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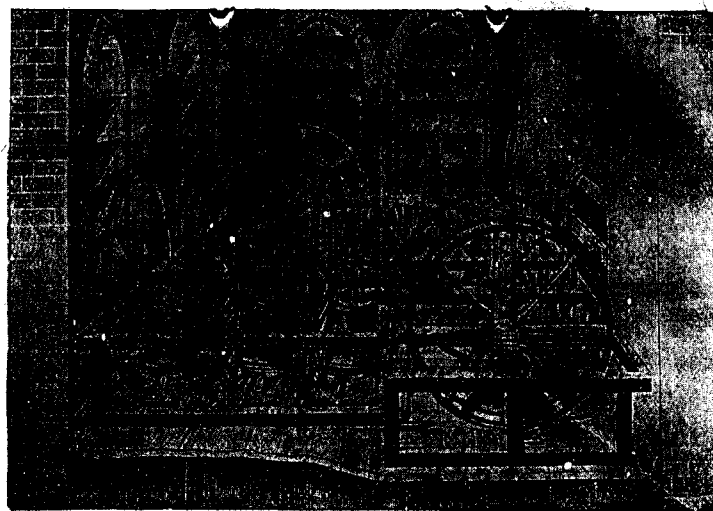
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DEDICATION OF BELLS AT DOWN ST. MARY, DEVON.

The dedication of two new bells, making a peal of five, at Down St. Mary parish church, took place on Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Ryle), and the clergy taking part in and attending the service were the Right Rev. Bishop Kestell Cornish (Rector), the Revs. J. Gay (curate), H. Bremridge (Winkleigh), P. J. Benson (Witheridge), W. H. Bowden (Bow), J. Johnson (Nymet Rowland), F. J. Coleridge (Cadbury), E. T. Allen (Zeal Monachorum), and Worthington Jukes (Shobrooke). The service connected with the ceremony was of a very appropriate character, and attended by a crowded congregation. It included the hymns "All people that on earth do dwell," "Holy! holy! holy! Lord God Almighty," and "Hark, hark, my soul, angelic voices swelling," and the 98th and 150th Psalms. The Bishop of Exeter gave an address based on the words of the Psalmist, "Let all the people praise Thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise Thee." He commented on the uses of bells, and deplored the apathy which prevailed among many people with regard to attendance at public worship. The bells were opened by a band appointed from the Guild of Devonshire ringers, comprising the Rev. G. F. Molineux (hon. secretary of the Guild), Messrs. F. Murphy, J. Sandover, and F. Shepherd (Heavitree), and F. Davey (Exeter), who were kindly assisted by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (president of the Guild), and Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter. Some Grand-sire Doubles, etc., were rung in good style, and subsequently bands from Down St. Mary, Bow, Sandford, and Spreyton handled the bells nicely in rounds and call changes. The new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and form a good fit with the three old bells, two of which date from 1754 and 1677, having been cast by Bilbie and Pennington respectively. The new bells have been hung in a separate cage up over the old three, with a pit for a third bell to make a peal of six, the tower being a very small one, only three bells could be put in in the bottom cage, and fully equipped by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, who has carried out his work in a most satisfactory manner. One of the bells was given anonymously; the other was provided by public subscriptions. It may be mentioned that the tower has been restored at a cost of £400, the old churchyard cross restored, and an ancient wayside cross, given by Mr. Barker, of Chagford, erected at the western end of the churchyard.

After service there was a public tea in the schoolroom, which was supplied by Mrs. Whitfield. Assistance at the tables was kindly given by Mrs. Gunn, the Misses Slee, Leach, and Blackmore. Much pleasure was afforded by some double-handed change-ringing on handbells by Mr. Searle, 1-2; the Rev. M. Kelly, 3-4; Mr. Shepherd, 5-6; and Mr. Davey, 7-8. In the evening there was an entertainment. Both events were largely attended.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at the Midland Hotel (adjoining the Station), Derby, at 11.0 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the same day at the same place.

The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and of All Saints (10) will be at the disposal of members and their friends from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

There will be a social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, where Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

On Wednesday, May 29th, members and their ringing friends are invited by Sir Arthur Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank from 10.30 a.m. till 1, during which time the bells (10) of the parish church close by will be available, and the experimental railway will be shewn at work.

