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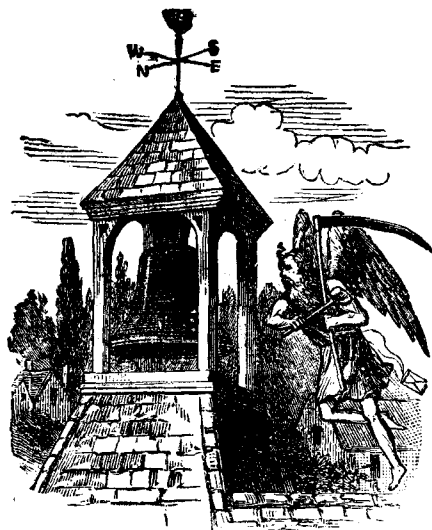
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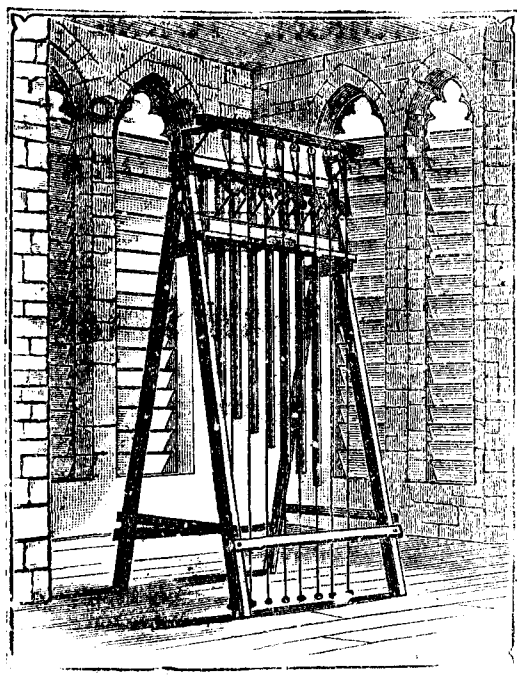
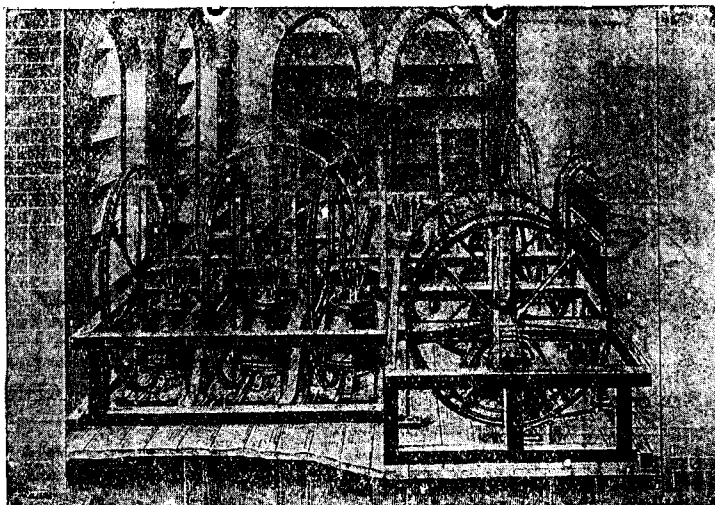
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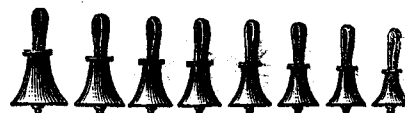
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DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT EXTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Venerable Archdeacon of Taunton, Dr. Ainslie, recently attended at St. Peter's church, Exton, for the purpose of dedicating a new bell hung in the church tower in memory of the late Mr. W. L. Chorley, and re-dedicating the third bell in the peal, which had been recast at the cost of the Rector (the Rev. F. K. Warren) and his sister, Miss Warren, of Heavitree, Exeter, in memory of their mother. This peal, which before consisted of five bells, now has six, all of very nice tone. The work of renewing and rehangng the bells was entrusted to Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber, and it has been carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory style.

The dedication ceremony was an interesting one, and was largely attended, not only by parishioners, but by people from the country round, so that at the appointed hour, half-past two o'clock, the church was not only full, but some were unable to find admittance, and this although the day was an inclement one, the weather being stormy and wet. Before the commencement of the service, the organist, Miss Gravely, played some voluntaries by Mendelssohn, and the service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers," during which the clergy moved in procession to their places, those present being the Rev. F. K. Warren (Rector of Exton), Rev. W. M. K. Warren (St. Mary's, Bridgwater), Rev. R. Newman (Hawkrigge), Rev. Prebendary Anderson (Winsford), Rev. W. J. Batchelor (Kingsbrompton), Rev. R. T. de Carteret (Cutcombe), Rev. J. B. Philby (Dulverton), Rev. H. E. Dunn (Upton), and the Ven. Dr. Ainslie. The churchwardens, Messrs. P. Evered and R. Norman, were also present. The first part of the service was the ordinary evensong, conducted by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren. The first lesson, Numbers x. 1-11, was read by the Rev. F. K. Warren, and the second, St. John ii. 13-22, by the Rev. Prebendary Anderson. The Archdeacon took up the service, and, proceeding to the belfry at the west-end of the church, said the special dedicatory prayers, and Psalm cl. was sung to a chant by Barnby in C. The following members of the local band then entered the belfry and rang a short touch, the congregation standing: Messrs. G. Boaden, 1; W. Hoyle, 2; C. Phillips, 3; T. Phillips, jun., 4; W. Phillips, 5; T. Phillips, sen., 6. At the conclusion a special hymn, "Not idle are the fleeting sounds," was sung.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who took for his text, Isaiah lxxv. 12 and 24: "When I called ye did not answer, when I spake ye did not hear. It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Another special hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple," was sung, during which a collection was made for incidental expenses in connection with the bells. The Archdeacon having then pronounced the Benediction, the service was brought to a close with the recessional hymn, "When morning gilds the skies."

Several bands of ringers were in attendance to try the

bells, these, besides the Exton ringers, coming from Winsford, Kingsbrompton, Dulverton, Minehead, Dunster, and Bridgwater, so that from the conclusion of the service until very late in the evening the bells were sending out merry peals with scarcely an interval. The Dulverton ringers rang several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and the Minehead and Dunster band a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 2 mins. T. Elliott, G. Stacey, G. Atkins, J. Grabham, J. Jones, H. Moore (conductor). The ringing was very good, and excited considerable interest. With the Exton ringers, Mr. R. Howe, of Dodington, a well-known ringer some twenty-five years at Exton, took a hand.

