell, Jones and Thomas were chosen to act as a Committee, and were desired to go thoroughly into the matter and to formulate a scheme of the same to be presented at the next meeting. An excellent tea was afterwards kindly provided for the men, and a hearty vote of thanks were accorded Mrs. Phillips and her helpers for their kind hospitality and services. After tea the bells of the church rung out merrily and some changes were gone through. Thus concluded a very pleasant day and a thoroughly successful meeting.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,
LOWER THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD	6.
EDWIN HORREX	2.	HERBERT LANGDON	7.
EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .	3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. .	8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .	4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .	9.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .	5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALBY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.
Tenor 33 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN	6.
CHARLES WILKINS	2.	WILLIAM PYE	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT	3.	ERNEST PYE	8.
GEORGE N. PRICE	4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	9.
ISAAC G. SHADE	5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The Provinces.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
HARRY BARTON 2.	JOHN W. STEDDY 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE R. PYE 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE† .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
†First peal of Royal. The band wish to thank P. H. Powell Colton, Esq. for his kind hospitality towards them after the peal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 8.
HARRY BARTON 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	THOMAS LEES Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Double Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 4.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
WILLIAM HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the ringers thank the vicar for the kind way in which they were entertained and also for the use of the bells, which go as well as could be desired, and also to the ringers for having everything in readiness.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. in C.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 8.
ERNEST PYE 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
JOHN W. STEDDY 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Royal on the bells. The above is T. Groombridge's 1202nd peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN BLAKE* Treble.	PERCY H. DOICK 5.
STEPHEN STONE 2.	JOHN NETLEY 6.
ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 3.	GEORGE H. LEE 7.
HUGH W. HERRINGTON .. 4.	*CHARLES S. CHILDS.. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal.

MARGATE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
JOHN W. STEDDY 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JESSE GILLETT Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED. G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This composition is a four-part peal with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6ths place.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.)

On Monday, April 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS PIGOTT Treble.	WILLIAM VERRY 5.
CHARLES MACKENZIE .. 2.	†WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 6.
JOSEPH PORTER 3.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

†First peal as conductor.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. HARDY* Treble.	†T. BECKWITH 5.
N. KIDD 2.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. 6.
R. GREENWOOD* .. 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
J. CLARKSON † .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Treble Bob. Rev. W. P. Wright hails from Stokesley; T. Metcalfe from Middlesbrough; Hardy and Kidd belong to Thornaby; the rest to Stockton.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES F. TURNER .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for his hospitality towards them after the peal.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor about 27 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SYDNEY SAKERTreble.	GEORGE WATSON5.
WILLIAM BILLENES* .. .2.	FREDERICK LOCK6.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .3.	JAMES LIVERMORE7.
GEORGE PENFOLD4.	*WALTER TOMSETTTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

*First peal. Messrs. Saker, Lock and Livermore belong to Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings; Kennett and Watson to Christ Church, St. Leonard's; Penfold to Pevensey; Billeness and Tomsett to Rye.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720s each called differently.

HARRY WRIGHTTreble.	DENISON HAYWARD4.
WILLIAM T. BLYTH2.	ABEL FULLER5.
JOHN GODFREY3.	GEORGE ORFORDTenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers.

BUCKNALL STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Cambridge, Worcester, Chichester, York, Durham, Bristol and Lichfield.

JOSEPH PRESTONTreble.	DANIEL PRESTON4.
CHARLES PRESTON2.	GEORGE HOBBS5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. .3.	WILLIAM TWIGGTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOBBS.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HULLTreble.	*ERNEST W. ALLEN6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. .2.	ARTHUR HALLET7.
ARTHUR HULL3.	†HARRY J. FEWELL8.
E. P. DEBENHAM4.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. .9.
W. G. LIVERMOREA .. .5.	†WILLIAM W. FIELDTenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and

Conducted by EDWARD PEKCY DEBENHAM.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters and first peal with a bob bell. *First peal of Grandsire Caters. E. W. Allen hails from Guildford; W. T. Lightfoot from Chiddingfold, Surrey; W. Field belongs to the St. Michael's society, St. Albans; the others to the St. Peter's society.

TREETON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 240 each of Coventry Surprise, Rochester Surprise, Ely Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Ebor, College Treble, Tulip, Primrose, College New Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars, College Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford,
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN TINKLER*Treble.	WM. LAMBERT4.
THOS. WHITWORTH .. .2.	W. J. NICHOLSON5.
J. H. BROTHWELL .. .3.	WALTER ALLWOODTenor.

Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. HUNWICK ..Treble.	JOHN SADLER5.
JAMES MOTTS2.	DAVID ELLIOTT6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT4.	JAMES NEWMANTenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

WILLIAM NORTHEY* ..Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY5.
JOHN W. JONES2.	WILLIAM COOMBS6.
FREDERICK ATTWELL .. .3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK7.
JOHN HARRIS4.	BENJAMIN TILLEYTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER ..Treble.	ANDERSON TYLER5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. .2.	HENRY STUBBS6.
WALTER PERKINS3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. .7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. .4.	JOHN J. MAWBYTenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This is H. Stubbs's 50th peal, and the conductor's 40th peal of Norwich.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)
On Sunday, April 14, 1901, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL GOODWIN* ..Treble.	ALFRED BOWERS5.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. .2.	A LESLIE MAY6.
JOSEPH NORBURY3.	WILLIAM MAYERS7.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. .4.	*REV. W. H. BONSEYTenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. This peal, which is a twelve-part composition, is now rung for the first time. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers belong to Macclesfield.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY EVANSTreble.	GEORGE NORRIS3.
REUBEN STANDING2.	HARRY MEETENS6.
JOHN PAICE3.	EDMUND LINDUP7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. .4.	FREDERICK LINDUPTenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. J. Motts writes: "The peal rang at Southwold on Tuesday, April 9th, was by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. I omitted that in my letter to you. Please correct the same in your next issue."

Date Touches.

STOWMARKET (Cambridgeshire).—On Sunday evening, January 6th, for service, a date touch of Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 14 mins. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; W. Souter (conductor), 4; E. E. Diaper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; G. Wale, 7; P. Rouse, 8. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. A. Savage, 1; C. W. Nuttall, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; A. Knights, 6; H. Haigh (Retford), (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8; A. Craven, 9; G. Mee, 10.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 7th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples. G. Harding, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; C. Edwards, 4; T. Beadle, 5; F. Goddard, 6; W. Meaton, 7; G. A. Ransom, 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to J. Aldridge, who is leaving for South Africa.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY-ON-TREES.—On February 20th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Mellowes (first 720), J. H. Pinkaey, 2; S. Kelley, 3; A. Hardy, 4; N. Kidd, 5; W. J. Wright (conductor), 6.—On March 6th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Hardy, 1; N. Kidd, 2; A. Barrett, 3; J. Clarkson, 4; W. Newton, 5; S. Metcalfe, 6; W. J. Wright, 7; T. Stephenson (conductor), 8. On March 27th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Stephenson (first 720), 1; A. Mellowes, 2; W. Newton, 3; W. J. Wright, 4; F. Cooke, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, December 23rd, 720 Woodbine. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner (conductor), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday evening, December 30th, 720 Violet. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green (conductor), 2; T. Jennions (first 720 in the method), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On December 31st, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green (conductor), 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 720 Kent. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe (conductor), 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Monday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; T. Jennions (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 720 Violet. J. Turner (conductor), 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

MORETON.—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Stanley, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Wilcox, 1; J. W. Parkinson, 2; H. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, February 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; T. Buckley, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; J. Mason, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 360 Woodbine and 360 Oxford. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. After evening service 720 Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; T. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning, service, 720 Oxford. F. Johnson,

1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine, standing as above, conducted by A. Archer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Duke of York, 720 Violet and 720 New London. The above were rung in an attempt for a 5040 in seven methods, which was lost through a change-course in the sixth 720, after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Robertshaw, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; J. W. Poster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Tuesday, January 22nd, an attempt for Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the Rector's 76th birthday, was abandoned after 1260 changes had been rung, owing to the receipt of the sad news of Her Majesty's death. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Druce, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; F. P. Powell, 7; H. Brooks, 8.

THEALE (Berks).—On Monday, February 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stevens, 1; F. Clark, 2; R. Frankum, 3; H. Frankum, 4; W. Clark, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. Messrs. Frankum (2), and Smith hail from Aldermaston.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On December 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Sinden, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; C. R. Carter, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; H. Elliott, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8. On New Year's Eve at 11.30 p.m., 350 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, to commemorate the passing of the nineteenth century, the new century being ushered in with a well-struck 504 in the same method, the members taking part being Messrs. Carter, Dennis, Eldridge, Franks, Hyland, Mathis, Saunpers, Sinden, and Thomas.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 9th, for practice at St Margaret's church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 3; S. Bailey (longest length in the method and second attempt), 4; H. J. Button, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; E. Bailey, 8. Rung with the bells closely muffled, by the Rev. B. W. Raven's orders, as a continued tribute of respect to the late departed Queen.