The train service is as follows:—

Derby (dep.) ...	9.45.	10.30.	11.5.
Duffield (arr.) ...	9.57.	10.41.	11.17.
Duffield (dep.) ...	12.52.	1.11.	1.28.
Derby (arr.) ...	1.2.	1.22.	1.41.

The Midland Hotel provides excellent accommodation for visitors. Those who prefer a smaller hotel or lodgings, are requested to communicate with Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silverhill Road, Derby, local Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who will give every information.

CRANOE PARISH CHURCH.

This pretty secluded Leicestershire village with its ancient parish church, and where there is a memorial to the late Earl of Cardigan, is going to have an improvement in the shape of a reliable church clock placed in the tower, the old one being worn out, not having done duty for years. The new clock is a present from F. Underwood, Esq., J.P., Cranoe Grange, who has given orders to Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, to supply and fix the new clock. Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons are also making a new clock for Holy Trinity church, Ulverstone, north Lancashire, for the Rev. Canon Ayre, M.A., the Vicar. The old clock dial will be used again, being rather unique; instead of the figure twelve usually seen on clock dials there is a Maltese cross to denote that hour, and the Vicar wishes it to remain as before. Messrs. Potts are also fixing a new hour striking clock for C. L. Bell, Esq., J.P., at the old family mansion, Woolsington Hall, Northumberland, and have in hand a large illuminated clock for South Durham.

CHURCH OFFICIALS ON BELL-RINGING.

The following is an extract from the report of the East Retford vestry meeting, taken from the *Retford Times* :—

"Mr. Swannack observed that Retford had every reason to be proud of their band of ringers. A great deal of the efficiency of the ringers was through being well organised by Mr. Hercy Denman, and he proposed a vote of thanks to that gentleman for the trouble and pains he had taken with the ringers.—Mr. Abbott seconded. It was a marvellous thing (he said) that such a number of men could be found to stick steady to their work as the ringers had done during the eight years he had lived at Retford. He had never seen it done before in his life. There was no doubt it was hard work. It was something more than physical labour. There must be a great deal of mental strain. He remembered an older brother of his took to ringing, but he never came to anything like this in Retford. The last complete peal of the last century rung in that town terminated at 11.30 on December 31st, and a complete peal was also rung on the day of the funeral of the late Queen. These two complete peals came so nearly together that it was an occurrence which might possibly never be equalled. He did not suppose that peal ringing could be an easy thing, because the slightest error in any man's attention during probably three hours would ruin the whole thing, and as long as the men were mortal he did not see how it could be impossible that such failure should occur. They deeply appreciated the efforts of the ringers. They had done something quite out of the ordinary way. The vote was unanimously carried.

"The Vicar stated that he would be glad to give his permission to the North Notts. Ringers Association to use the tower at their annual festivals held at Retford."

RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING AT WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 9th, a supper and social evening, promoted by the Whitwick ringers, was held at the Railway Hotel. Amongst those who accepted the ringers' invitation were the Revs. J. W. A. Mackenzie and F. Boothby, Messrs. G. Underwood and T. B. Pickworth (churchwardens) and others. After the company had done full justice to such delicacies as roast fowl, roast beef, rabbit and veal pies, plum pudding, &c., the Vicar as Chairman gave the loyal toast "The King and Royal Family," which was received by the whole company in a most loyal manner. Mr. G. Underwood gave "The Bishops and Clergy," the Chairman responding. The Rev. F. Boothby (curate) gave "The Whitwick Church Society of Change Ringers," and in doing so remarked that the success of the ringers was due to the fact that there was unity in the band. He knew that the ringers had high ideals, that they were striving for things worthy of attainment, and he considered the ringers were amongst the best church-workers in the parish. He coupled with the toast the Captain (J. A. Moulton), and Secretary (S. W. West), and suggested that the toast be drunk with musical honours. The whole company therefore rose and sang "For they are jolly good fellows." Mr. S. West responded, and gave an account of the year's ringing, in which he said he had to congratulate the ringers on improvement and progress in every department of their duties. Amongst other items mentioned were the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on February 2nd with the bells muffled, this being the first peal by all Whitwick ringers, and the opening of the new bells at Hugglescote last August; the ringing of eight quarter peals during the year; and the ringing for Divine service had greatly improved, the full ring of eight bells having been rung for sixty-seven Sunday services during the year against forty-three last year. Mr. J. A. Moulton also responded. Mr. H. Partridge (senior ringer) gave "Kindred societies and all Church-workers," Mr. Bailey (Hugglescote) responded. Songs were afterwards rendered by ringers and visitors, and a most enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting of the above district was held on Saturday, April 27th. The use of the tower of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, had been obtained for the occasion, but owing to the serious illness of Mr. W. Bedwell, sen., one of the local band, the bells were not touched.