After the service a public tea was held in the school-room close by, and was very largely attended, there being several sittings down. The arrangements were carried out by a committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. Evered (president), Miss Warren, Mrs. C. Phillips, Mrs. Bulled, Mrs. G. Baker, Miss Willis, and Mrs. R. Norman, Mr. W. G. Phillips and Mr. H. Howe also assisting. Everything passed off in a most satisfactory manner.

It should be mentioned that the altar in the church bore a new and handsome cloth, kindly given by Miss Warren, of Heavitree, Exeter.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WATERMOOR, CIRENCESTER.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The two new bells placed in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, by members of his family, were dedicated on Easter Eve. The addition of the new treble and second bells has long been desired, not only by the ringers, but it was generally felt that the addition of two lighter bells to complete the octave would have an enormous effect on the music of the peal, a fact that was strongly evidenced on Easter Sunday, when the bells were rung for the first time, the beauty of their tone being greatly admired. The new bells, like the others, were cast and hung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and give every satisfaction. The bells were rung on Easter Sunday by the members of the Watermoor band, and in the evening the parish church ringers attended by invitation, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. W. Bond, 1; F. J. Lewis, 2; F. Gardner, 3; F. Protherough, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. C. Bond (conductor), 6; H. J. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Also on Thursday, April 18th, a peal of Grandsire Triples 5040 changes (J. J. Parker's five-part) was rung in 3 hours and 6 min, F. W. Bond, 1; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 2; H. Nettle, 3; A. C. Harmer, 4; F. Protherough, 5; F. Lewis, 6; H. C. Bond, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Messrs. Lewis, Nettle and Harmer belong to the Watermoor band, and Messrs. Bond, Protherough and Clutterbuck to the parish church.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of members of the above association was held this year at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901. About fifty ringing members attended, representing most parts of the diocese. The well-known ring of twelve bells at Great St. Mary's church were kindly placed at the service of the association, as also were the Major rings at St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic churches. Permission was also given to use the bells at St. Benet's Church, famous for their association with Fabian Stedman, but unhappily they were found to be unringable and in a very deplorable condition. Visits were also paid during the morning to the rural towers of Old Chesterton and Fen Ditton, each containing a sweet-toned little ring of five. An attempt was made at St. Andrew's Church to score a peal of Stedman Triples, under the able leadership of Mr. Fred Pitstow, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to the breaking of one of the ropes, and had to be postponed.

The usual business meeting was held in the afternoon at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society (in Edward's Passage), where a capital tea, with a plentiful supply of cold beef and ham, had been prepared, and was duly disposed of. Mr. Fred Pitstow presided in his usual genial manner, supported by the evergreen treasurer, the Rev. Kenelm H. Smith and his equally popular and energetic colleague, the Rev. W. W. Crump, and other well-known ringers. After the minutes and other formal matters had been dealt with, including an apology from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for non-attendance in consequence of illness, the secretary read the annual report for the year past, which showed that on the whole the condition of the association continues satisfactory and progressive, although not quite so flourishing as its ardent supporters could wish. Since the last annual meeting four district meetings had been held at Sudbury, Huntingdon, Glemsford, and St. Neots. The work has been greatly developed during the year in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, a point on which its vigorous secretary (Mr. Howe, of Ramsey), and his committee are to be cordially congratulated. Seven peals had been rung (as compared with nine last year), being one each at Bury St. Edmunds, Ickleton, Monks Eleigh, and Sawston, and three at Lavenham. Stress was laid on the desirability of ringers doing all in their power to increase the interest of the clergy (and other influential churchmen) in the work of the association by an assiduous performance of their duties on Sundays. In those parishes where the only actuating motives to ringing are pleasure or profit, it is against human nature (quite apart from higher considerations) to expect both sympathy and financial help from clergy and other honorary members. The report concluded with an expression of regret that the railway company had now withdrawn the privilege enjoyed for many years, of granting reduced fares to ringers attending the regular meetings of the Associations.

The balance sheet was then read by the treasurer, whose facetious comments on the various items elicited great applause and laughter. The expenses during the year had amounted to about £22, and the balance in hand had increased from £5 to nearly £8. After a few words of commendation from the Auditor (Mr. A. H. Osborne, of Bury St. Edmunds), the report and balance sheet were adopted and ordered to be printed as usual. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, after which their successors were appointed for the ensuing year. The Revs. K. H. Smith and W. W. Crump were unanimously re-elected as treasurer and general secretary, and the following gentlemen were elected secretaries for the four archidiaconal districts:—Isle of Ely: Mr. R. M. Croft (Wilburton, Ely); Mr. Percy Webb (Ickleton), Huntingdon: Mr. O. G. Horne (Ramsey), and Sudbury: The Rev. H. B. Woolley (Bury St. Edmunds). It was arranged that the next annual meeting should be held at Huntingdon, and after the election of many new members the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and also to those local clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells during the day.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual festival of this Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and in every respect was the most successful that has been held for years. The attendance from all over the county was large, and the variety of methods employed

in ringing in the towers of the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and St. Michael's, together with the quality of the ringing, was somewhat exceptional. The secret of this lay in the fact that able ringers were strongly represented, and they were therefore capable of ringing anything. The following methods were rung in the towers mentioned: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, College Single, Stedman Doubles, etc. At five o'clock the usual service was held at the Cathedral, when the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (the Rev. W. J. Lawrance) and the Rev. G. D. Castleden officiated.

The ringers, with a few friends, then adjourned to the Town Hall where, by kind permission of the Mayor, an excellent meat tea was laid in the Council Chamber by Mr. W. Bugler, of the Market-place. The Mayor presided, and was supported by the Dean of St. Albans, the Revs. G. D. Castleden and A. H. Longley. Mr. F. W. Silvester, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. sec. of the Association), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.), and many of the members were present. Mr. E. P. Debenham presented the annual report, which dealt with the last year's gathering and the various meetings held and peals rung by members of the Association during the year. The question of the Division of Hertfordshire into districts has had earnest attention during the past twelve months, and at the district meeting at Hatfield a committee was formed to deal with it, and to make recommendations thereon. At a meeting held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 9th, when all the officers and representatives from nine towers were present, resolutions to that effect were past.

The statement of accounts showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £4 16s. 4d., and that the receipts amounted to £13 4s. 4d. The expenditure reached a total of £9 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 2s. 10d.