THE ALBION SOCIETY, SHIFNAL, SALOP.

SHIFNAL (Salop).—On Sunday evening, February 17th, for Divine Service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Kelly, 1260 Bob Triples. E. Bingham, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; J. E. Meredith, 3; J. Kelly, 4; W. Harris, 5; J. Bishton, 6; J. Bradney (conductor), 7; T. Gwilliam, 8.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 4th, a half-peat of Kent Treble Bob Minor, being three 720 and a 360, each called differently. W. H. Wood, 1; T. Humberstone, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. Taylor, 5; J. R. Green (conductor), 6. First half-peat by all and on the bells. On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 720 Duke of York. J. R. Green, 1; Walter H. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. Humberstone, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Wilkinson, 1; T. T. Taylor, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; W. H. Wood, 5; J. W. Wood (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wilkinson, 1; R. Master, 2; J. R. Green, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; T. T. Taylor, 5; T. Humberstone (conductor), 6.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; E. Dewey, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Mary's church, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; F. W. Ford, 2; F. H. Purton, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; T. Laugdon, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 3rd, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Mitchell, 1; F. Perrin, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; G. E. Peace, 5; P. Colverd, 6; W. [A. Alps (composer and conductor), 7; G. Cole, 8.

Notices.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.30.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, to-day, Saturday, April 20th. The business meeting will be held in the West Retford Church schoolroom, at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Newcastle Arms, at 5 p.m. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome. Tea free to members, one shilling per head to visitors.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, April 23rd. Chair to be taken at 8.30. The attendance of every member is requested.

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

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Padiham, on Saturday, April 27th, to re-open the augmented peal.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still unpaid are now due.

P. E. BEZ, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnhurst, Bexleyheath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), on Saturday, April 27th. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. A subsequent meeting will be held on May 11th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Henson, of which date members are requested to take note.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, April 27th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, April 27th.

REV. C. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Abingdon Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held in the church rooms, Oak Street, Abingdon, on Saturday, April 27th. There will be a service at S. Nicholas church, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the church rooms at 5.15, after which the ordinary business will take place.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthews), on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at liberty from 3

o'clock to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn, at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Tea at the Co operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m., free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year. Non-members 1s. each. The towers of the churches in the city will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Granville House, Carline Road, Lincoln.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Gosport, on Saturday, April 27th (8 bells), and St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available after 3. Unveiling of the Hewett Memorial Brass at Holy Trinity, Gosport, at 3 p.m. Meeting 3.15. Tea provided.

CHAS. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, May 4th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS } *Hon. Secs.*
J. WILSON }
J. SHEPHERD }

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, on Saturday, May 4th. Further particulars next week.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow on Saturday, May 4th. This will also be the Spring Meeting of the Guild. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in the Boys school-room at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30 Those intending to be present are requested to send their names to me on or before May 1st.

W. E. YATES, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*

Temple View, Marlow.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at North Elmham on Wednesday, May 8th. Dinner at The King's Head" at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d for Honorary and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. Notice of intention to be present should, in every instance, be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, May 2nd.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—For the future, the business meetings of this Society will be held monthly (instead of quarterly as before), at the Society's meeting-room, at The Green Man, commencing on Thursday, April 18th. Ringing at 8 p.m.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective bellfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to represent the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CANTERBURY.—Mr. T. Groombridge's 102 peals.—Minor methods 5, conducted 5; Grandsire Triples 8, conducted 4; Grandsire Caters 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 1; Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 17, conducted 8; Stedman Caters 6; Stedman Cinques 2; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 32, conducted 12; Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Superlative Surprise Major 6; Cambridge Surprise Major 1.—Total 102—conducted 33.

THE PEAL AT PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—This is the first peal ever rung on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Harris, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Jones and Attwell, from Newport, Mon., the rest from Cardiff. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar, the Rev. W. Lewis, for granting them the use of the bells, and also the Pentre ringers for having everything in readiness and also for their kind hospitality towards them.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. HAYES (High Wycombe).—You must not lay claim to this peal. It is a variation—and many others have produced the same thing.

FRED. HAWORTH.—Have never received it.

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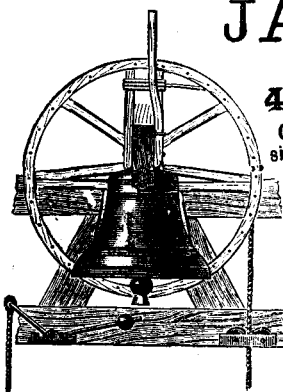
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