An attempt was made to get the use of the bells of St. John's church, Deptford, but owing to the Vicar not being at home his permission was unobtainable.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's, Lewisham, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 27th.

Mr. Goodbody, of Woolwich, was elected a member of the association, and the members, in passing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Lewisham for permitting the use of the bells and vestry, instructed the secretary to write informing him the reason why this privilege was not taken full advantage of. At the same time they expressed a hope that Mr. Bedwell would soon be able to again take his place among them.

A suggestion was then made that perhaps the Vicar of Lee would place the bells in the tower of his church at the disposal of the members for the evening, and about twenty started to walk to Lee on the chance. On hearing the circumstances, the Vicar of Lee at once consented to allow his bells to be used, and, on adjourning to the belfry, several touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major were rung, the bells being kept going from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Members representing the towers of Lewisham, Woolwich, Chislehurst, Bromley, Erith, Crayford, and the local band were present, and wish to convey their most hearty thanks to Rev. Clapham, the Vicar of Lee, for his kindness in placing his bells at their disposal at such short notice, and thereby bringing a meeting which, owing to the unfortunate circumstances, would otherwise have proved a failure, to a pleasant conclusion.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), on Saturday, April 27th, when the following towers were represented, viz.: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck (R.C.), Leeds, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tong, Wakefield and the local company.

Ringin commenced shortly after 2.30 with an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was successfully brought round; particulars will be found among the peal records.

The business meeting was afterwards held at The Spotted Cow inn, the president, Mr. Tom Lockwood, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and read on the motion of Mr. H. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. J. C. Abbishaw. Eleven new members were then elected, ten of them being the young band of learners in connection with St. Matthew's, Holbeck, who are making very satisfactory progress, seeing that up to the present they have had to depend entirely on the voluntary assistance of ringers in Leeds and district. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the society at Rothwell on Saturday, May 25th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for having everything in readiness was then passed unanimously and responded to by Geo. Tingle on behalf of the local company, this brought to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting. Ringing in various methods on tower and handbells was afterwards indulged in until 9.30.

AN ANCIENT CUMBERLAND BELL.

The Rev. John Baker, Vicar of Burgh-by-Sands, Carlisle writes that in all probability the bell that tolled the requiem for King Edward I. on July 7, 1307, was also tolled in St. Michael's Church, Burgh-by-Sands, on Tuesday evening January 22 last, on receipt of the news of the death of the Queen Victoria, and at the memorial service on the following Saturday. There are two bells in the fortified tower of St. Michael's Church, and they probably date from the erection of the church—about 1180. Each of the bells bears the inscription: "Saint Michael's, Ora Pro Nobis,"

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of All Saints, (10), St. Nicholas, St. Swithin, St. John's, and St. Martin's (6 bells) were open for ringing during the day, and the Cathedral bells (12) from 5 to 6.30. At two o'clock a service was held in St. Andrew's Church, which was well attended, the church being practically filled. Prayers were said by the Rev. D. Floyer, Minor Canon of the Cathedral, and an address given by the Rev. Canon Claughton, basing his remarks upon the words "Ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings; and over the sacrifice of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God;" 10th chapter of Numbers and 10th verse.

In commencing his discourse the preacher gave a hearty welcome to the members of the association, to his church, remarking it was a great pleasure to him to see so many present at the service. He then gave an interesting description of the use of the Silver Trumpets, in what manner they were used upon occasions of rejoicing, and how they were used in calling the people together to the sacrifices in the Sanctuary, and by the blowing of the trumpets when an enemy approached them, the armies were guided in their movements and various other ways. He showed the usefulness of these instruments in the time of the Jewish Dispensation, the old customs being practically abolished by the introduction of Christianity into the world, for all religious purposes bells had superseded the use of trumpets, and as a certain portion of the people were set aside for the holy office of blowing the silver trumpets, so should those who undertook the office of ringing the sacred bells in the church, consider themselves as set apart to perform a holy office in the church in these days, and endeavour to live a life in harmony with the duty they have undertaken to perform. Their presence at that service told him that they were striving to leave the ringing world better (especially in the spiritual sense) than what it had been, remarking, in conclusion, that of all the branches in connection with the Church since the Reformation, none to his mind had made such rapid strides as the ringers, which was no doubt due to our own and kindred associations.