The Dean mentioned that he was glad to hear that the Luton band had joined the Association. He was pleased that they were near in a campanological sense as well as a geographical.

The remainder of the report was then adopted.

The following officers were then elected; President, Canon Wigram; hon. sec., Mr. E. P. Debenham; assistant hon. sec., Mr. G. W. Cartmel; auditor, Mr. E. E. Huntley. Several new members were also elected.

Mr. E. P. Debenham moved a vote of thanks to the Dean, and the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Michael's for the use of the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's towers, and also to the Dean for his able address. Mr. Huntley seconded, and it was carried with hearty acclamation.

The Dean, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome them all to the Cathedral, and it gave him particular pleasure to hear how thoroughly the whole cause of change ringing was prospering in the county. He could see a spirit of enthusiasm growing, and this was especially noticeable when so many young people joined.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, his worship having discharged the duties of chairman with geniality and good fellowship.

Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells by the following band: G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; G. N. Price, 5-6; H. Lewis, 7-8.

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Norton on Easter Monday. Members were present from Staveley, Eckington, Killamarsh, Treeton, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, Ranmoor, Wingfield and Norton. Dinner was provided at The New Inn by Mr. A. Slater, a member of the local ringers, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. P. Tarlton. The Secretary read a long list of minutes, being the result of a lively meeting held at Eckington, the members on this occasion being in a different frame of mind.

The Chairman was able to quickly dispose of the agenda; Mr. S. Thomas was elected President in place of Mr. W. Hopkinson, the latter having faithfully fulfilled the office for three years. Mr. G. Marsden was re-elected Treasurer, the hon. sec. also being allowed to commence on his Twelfth year's duty.

A Committee, consisting of one member from each tower, was elected. In reading the balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1900, the secretary reminded the meeting that this being their annual stocktaking, they would all want to know how things stood, and he was sorry to say that it had not been, like some of our large iron and steel works had had, a prospering year with good dividends, theirs had been the reverse. Subscriptions had not come up to the usual standard, and the expenses had been unusually heavy, the printers having put the war tax on the annual reports, therefore a small sum was due to the secretary instead of having a balance in hand.

The Bank account was intact with a little interest added, so we are still solvent. Mr. J. Mulligan suggested that the Committee should collect subscriptions at their respective towers, which would be doing something worthy of their office.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the admirable way in which they had catered for the members.

Mr. Slater having replied, Mr. Mulligan moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tarlton for the able way in which he had conducted the meeting.

Mr. Tarlton, in reply, hoped the Association would still go on and prosper.

The bells were kept going by mixed bands during the day. The Sheffield friends also rendered some tunes and changes on the handbells, for the use of which the local members wish to thank Mr. J. Dixon, who kindly lent his bells for the meeting.

THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Easter Tuesday several members of this society paid a visit to Kirkby Stephen. The parish church of this beautifully situated Westmoreland town possesses a fine-toned ring of eight bells, tenor about 16 cwt. in F. It is evident they are well looked after, as notwithstanding the long draught of rope (about fifty or sixty feet, with a space of forty feet to the first floor), we experienced no difficulty in ringing them.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung during the day. In the afternoon the tower was ascended, and the magnificent view from the top greatly admired, the snow-capped mountain tops standing out very distinctly after the refreshing showers of the morning. The interior of the church was also inspected, and proved to be well worthy of the time given to it, being of great interest both to the antiquarian as well as the ordinary sightseer.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made to The Black Bull hotel, where an excellently served dinner was done full justice to.

Another visit to the church, and a pleasant walk in the evening twilight to the railway station brought to a close one more of the many enjoyable excursions held by this society.

W. H. P.

WITNEY, OXON.

On Easter Monday the Witney ringers, by the generosity of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, their accomplished steeple-keeper, enjoyed their annual outing. An early start was made, and after a somewhat windy drive of some seventeen miles, Stow-on-the-Wold, their destination, was reached. After a slight lunch the tower was mounted, and the splendid bells, splendid both in tone and "go," were soon sending forth their voices in that musical method—Grandsire Triples. A good peal was

accomplished in 3h. 19min., and by the time this was over most of the participants were ready for the substantial repast which awaited them. An early start was made, in order to allow time for a touch at Burford on the way back, and a very well struck 420 and 168 were in due course brought round there. The remaining seven miles of road flew quickly by, beguiled by the harmonious efforts of the conductor, and one or two other members of the band, and Witney was reached in good time, all having spent a most enjoyable day, and uniting in thanking Mr. Jenkyn for his generosity, and in wishing him many happy returns of the day—by a fortunate coincidence his birthday.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Eight members of the above guild had arranged to attempt two peals on Easter Monday, at Ranmore, Dorking, and Dorking parish churches. The bells at the former church have recently been rehung. After 2 hrs. and 40 mins. of good ringing the attempt came to an end, owing to the bad go of the tenor. On an inspection being made of the bells it was found the tenor was low on one side, and the headstock fairly shone with the continual friction. The rector was informed of this and expressed surprise at it, but seeing the bells had not had such a test as this since their rehanging he thought we were right in stopping and drawing his attention to it. The band stood as follows: T. W. Radford, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Bennett, composer and conductor, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; F. Blondell, 8. The ringers, after the attempts, retraced their steps to Dorking, and there rang a peal of Plain Bob, which has appeared in its proper place. J. H.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—May I, through your columns, ask any persons who are interested in church bells to help in the following matter: My friend and neighbour, the Rector of Thuxton-with-Garveston, has, with great energy undertaken and nearly completed the restoration of his two churches, a work worthy of all praise. In Garveston church, a fine bell cast by the Bury St. Edmunds community, weighing 13 cwt. 2 qrs., bearing date 1400, and having the inscription, "ORA PRO NOBIS SANCTA MARIA," pleads for itself silently but eloquently from the floor of the church, where it now stands beside the font, showing the crack which has rendered it useless for the present. Economy and the heavy restoration expenses have suggested the sale of the bell for the value of its metal, which would probably be £40, with expenses to be deducted. Love of the church, and regard for that which has been dedicated to the service of the church, takes the opposite view, and pleads for the recasting of this fine bell for its own church. Two bells are at the present time hanging in the tower, their notes being B flat and G, in the key of F. It is therefore proposed to make two new bells, A and F, using the metal of the cracked bell for this purpose with such additional metal as will be necessary. A new frame will be required, and this will be so planned that at a future time it would be possible to add the two upper bells in the full peal of six. The estimated cost of the work now suggested is something under £100. A generous offer has been made by the Bishop, who has promised £5 if the bell can be re-cast: and to this sum £11 has already been added. The deanery and the neighbourhood know well the admirable work which is being done for the church in these two parishes, and a hearty response has been made to the appeals of the Rector; but since the music of church bells travels far and wide, and is not confined by the boundary of either parish or deanery, it seems fitting that an appeal for help may be made to the lovers of church bells wherever they may live. May I then ask if any of the readers of your widely circulated journal will like to have a hand in this interesting work of restoration. In this case, subscriptions towards the Garveston Bell Fund may be sent either to the Rev. A. J. Alpe, Garveston Rectory, Attleborough, Norfolk; or to myself, at the address given below. Acknowledgements will be made to all subscribers.