The business meeting which followed was held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, President of the Association presided, supported by the Revs. Canon Claughton, J. A. Floyer, Worcester, and J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Lay Vice President (King's Norton).

The President, in opening the proceedings, gave a hearty welcome on behalf of himself and Chapter of Worcester to the Association, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the large number present, which showed the increased interest taken in the good work the Association were engaged in. Letters of apology were read from the Rev. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury, A. Perowne, Vicar of Hallow, H. H. Dibben, Rector of Brierley Hill, and T. J. Cartwright, Messrs. Wm. Pearce, Pershore, and H. Mason, Old Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury, and Mr. T. Brown, Worcester, were elected honorary members, and Miss M. Munn, daughter of the Rector of Madresfield, the Rev. G. C. Grist, and seven others of the same company, seven from Stourbridge, six from Grimley, two from Pershore, five from Worcester, and T. Johnson (Malvern), were elected performing members. The whole of the clerical and lay officers were re-elected, and Malvern Link was fixed as the place of next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks to the Dean for presiding, to Canon Claughton for the service and address in church were given, and suitably responded to.

At the Angel Hotel, Sidbury, a knife and fork tea was awaiting the members, which had been arranged by the Rev. J. K. Floyer and the Cathedral Guild to which hearty justice was done, and a vote of thanks was accorded the promoters. It is pleasing to remark that after four years' absence from the Faithful City this meeting was the largest the Association ever experienced. The members now dispersed to the Cathedral and other churches for ringing. A party which paid a visit to Hallow to have a ring on the new peal of bells, were very much disappointed, the ringing chamber being in such close proximity to the bells, the noise was so great that they found it

impossible to hear what they were doing. We venture to suggest (and hope it will be carried out) the addition of another floor, which would prevent the noise, and make it pleasurable to ring therein.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday morning, April 21st, the Rev. C. Dunkley, formerly Vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverhampton, was inducted into the living of Brewod by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield in succession to the late Prebendary Wrottesley. A very large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony. The oaths and declarations were duly taken and signed by the new incumbent, and the letters of institution read by the Bishop. His Lordship then delivered an address. At the conclusion the Rev. B. Archer, curate of St. Mary's, Lichfield, as representing the Archdeacon, received from the Bishop the mandate of induction, and accompanied by Mr. F. J. Keeling and Mr. A. W. Bryans (churchwardens) and the new incumbent, proceeded to the church door, and laying the hand of the Rev. C. Dunkley on the handle said, "By virtue of this mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this church of Brewod, with all rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging." The Bishop then gave the benediction, which closed the proceedings. The tower of Brewod contains a splendid peal of bells from the Loughborough foundry (tenor 23 cwt.), and seven ringers from Wolverhampton drove over to attempt a peal, but owing to a children's service in the afternoon, time did not allow of this being done. Touches were the order and 504 Stedman Triples was rung. W. R. Small, 1; J. Purser, 2; R. Pickering, 3; J. Perry, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; G. Burrows, 7; T. Perry, 8. Also 419 Grandsire Triples. J. Perry, 1; I. Purser, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; W. R. Small, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; G. Burrows, 6; R. Pickering (conductor), 7; T. O'Connor, 8. For evening service, when the new Vicar preached, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. was rung. W. R. Small, 1; I. Purser, 2; R. Pickering, 3; J. Perry, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; G. Burrows, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor) 7; T. Perry, 8.

The ringers were entertained to dinner and tea by Mr. and Mrs. Perry, and wish to return them their best thanks for their kind hospitality and hope to have an attempt for a peal on another date.

The new Vicar of Brewod was from 1876 to 1879 assistant-Curate of St. Giles's, Normanton, and assistant-Curate of St. Alkmund's, Derby, from 1879 to 1882, and in the latter year was appointed Vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverhampton.

It is worthy of notice that there has only been three Vicars of Brewod during the last century. The last two Vicars held the living for the long period of 70 years. Since 1769, a period of 132 years, there has only been four Vicars, which gives an average term of incumbency of 33 years each.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 13th, 1901, being the third Anniversary of the opening of the bells, an invitation was sent to the towers in the neighbourhood, with the result that about a dozen turned up at 6 p.m., and commenced with an attempt for a 720 of Bob Minor which was lost owing to a change-course. Then an attempt was made for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which was brought round in 26 mins. by E. Raddon, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. First 700 of Oxford by all except J. Hunt, and also first in the method on the bells. Then followed some short touches in various methods; and 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung for two of the local men. S. Radford (conductor), 1; G. Foster, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; E. Watkins, 4; G. Nicholls, 5; J. Hunt, 6. First 700 by G. Nicholls and E. Watkins. Two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, with R. Wood and A. G. Boniface taking part. All the ringers wish to thank Mr. Boniface and the Merrow band for their kindness in sending out an invitation, and expressed the hope it would not be the last one of its kind.

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

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I cannot at present accept the suggestions of Mr. Trollope and Mr. Kneeshaw about the origin of the application of the word tenor to the lowest sounding bell of a ring. I have heard them broached before, but have never been able to feel that they are satisfactory. The analogy is so imperfect. That the tenor part was originally so called because it was the real or principal part amongst voices singing simultaneously is, I believe, agreed. But in ringing, the tenor bell does not act in any similar way. The tenor in the old singing took the *air*, or tune. How can it be said that a tenor bell can perform a tune, to which the other bells have to adapt themselves?

Mr. Trollope says that "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." Up to the time of writing I don't quite see this. In the singing, the parts were proceeding simultaneously: in ringing, the notes were struck consecutively—unless indeed we should take "firing" into consideration, which, even if we did, would not help us. Mr. Trollope does not seem to me to distinguish in this case between harmony and melody. Harmony is defined to be notes sounded in combination; Melody to be notes sounded in succession. Ringing is a matter of melody, not of harmony. The question whether the rest of the bells, or of the notes on a musical instrument, are in tune with the keynote is purely a question of melody and not one of harmony at all. The application of the word harmony to the effect produced by ringing is as incorrect as if it were applied to the result produced by a person striking a scale on the piano with one finger. It is, in short, the difference between harmony and melody that seems to me in any case, to stand in the way of accepting the theory to which I am alluding.

But if the historic glimpses we get from the recent historical contributions to your columns are to have any weight, their tendency is to refute the theory altogether, because they tend to shew that the term treble preceded the term tenor. At Salisbury treble first appears in 1575, and tenor in 1615. At Writtle, tenor first appears in 1598-9, and tenor in 1638. So here we get two places, situated so far from each other as in Wiltshire and Essex, in both of which we find that the term treble preceded the term tenor by forty years. When we know, as we do, that Shakespeare in the "Taming of the Shrew," produced subsequently to 1595, uses the word treble as applied to the string producing the highest note of a lute, and in "As you like it," produced in 1599, uses the expression "childish treble," it is plain that the word treble had in Shakespeare's time assumed a meaning most natural to apply to the highest of a ring of bells. But if treble was applied to one of a ring of bells years before tenor was, the suggestions in your last number seem to be negatived, and the word tenor must have come in as a subsequent term in some way relative to treble, and having nothing to do with the tenor part in vocal harmony or the older singing. Of course there must be much more information on this subject scattered about the country in Churchwardens' accounts, but what has been disclosed to us up to now militates against accepting the antecedently improbable theory advanced last week.

Happening the other evening to be in company with some scientific musical friends, I asked them about this subject, and they expressed the opinion that if the chronological history of the terms is as appears from the Churchwardens' accounts we have had cited, the theory of your correspondents will not do at all.

Will Mr. Trollope kindly give us more detailed information of the accounts in which he has found the "Bass" bell mentioned?

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—I am wondering whether Mr. Trollope sees his way to respond to the "draw" by X.Y.Z. in your issue of April 13th.

R. A. D.

[CORRECTION.—In Mr. Trollope's letter, under the above heading, last week, the fourth word of the third line should have been "Tenor," not "Treble."]

SPEED OF RINGING.

SIR,—Looking through the peal records for this week, I see a note appended to reports of two peals: "This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells." Now Sir, as a comparatively young ringer, and a seeker after truth, may I ask if the ringers of the peals mentioned note this as a mark of congratulation to themselves, or not. I have the good fortune to be connected with a tower where there is a nice little ring of eight, tenor 10½ cwt., and I notice that visiting bands usually ring much faster than we do, our own rate being about 28 changes to the minute, while theirs varies from 30 to about 33.