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Mittford Division.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Brighton on Easter Monday, fifty members being present. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's were opened for ringing at 10.0 a.m. At noon the special service at St. Nicholas' was sung by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. C. W. Bond (Vicar of St. Nicholas') reading the lessons; and a most excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale from Psalm xcvi. 1.

At one o'clock luncheon was served in the Royal Pavilion, the only toast being that of the Church and King, proposed by the Master (Mr. Attree). Then the business meeting began, the Rev. J. J. Hannah (Vicar of Brighton) taking the chair. Mr. Attree stated that he had been requested to ask the Bishop to preach the sermon, but the Bishop was unable to attend because it was Easter Monday, so it was afterwards considered advisable to consider if the annual meeting should in future be held on some other day.

Mr. Attree, in giving a resume of the work of the association during the past year, said the association had only rung 47 peals, still those were of a high quality. In January of this year the 1000th peal had been rung at St. Nicholas', Brighton, and he hoped the association would soon increase its members from 640 to 1000. This could soon be done if those belfries which did not belong to the association would join. At present eleven towers (8 bell) twenty-six (6 bell) towers in the Diocese were not affiliated.

The president, the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and the vice-presidents were again re-elected. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved the re-election of the Master. Mr. Tompkins seconded, and in supporting the motion the chairman said Mr. Attree's enthusiasm for ringing had made the Sussex Association known throughout the land, and had placed it in the foremost position among the other similar associations in the country. As most of those present, were well aware the Church Congress was to meet this year at Brighton. To that body's own great loss for many years past they had refused with great pertinacity to consider at the congress the subject of "Bells, bellringers and bellringing," but on this particular occasion the reproach would be rolled away, for one of the subjects to be discussed by the congress was "Bells, bellringers, and bellringing." Few of them knew perhaps how entirely that consummation was due to the Master. He (the chairman) was supposed to be more or less responsible for the programme of the Church Congress, because he had the misfortune to be chairman of the committee, but from the first instant that the rumour began to get about that the congress was likely to come to Brighton, Mr. Attree, who was one of his churchwardens, had kept the subject before him and had continually pressed him to get it into the programme. In season and out of season Mr. Attree took good care that he should not forget the subject, and having the fear of the churchwarden before his eyes he succeeded in getting the matter put down for discussion. He believed a great deal of good would come from the discussion, and for it they would have to thank Mr. Attree.

The other officers were again re-elected:—Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tompkins; hon. Secretary, Mr. A. B. Bennett; hon. district Secretaries, Mr. Saker, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Evans. And on the motion of Mr. Bennett (secretary) by the Rev. C. W. Bond, the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £15 19s. 8d. and the report were adopted.

Mr. Saker (for Mr. Franks, Battle), moved: "That in cases where ringers are members of more than one band (active or honorary) the points they are entitled to for ringing peals shall be retained by or belong to the band or Guild that is entitled to the credit of the peal;" Mr. Saker himself suggesting as an addition to this—"The test of membership for this purpose to be the payment of a subscription or annual contribution to the funds of the band claiming the peal."—Both suggestions were rejected, Mr. Attree remarking that he found that where bands were not strong they were only too glad to get members from outside.—Mr. Tompkins moved the following new rule:—

The challenge bell shall be competed for annually by the towers belonging to the Association. The tower obtaining the highest number of points to hold the bell for one year. No tower shall hold the bell for two years in succession.

—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and said it seemed a

pity that the trophy should go from year to year to one tower, and the rule would have the effect of encouraging other towers. It was agreed to; and Mr. Tompkins then moved:

A separate account shall be kept of all the moneys received from life members, and the receipts shall be invested at interest by the Hon. Treasurer in the names of trustees nominated by the Committee, and no payment shall be made from it unless authorised by a majority of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

This was also seconded by Mr. Davies, and carried.—Mr. Goldsmith proposed that a tablet be erected in St. Nicholas church in commemoration of the ringing of 1000 peals. This met with some opposition on the ground that the Association could not afford the expense, but it was eventually carried, Mr. Attree declining to entertain the idea that the Association was financially in a bad way.—On the motion of Mr. Bennett, hearty votes of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Prebendary Hannah for taking the chair, the Rev. C. W. Bond for kindly granting them the use of St. Nicholas church, and to the preacher of the day, the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale; and the auditors were also thanked.—Mr. Bond and Mr. Ridsdale replied.—A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Attree.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Easter Monday was again utilised by members of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-Ringers for its annual meeting in Bedford. All-Hallows' School was kindly lent by the Rev. Lambert Woodard, and luncheon was served there early in the afternoon to about 100 guests. The Mayor (Ald. Burridge) having an engagement at Finedon to open a bazaar, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Canon Haddock, and among others who supported the Vicar of Clapham were the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Vicar of Ridgmount), Mr. E. Ransom, Dr. Pauli (of Luton), Mr. C. Derwent Smith, and Mr. I. Hills; among representatives from Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bromham, Clapham, Cople, Emberton, Harrold, Leighton Buzzard, Olney, Thurlough, Turvey, Wellingborough, and Woburn, as well as St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford. The annual report was read by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. C. Herbert, seconded by Mr. Derwent Smith, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Hills were re-elected as hon. secretaries, and both testified their thanks, with an expression of their desire to do their best in office. Mr. Baker asked for an opinion as to their reverting to a former custom of having a lunch instead of a tea, as it had been considered more convenient for representatives of towers outside Bedford; the Chairman thinking a midday meal more acceptable and rational, proposed that such should henceforth be adopted; Mr. Herbert seconded this motion, which was carried, and the change was felt to be for the better. Several new members were nominated, and Dunstable or Leighton was selected for the next quarterly meeting. Thanks were voted to the Vicar of St. Paul's for the use of the All Hallows School on the motion of Mr. Baker, and seconded by the Chairman; and, on the proposition of Mr. Hills, gratitude for his presidency was expressed to Canon Haddock, who, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, said he had done so with great pleasure. Full choral evensong at St. Paul's was special in celebration of the anniversary, and a sermon with a significant bearing for bell-ringers was preached by the Rev. C. A. Wells, whose text was taken from Colossians iii. 23, 24: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

AN OCTOGENARIAN BELLRINGER.

Sunday, April 21st, being the 80th anniversary of the birth-day of Mr. James Robert Haworth, this veteran attended the St. Paul's Cathedral belfry on that day for the afternoon ringing. Mr. James Pettit, the conductor, on behalf of the ringers, wished Mr. Haworth many very happy returns of the day. Mr. Haworth, who is still hale and hearty, took part in the ringing at St. Paul's on St. George's Day, Tuesday last.

This was the first time these bells had been rung in honour of our patron saint,

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."

PEAL CLAIMS.

SIR,—I note the composition I mentioned last week has again been rung as belonging to Mr. G Lindoff, and in this latter case the performance was conducted by Mr. James Motts at Stowmarket, and is given on page 34 of the Norwich Diocesan Association's annual report for 1895. Perhaps Mr. Lindoff will take note of this, as I would have written him privately, but his address is mislaid at present. I also note that the peal given on page 68 of the Midland Counties' Association report, rung at Stoney Stanton in October 1899, conducted by Mr. A. R. Aldham, belongs to me, but over Mr. Arthur Craven's name. I really don't know if this peal has been rung previously or published, but it is a companion peal to that given over Mr. J. S. Wilde's name on page 87 of the Central Council Appendix for 1895. The following is a 5083 from the same source and tribe or family.

23456 M B W H

26354 2 I

62453 2 2

25634 -

53624 I -

32546 -

23645 - I 2

First rang on May 1st, 1896, by the Kent County Association, conducted by Thomas Card. H. DAINS.

47, Richmond Road, Islington, N.

"BRISTOL SURPRISE."

SIR,—On behalf of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, I write to thank Mr. Cartwright for his congratulations re the completion of the first peal of Bristol Surprise, rung by members of the above Society.

In regard to Mr. Cartwright's query as to what rule the band applied to the method to ring same, I am afraid, Sir, you will not be able, in "THE BELL NEWS," to illustrate our system of ringing Surprise Methods.

When we are starting a new method, each member is supplied with a diagram of the plain course in full, on which signs are given showing where the treble is passed, or dodged with, and the starting place of each individual bell. I enclose herewith for your inspection diagrams of a plain course each of "London" and Bristol Surprise.

To anyone who understands a method in diagram (no figures or rules are given), it needs but a cursory glance to show the vast difference between "London" and "Bristol"; in "London" there is a considerable amount of plain hunting, "Bristol" is SURPRISE from beginning to end. The method, too, being on the lengthening lead plan, five bells are shifted at a bob, which makes it still more complicated.

I was the only member of the band who from the first maintained that "Bristol" was more difficult than "London," and a letter was published by me in "THE BELL NEWS" on April 16th, 1898, drawing attention to the method; this was before we started practising same.

In Mr. G. Williams we possess a conductor second to none. His words after the peal was finished were: "It was no good to try to tell anyone else, you only got wrong yourself if you did." This was also my experience, and all the band expressed the opinion that we had rung no method previously that required the undivided attention it was necessary to give to secure the first peal of Bristol Surprise.

The peal was rung at the seventh attempt, the previous attempts having met with scant success.

In conclusion, I may say that if Mr. Cartwright will write to me direct, giving his address, I shall be pleased to send him diagrams of "London" and Bristol Surprise, as used by the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, and I have little doubt that after inspection he will be inclined to agree with me that "Bristol" stands first, and in the future "London Surprise" must take second's place for complexity in ringing, the old adage being

particularly applicable in this case, "the proof of its complexity is the ringing of Bristol Surprise."

GEORGE BAKER.

[We have communicated with Mr. Baker relative to the publication of the diagrams referred to.]

RAISING AND FALLING.

SIR,—I would like to ask "J. A. T." what is in his opinion the most sensible way to cease bells properly, as I cannot see that one way is more right than another. I presume he means ceasing or lowering of the bells in peal, but let me kindly inform him that if he thinks that to be the right way, it is not always the best way, and I cannot see where or why that should be the right way. It is another case of uniformity as lately urged by some correspondents with regard to muffled ringing; some fancy one way and some another. It is quite true old customs do die hard, and I have no doubt that clashing bells down anyhow, sometimes three and four at a time, has had a lot to do with raising so much opposition to change-ringing. I have heard complaints about it myself, and I think it ought to be stopped, especially in a thickly-populated place. It does not take very little more time to lower them singly, which certainly cannot be so unpleasant to hear, nor will it cause so much opposition.

A SUBURBAN RINGER.

TOLLING THE OLD CENTURY OUT.

SIR,—Your correspondent Mr. P. Webb raises the question as to whether the above was done in any other place. At Hythe, it may interest some of your readers, such was the case. Mr. W. Fright, sen. (aged 76), the oldest member of our band, tolled the tenor 100 times, and then a few rounds were rung, after which a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. The first bell struck in the new century was rung by Mr. Fright's son. Mr. Fright, sen., rang at the coronation of Queen Victoria, also at the jubilee celebrations of 1887 and 1897, and at the proclamation of Edward VII. Is this a record? A. R. MANNING.

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I think that a possible reason why the largest bell of a ring is called the "Tenor" and not the "Bass" is that the use of the term treble as signifying the third part in choral singing does not go back more than 250 or 300 years. Previously the term was in church music applied to the air, which was no doubt mostly sung by the highest male voices. As a result of this change of meaning, there are, I believe, several versions of the well-known Tallis' Responses in common use in which the music which Tallis wrote for the air is sung as the third part of the harmony because in the original copies of the music it is marked "Tenor." Now to the best of my knowledge the term was only applied to a particular part of Church music and not to a particular quality of voice; and as that particular part of music was the air, that is the principal part to which all the rest must be made to harmonise, so it is reasonable to suppose that when men wanted to apply a name to that bell which is the keynote of the ring, and to which all the rest must harmonise, they used a term similar to that in use in Church music. I have seen accounts in which the largest bell is spoken of as the Bass, the others as 1st Treble, 2nd Treble, and Tenor, but as that was well into the time when choral music was divided as now into four parts, that does not affect my theory. I dare say it was something of this sort that was in the mind of Sir George Grove when he wrote the definition quoted by Mr. Daniell in your last issue, though as it stands it is as Mr. Daniell says, utterly absurd. Mr. Daniell's theory of the largest bell being called the Tenor because it was thought to be more similar in quality to a tenor voice than to a bass, is too fanciful to be worth much, and if I am right about the early use of the term of course it fails at once.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

29, Denmark Road, Ealing, W.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell's letter regarding the terms Treble and Tenor, I think the reason that the lowest bell is called Tenor, is because that in former days the chief part in music was the tenor, same as the treble is at the present day, and perhaps the tenor may be called the chief bell of a peal.