Speaking as a musician, I am bound to say that I prefer the slower ringing, as fast ringing, in my opinion, results in much "smothering of the babies," i.e. the trebles. I should like to see the opinions of others in your columns.

AN ORGANIST AND RINGER.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

SIR,—In this week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" there is an appeal from the Rev. Canon Johnson, on behalf of the Rev. A. J. Alpe, of Thuxton-with-Garveston. It appears from his letter that it is proposed to recast into two bells a bell which is now in the church, and rehang the present two bells in a new frame, leaving room for two more bells at a future date.

This object is most worthy of the support of all ringers, but I venture to make a suggestion, which, I think would be much better supported by those to whom the appeal is made. The suggestion is this: why put four bells in the tower at the present time, when for a very slight additional cost five bells could be obtained? It is well-known that four bells would be useless for ringing purposes, while five bells would enable a band of ringers to be formed, and they would then use their best endeavours to help to increase the number to six or eight as the case may be, in the future, and the ringers in the neighbourhood would be more likely to assist with their subscriptions when they know that there would be a chance of ringing upon the bells.

I trust the Rev. A. J. Alpe will consider this favourably, as I am sure the result will be more satisfactory.

NORVIC.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—Perhaps some of the readers of your paper would kindly inform me when the last peal or peals were rung at All Saints' church, Oakham, Rutland, and also earliest records of the same, through your paper.

GEO. WELCH.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters from Messrs. R. Cartwright and G. Baker concerning the above method, and I am thinking that perhaps my experience of the method might not be inappropriate at the present time.

At the outset I may say that I do not consider Bristol so hard to learn as London. I formed this opinion almost immediately I received the figures of a plain lead from Mr. Ward (Cheltenham), in February last.

There is nothing very difficult about the plain course, for like Superlative the whole of the work on the front is completed before starting the work on the back, and *vice versa*, with the single exception of a run out and back and out again, after finishing the work on the front or back as the case may be. When a bob is called the back four bells repeat their work of the last lead, and the bell that has just completed its front work makes fourths and starts the front work.

Speaking for myself I may say that I learnt Bristol thoroughly in less than two hours, and although I have not rung so many Surprise methods as Mr. Baker, I shall always stick to my opinion that London Surprise is the hardest, and that until a ringer has rung a peal of it he cannot claim to have reached the top of the tree.

I trust my Brighton friends will not think that I wish to disparage their performance in any way, but I honestly think that Bristol is not so hard as London, and I feel sure that when it is more frequently rung (as it certainly deserves to be) there will be many to agree with me.

I have some printed copies of the plain course of Bristol, and shall be pleased to forward one to anyone interested in the method who will send me a stamped addressed envelope.