J. W. KNESHAW.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1901.

MR. EZRA CARTER.

A subscription list on behalf of the above-named member of the Ancient Society of College Youths has for some weeks been open to London members, and it has been resolved that the help of "THE BELL NEWS" be solicited to bring this case before the notice of all ringers who know the member above-mentioned.

Through a breakdown in his nervous system Mr. Carter has been incapacitated from following his occupation since September last. No member of this Society has been more ready to help others in time of trouble than Ezra Carter.

Donations will be gladly received by any of the following Committee: Messrs. W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, H. Springall, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, "Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

Since the foregoing was put in type we have just received in-

formation that poor Ezra Carter died on the morning of the 24th inst. We are asked to notify that any subscriptions received will be handed over to his widow. The interment will take place at his native village of Bocking on Thursday, May 2nd.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

A Smoking Concert was held in the Metropole Hotel, Newcastle, on the 12th inst., the chair being taken by Councillor Robinson, churchwarden at St. Nicholas' Cathedral. During the evening the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. S. Story) presented a double gold albert chain to Mr. E. E. Ferry as a mark of esteem and regard from several members of the Association. Mr. Story said that Mr. Ernest Ferry had done his duty and more, and had spared neither time, labour, or expense in promoting the welfare of the Association especially in regard to peal ringing. He had earned the esteem and goodwill of every member of the Association. Mr. Ferry's health was drunk with great enthusiasm and with musical honours. In replying, Mr. Ferry said they had quite taken the wind out of his sails—he didn't think he deserved it—he had done his part and did it with pleasure—it was a hobby with him. He thanked the company most heartily for their kindly appreciation of his work for their hearty good wishes, and also for the beautiful present given him that night. The interval between speeches were filled in with songs and recitations, Mr. Winston being particularly good in his drawing room entertainments. The latter also acted as accompanist throughout. The Chairman sang "Sally in our Alley," and Mr. John Simm gave his old favorite, "The brave old Oak." Mr. C. L. Routledge gave "The Old Grey Fox," and "The Business Girl," and sang "Six little Wives" as an encore. The Messrs. Ferry rendered a duet in excellent style, as also did Messrs. Deas and Anderson, of Gosforth. They also sang solos, and the ball was kept rolling merrily till 11 p.m. Mr. S. O. Ferry, in his usual happy style, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. He said they were particularly happy in the selection of one for that night as Mr. Robinson was not only a thorough musician but he took a keen interest in their bells. If they were striking badly on Sunday they might be quite certain that Mr. Robinson heard them and criticised them. This in itself was an incentive to good striking. He referred to the interest Mr. Robinson was taking in the new peal board to be erected in St. Nicholas' Cathedral to commemorate the memorial peal to our late beloved Queen. The toast was received with acclamation and musical honours. Councillor A. J. Robinson responded and thanked the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association for their appreciation of his efforts in the chair. He referred to the part he had taken in the erection of the new peal at the Cathedral and the new Major bell—he made it a hobby, and he was glad they thought he had been successful in the selection of a founder for his bells.

THE NEW BELLS AT GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—It should have been stated in our last that the donors of the new bells were Mr. Cecil A. Cochrane and Mrs. McAllum.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY MILLER	Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	5.
WILLIAM TEGG	2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN	6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4.	SIDNEY WADE	Tenor.

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This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

A. W. WHITWORTH	Treble.	Z. LORD	5.
J. T. STANDRING	2.	J. H. BARNES	6.
J. S. LOMAS	3.	W. ASHWORTH	7.
J. SHEPHERD	4.	J. BREARLEY	Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by Z. LORD.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Lomas, Barnes, and Brearley hail from Christ Church, Bacup; Whitworth, Standring, Shepherd, Lord, and Ashworth from St. Saviour's, Bacup. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS HYDE	Treble.	TITUS BARLOW	5.
THOMAS PEERS	2.	JOHN POTTER	6.
ALFRED POTTER	3.	JOSEPH POTTER	7.
WILLIAM LEVER	4.	*TIMOTHY BRADDOCK	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S.

S. CHURTON	Treble.	*J. BEARDMORE	5.
T. ALLEN*	2.	I. MOUNTFORD	6.
J. STEELE*	3.	H. PAGE	7.
A. CLOWES	4.	T. ROSE	Tenor.

Conducted by H. PAGE.

*First peal in the method. This is T. Allen's first peal inside in any method and J. Beardmore's first peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Riley for having everything in readiness. The above band hail from St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent.

REDHILL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

EDWARD DEWEY	Treble.	EDGAR KENWARD	5.
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GEORGE F. HOAD	4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

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CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

F. W. BOND	Treble.	F. PROTHEROUGH	5.
F. J. LEWIS*	2.	FRED. LEWIS	6.
H. NETTLE†	3.	H. C. BOND	7.
A. C. HARMER	4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK	Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LEWIS.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 24th, 1891.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFELD.. .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	THOMAS H. CHAPMAN .. 6.
HENRY BRIGGS 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
ALFRED MILLIS.. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells. It has 4-5-6 their extent in 6ths place, in three equal parts.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	JOHN SMART 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	GEORGE SMART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE SEARLE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
JOSEPH BROOKS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, of Chipping, and Conducted by
JOSEPH POTTER.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JACOB HANCOCK.. .. Treble.	JOHN JAMES.. .. 4.
JAMES WILDBLOOD 2.	JAMES PIERPOINT 5.
GEORGE BADDLEY 3.	WILLIAM RIGBY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RIGBY.