29, Victoria Street, Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

Obituary.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. SANDERS.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, Rector of St. Nicolas and Rural Dean of Guildford, which took place on Monday morning, April 15th, at St. Nicolas' Rectory, Guildford. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for some time, and about three months ago he went to Bath in the hope of regaining his strength. After a short stay there he returned home, having derived little or no benefit from the change, and a few weeks later he journeyed to St. Leonards, where it was hoped that his health would be improved; but the change was not attended with benefit, and he returned home once more on April 5th, thinking he would be better there. As late as Sunday evening, when he remarked he felt rather tired, he appeared to be no worse, and his death occurred with almost painful suddenness from syncope at four o'clock on Monday morning. The deceased, who had done practically nothing in church since January, preached his last sermon at St. Nicolas on the last Sunday in December. His presence there has been greatly missed, and by his death the congregation has sustained a severe loss. Our late Rector was the son of the late Admiral Sanders, of Bath. He was born on May 10th, 1824, and was nearly 77 years of age. He took his B.A. degree at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1846, where he was a contemporary of the great leaders of the Oxford Movement, many of whom he knew personally. He took his M.A. degree three years later. He was ordained deacon in 1848 and a priest in 1849, so that he had been a priest for over fifty years. From 1848-50 he was curate at Finstock, Oxfordshire. From the latter date until 1852 he held a curacy in Berkshire, and for six years he was curate-in-charge at Adderbury, Oxfordshire, subsequently holding a curacy at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for about a year. He was appointed Vicar of Gosport in 1859, holding this position until 1884. During this time he lost his beloved wife. After leaving Gosport he was appointed Rector of St. Nicolas, Guildford, which he held until the time of his death. During his residence here he had made numerous friends, and he will be sorely missed by all connected with the church, especially the ringers, whom he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells providing there were no service intervening. Last Monday, April 15th, on hearing the sad news a band was got together and rang with the bells half-muffled 504 Stedman Triples. C. Willshire, G. Foster, E. Allen, C. Hazelden, F. Blondell, S. Radford, T. W. Radford (conductor), J. Hunt. Also 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. W. Radford, E. Allen, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, S. Radford, F. Blondell, C. Willshire, J. Hunt (conductor). On Thursday, April 18th, the remains of our late Rector were brought to rest in the church for one night, and it was by an expressed wish of one of the curates that a peal should be rung to his memory. A band being arranged, a start was made at 6.30 p.m. for Bob Triples, and all went exceedingly well for 3 hrs. 3 mins., when it unfortunately came to an end only a course from home, and what would have been a good peal was lost. Such are the ways of ringing—a peal is never rung until "that is all" is said. R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, E. Allen, C. Hazelden, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt (conductor), E. Raddon. On Friday the funeral took place at Guildford Cemetery, the following clergymen officiating: Rev. G. O. Abthorp, Rev. W. H. Moody, Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Rev. Canon Valpy. The coffin was of polished oak, and the wreaths were most numerous, amongst them being one from his ringers in the shape of a heart—one in the shape of a bell was ordered, but it could not be made. On Sunday, April 21st, the bells were rung half-muffled for Divine Service.

J. HUNT.

JOE SHANE.

The death of the above ringer took place at his residence at Eckington, on Sunday, April 14th. Deceased, who was in his seventy-fourth year, commenced to ring at Eckington upwards of fifty years ago. He had taken part in six peals, all being on six bells, the first in 1858 and the last in 1869. Five of these were conducted by G. Marsden, who is still an active ringer at the age of seventy-two, and being the only one now left who

commenced to ring with deceased. Ten different ringers I find took part in these peals, but only three are left. Deceased was much respected by all who ever had the pleasure to associate with him, always being willing to assist the young learners in the Art which he so dearly loved himself; and while I pen these lines, the advice he once gave me I have often found to be too true with young men when learning ringing and courting at the same time. I had on this occasion stayed a little too long, and the rub was: "You will never make a ringer until you get married," and now my wife says ringers should keep single.

Deceased was interred at Eckington on Wednesday, April 17th, the local company being present. A 864 Kent Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled by F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Slater, 4; G. Norman, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. E. J.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT EASTBOURNE.

Although in the tower of All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, a ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt., has hung for nearly twenty years, only one peal has been rung upon them. This was on February 2nd last, on the day that the beloved and lamented Queen Victoria was taken from her island home to be laid to rest in the quiet grounds of Frogmore. The peal has been recorded in the ringing-chamber, the board being formally unveiled on Thursday, April 11th, together with another board containing the names of those who rang the last midnight peal on the bells in the 19th century. The ringers assembled first rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples, after which the Vicar (Rev. R. S. Woodward), who was accompanied by Miss E. Woodward and Mr. Seymour Woodward, read a few brief collects. Mr. Woodward, having then expressed the pleasure it gave him to come into the belfry on that occasion, said the boards which they were about to unveil recorded peals commemorating events that could never happen again. Similar peals might perhaps be rung, but never again for such events—the passing of the 19th century, and the funeral of their late beloved Queen. He congratulated the members on having rung the peals, which were very creditably performed and which had such solemn effect. He wished the ringers continued prosperity, and expressed the hope that they would go on improving in their ringing, which first and foremost was a duty to be performed for the service of God, to call the people together to worship Him.

Miss Woodward, in the absence of Mrs. Woodward, who was prevented from attending the ceremony, then unveiled the boards, which contained the following inscriptions:—

"ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Holt's ten-part), was rung on these bells on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 1901, in three hours and sixteen minutes: *John Newman, treble; *Thomas Price, 2nd; Joseph Sharp, 3rd; *Edwin Randall, 4th; George H. Howse, 5th; John S. Goldsmith, 6th; *Benjamin Hobbs, 7th; *Charles Blogg, tenor. Conducted by John S. Goldsmith. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a true mark of respect to the memory of our late beloved Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. Rev. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A., vicar; Rev. Hubert G. Stanley, curate; Col. J. W. H. Johnstone, Capt. T. F. Swinford, churchwardens. *Members of this tower. First peal on the bells."