First peal by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1713.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
HENRY STUBBS 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6.
JAMES NICKERSON 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY.. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN

First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method by Messrs. Nickerson and Loveday, who belong to the local company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

L. L. LOMAS Treble.	W. F. HARTSHORNE 5.
T. ALTON 2.	W. HICKLING 6.
J. W. THOMPSON.. .. 3.	J. NEWBOLD.. .. 7.
J. DAVIES 4.	A. E. THOMPSON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Mr. W. F. Hartshorne, hails from Crewe, for whom the peal was arranged.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. HAYES Treble.	A. OSBORNE.. .. 5.
F. HAYES 2.	W. HAIGH 6.
C. WINDSOR 3.	W. HARPER.. .. 7.
W. EASTER.. .. 4.	L. SILVER Tenor.

Composed by G. PATRICK, and Conducted by L. SILVER.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
G. FOSTER 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
C. HAZELDEN 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Conducted by G. FOSTER.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER (R.C.),

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MARIES Treble.	WILLIAM GILLET 4.
EDWARD FORSHAW 2.	JAMES MOORE 5.
CHARLES PENDLEBURY .. 3.	WILLIAM TOMLINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MARIES.

First peal by C. Pendlebury, also first peal in seven methods by all, and rung at the first attempt.

ARMLEY, YORKS.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIE WALKER Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY.. .. 4.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	*W. J. NICHOLSON 5.
DAVID BREARLEY 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
ARTHUR BREARLEY 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

*First peal of Major.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Treble.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal on the new bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER G. WEST .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLY 5.
WILLIAM TUCKER 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
WALTER SEAR (age 15 yrs.) 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal away from tenor by W. West. First peal by W. Sear. First peal as conductor on eight bells by J. Barker. Messrs. Clark, Lilley, and Barker hail from Bedford, Tucker from Stoney Stratford, Bucks., West from Sherrington, the rest belong to Bletchley.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April, 22 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HALLETT* .. Treble.	FRANCIS SMITH 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. THORN 6.
HARRY PARKINS* 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT 7.
JOSEPH EARWICKER* .. 4.	*EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM WHISKINS 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	JOHN TITE 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

This peal was kindly arranged for E. Lincoln, who wishes through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the band for meeting. F. Day hails from Eye, E. Lincoln from Bungay; the rest are local men.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WM. SPIBY Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
J. W. BARNES 2.	WALTER JAMES 6.
CHAS. DOLBY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
ERNEST J. GALE 4.	RICHARD YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal of Triples by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal at Canterbury which appeared last week, the weight of the tenor should read 30 cwt. and not 21 cwt. as stated.—The peal which was rung on April 8th at Bekesbourne and reported in last week's issue, should have read 2 hrs. 50 mins., not 3 hrs. 50 mins. as published.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal at Gateshead is sent without the number of changes and dedication of church.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On New Year's Eve, a date touch, 1900 changes, consisting of 220 Grandsire Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 each of New London, Duke of York, Violet, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hour 15 mins. T. Robertshaw, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor, (Johnson's 720). J. Robertshaw, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6. Also 360 New London Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 New London Treble Bob, standing as above. On January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. L. Bates (first 720), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6.

MYTHOLMROYD (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 24th, 360 Woodbine and 120 Kent Treble Bob. J. Grave (conductor), 1; G. Sutcliffe, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; W. Carter, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, on the occasion of the general meeting of the Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hall, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A. McFarlane, 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes (conductor), 4; F. A. Mellanby, 5; R. Borrows, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. J. Clark, 1; H. H. Bowes, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. McFarlane, 1; R. Haswell, 2; J. P. Clarkson, 3; H. Ord, 4; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; R. Borrows, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; Rev. W. P. Wright, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. A. Carter, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. Also several other touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob, at Whorlton-in-Cleveland by members of the Association during the afternoon,

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALNWICK (Northumberland).—On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor, with the treble at lead and tenor covering, 9 bobs 6 singles. G. R. Holmes, 1; J. C. Grey, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. Ferry (conductor), 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. For evening service, 252 Bob Triples. C. J. C. Grey, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. Conducted by E. Ferry, and first touch of Triples by all except G. R. Holmes. On Saturday, February 23rd, 1764 of Bob Triples. C. J. C. Grey, 1; J. W. Collier, 9; F. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. G. Beardall, 5; E. Ferry (conductor), 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Hutchinson (first 720), 1; C. J. C. Grey, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; W. G. Beardall, 4; F. G. Beardall, 5; E. A. Weightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 420 of Bob Triples. J. Eaglesham (first of Triples), 1; F. G. Beardall, 2; W. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; E. A. Weightman, 6; E. Ferry (conductor), 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor, with two tenors covering. A. Hutchinson, 1; E. Ferry (conductor), 2; W. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; F. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; M. Riddlestone, 8. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 252 and 161 Bob Triples. A. Hutchinson, 1; B. C. Dixon (first touch of Triples with a bob bell), 2; W. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman (conductor), 7; E. Ferry, 8. For evening service, 252 of Bob Triples, standing as before. Holmes hails from North Shields; Ferry, and Dixon from Newcastle, the rest are of the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Wednesday, March 20th, at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, short courses. E. Ferry, 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; R. Richards, 3; H. Dall, 4; A. Holmes, 5; E. Foreman, 6; J. Keen, S. T. Ferry, 8; F. Harrison, 9; T. Simm, 10. On Wednesday, March 27th, 514 Stedman Caters. W. Holmes, 1; E. Ferry, 2; J. Simm, 3; E. Foreman, 4; A. Holmes, 5; E. Wallis, 6; S. T. Ferry, 7; J. Keen, 8; F. Harrison, 9; R. Richardson, 10. Also on Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 423 and 328 Stedman Caters. Sunday, February 10th 435. Sunday 17th, 440 and 315 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, March 3rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. On March 17th, 503 Grandsire Caters, and 379 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, March 24th, 503 Grandsire Caters, and 315 Stedman Caters. The Grandsire Caters were conducted by E. Wallis, and J. Keen, the Stedman, by R. Richards and W. Holmes.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, January 20th, at the church of St. Nicholas church, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Jay, jun., 1; H. Rann, 2; G. Bleach, 3; F. Morris Bacon, 4; J. Fox, 5; W. Palmer, 6; K. Hart (conductor), 7; R. Fentiman, 8. Before service in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1407 changes, in 53 mins. J. Jay, jun., 1; K. Hart, 2; W. Palmer, jun., 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; W. Palmer, sen., 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; F. Morris Bacon, 7; R. Stredwick, 8; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 9; G. Bleach, 10.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Easter Day, for Divine Service in the morning, 396 Grandsire Cinques. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollope (Ealing, 2; W. Bales, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; H. Howlett, 5; F. J. Howchim, 6; G. Howchim, 7; E. Francis, 8; A. G. Warner, 9; F. H. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12.

SAXLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 31st, for service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Fulcher (first 720), 1; Rev. R. Pitt, 2; J. Wilson, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; A. Aldis, 6. Also another 720. W. Fulcher, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; J. Wilson, 3; F. Fulcher (first 720), 4; G. Aldis (first 720), 5; C. E. Borrett, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, at Christ church, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; the rest as before. On Monday night, December 3rd, 720 Treeton Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 9th, 720 York Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Worcester Surprise, standing as in the above. On Monday, December 10th, 720 Smithfield Surprise, standing as in the above. On Friday, December 14th, 720 Winchester Surprise,

standing as in the above. On Sunday evening, December 16th, 720 Chichester Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 720 Durham Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Bristol Surprise, standing as in the morning. On Christmas Eve, 720 Lichfield Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. For service on Christmas morning, 720 Coventry Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, December 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. H. Barnes, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob, standing as in the above. On January 4th, 720 Canterbury 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, January 6th, 720 Morning Exercise. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. On Sunday morning, January 13th, 720 Burton Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 London Treble Bob, standing as before. On Monday, January 14th, 720 Westminster Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, January 20th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Imperial Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; rest as before. On Monday, January 21st, 720 Morning Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Sunday evening, February 10th, 720 College Pleasure. D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 5. On Monday, February 11th, 720 London Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. Brierley, 5; rest as before. On Friday, February 15th, 720 Royal Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Sunday evening, February 17th, 720 Cumberland Exercise. D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Duke of Wellington. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Friday, February 22nd, 720 Stedman's Double Slow Course, standing as in the above. First on the bells. On Sunday morning, February 24th, 720 Plain Bob, (six bobs and thirty singles). D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4. On Monday, February 25th, 720 Royal Delight. J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; rest as before. First on the bells. Also 720 Plain Bob, (twenty-five bobs and ten singles). J. Brierley, 3; T. Halstead, 4; J. H. Barnes, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6; rest as before.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Easter Sunday, at St. George's church, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, on the front six, in 28 mins. J. Booth, 1; S. Marshall, 2; G. Astbury, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; J. Mottershead, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6. For 10.30 morning service, 533 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; S. Marshall, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8; E. Reader (conductor), 2; G. Marshall, 10. For 6.30 evening service, 509 Stedman Caters, standing as before.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CORRY (Glamorganshire).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting, 720 of Kent Minor. T. Harford, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Fowler, 1; W. Biss, 2; T. Evans, 3; R. Bunsdon, 4; D. J. Harford, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the parish church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. Williams, 1; A. Jones, 2; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Jones, 5; A. Grice, 6; W. Maddox, 7; F. Grindley, 8. Rung in honour of the anniversary of His Majesty King Edward VII's marriage. Also for evening service, a course of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, standing as before.

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5040.

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237546 3

s 562437 I

s 735246 2

627435 I

Continued—

s 456327 I

734256 I

627534 I

s 546327 I

s 375246 I

623475 I

376254 3

s 673254 4

426573 I

354726 I

s 763254 I

427563 I

634752 2

276534 I

342657 2

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5024.

23456 W B M H

64235 - - -

23645 - - -

62345 - - -

36245 - - -

24365 - - -

32465 - - -

43265 - - -

26354 - - -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

52364 - - -

52436 - 2 -

43526 - - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

34256 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

53246 - - -

45236 - - -

32456 - s

Repeated.

5056.

23456 W B M H

64235 - - -

23645 - - -

62345 - - -

46325 - - -

32465 - - -

43265 - - -

24365 - - -

24536 - 2 -

53246 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

Three times repeated; single half-way and end.

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.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Padiham, to-day, 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, to-day, 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.*

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), to-day, 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, to-day, Saturday, April 27th.

REV. W. T. BULFITT, *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Abingdon Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held in the church rooms, Oak Street, Abingdon, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. There will be a service at St. 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. Matthew's), to-day, 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 to-day, 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, to-day, 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 Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, April 27th, at the parish church, Ashton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

JAMES ADAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—As the St. Paul's Cathedral bells will not be available, the next meeting of this Society will

be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held afterwards at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, May 3rd, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters, Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, for transaction of very important business. All members who can make it convenient are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

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

A. E. WREAKS

J. WILSON

J. SHEPHERD

Hon. Secs.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, on Saturday, May 4th. The towers of Faversham and Ospringe will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at The Anchor, Ospringe Street, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Members intending to be present at tea, please notify not later than Thursday, May 2nd. Subscriptions, which became due on January 1st, should be paid at or before the meeting.

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 Sheffield District Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, on Saturday, May 4th.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, May 4th. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. E. J. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton, not later than Tuesday, April 30th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

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 Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Chapel, Gorton, on Saturday May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

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.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ARMLEY.—This peal was arranged for B. Cowling, an old and respected member of the Christ Church band, who now resides at Selby, and was rung on the tenth anniversary of his first peal. Also as a farewell peal to W. Walker, who has left the company and the parish, being the third withdrawal from this tower within fifteen months. The thanks of the company are here given to Mr. Holgate, of Bramley, who stood in to make up the band.

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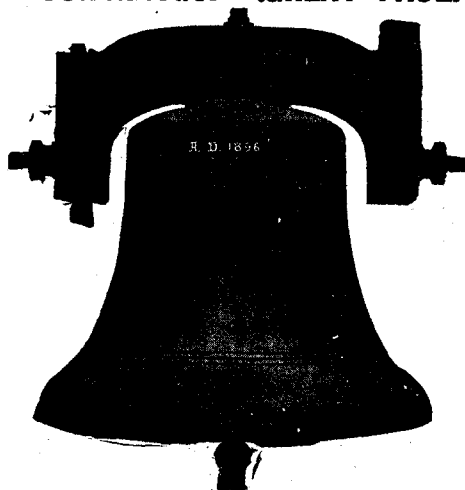
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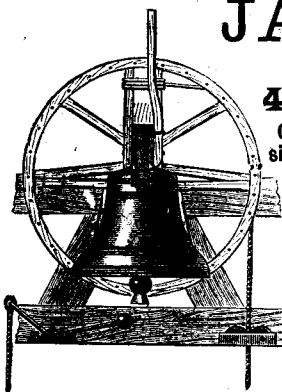
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