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The inscriptions were in red and black letters on a white ground, the boards being framed in oak.

On the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Price, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Woodward for her kindness in unveiling the boards, and to the Vicar for being present to conduct the ceremony.

This was fittingly acknowledged by Mr. Woodward and also by Miss Woodward. The interesting proceedings then terminated after another touch of Grandsire had been rung.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1901.

THE present week's peal-records include a variety of performances which must be considered as unique. No less than three peals in as many Surprise methods in one day, and by the same company! Truly a most remarkable feat of endurance, displaying at the same time matchless skill and ingenuity, and the possession of high mental qualifications. The record of this marvellous feat will strike our readers with amazement when they read it; and the general opinion of the Exercise will be, we should think, that some permanent and enduring record of the performance should be made. The Westminster St. Stephen's company have in this surpassed all their former efforts.

A short time ago the Brighton gentlemen overcame the intricacies of a very complex method invented by the

Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, named "Bristol Surprise," and the pertinacity they exhibited in this effort was also deserving of great praise. Whether "Bristol" is more complex than "London" is a question we intend to help our readers to form an opinion by publishing in a very early number diagrams of each, which have been drawn for the purpose by our friend Mr. G. BAKER, of Brighton.

We read last Monday of the immense enthusiasm shewn by many people concerning a football tournament. If it were possible to educate the general public to the least sense almost of what is involved in the Art of Change-Ringing, the enthusiasm would, we imagine, have been greater after reading about such performances as those now under review. But we shall, and we can get on without what we may term outside applause. The handing down of our records to posterity is sufficient for us, and in such perpetuation we are content.

A week or two ago we were favoured with a few witty remarks by a contributor who signed himself "X.Y.Z." He sought for information of a nature which may be termed "composite;" and his opening remarks made some readers imagine that a former correspondent of ours who "went" under the name of "Joshua," was on the path again. "X.Y.Z." wondered whether our old and valued contributor, Mr. J. A. TROLLOPE, would be willing to contribute to our pages some illustrated papers on the elements of our National Church Architecture, and Mr. R. A. DANIELL alludes to this on another page in a postscript to his letter. We echo the belief, that should Mr. TROLLOPE attempt the task many of us will thank him.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW, BELL FUND.—The Bell-ringers' Society of Christchurch Cathedral; New Zealand, has contributed fifteen shillings to the Bells Fund of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow. This generous gift should act as a stimulant to sympathy and effort in this cause at home.

The Metropolis.

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On Wednesday, April 24, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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HENRY G. MILES Treble.	*ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 5.
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JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN.† .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
THOMAS G. MILLER 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

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BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
GEORGE FARDON 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is A. T. King's fiftieth peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
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On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

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FREDERICK DENCH Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	WILLIAM WARD 6.
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W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

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On Monday, April 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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On Thursday, April 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIES .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 8.
JESSE GILLET .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. 5.	JOSHUA STEPMENS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This composition has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

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

On Friday, April 26, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK WHITE .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 2.	HAROLD HUMFREY .. 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD WHITE .. 4.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 200th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY SAYER† .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE .. 5.
HENRY CORBETT .. 2.	WILLIAM COOK .. 6.
GEORGE WYATT .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. 4.	HENRY PRICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

†First peal away from tenor. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding-day of W. Cook, and on the birthday of the conductor's wife.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SPENCE .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL .. 5.
JNO. E. ASHCROFT .. 2.	JNO. W. BOOTH .. 6.
STEPHEN J. JENKINS* .. 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE .. 7.
WILLIAM HUGHES .. 4.	*ARTHUR KINSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

*First peal of Triples, and first in the method by all the band. Rung to celebrate the birthday of their late Master, Mr. H. Moston.

CHATHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

W. BATE .. Treble.	C. WINSOR .. 5.
T. TULLET .. 2.	W. J. SMITH .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	W. HAIGH .. 7.
W. EASTER .. 4.	H. HINKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY TUCKER .. Treble.	HERBERT FRANKUM .. 5.
ERNEST BRUCE .. 2.	GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
ROBERT FRANKUM .. 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal by the ringers of 4th, 5th, and 6th, who belong to the local band. C. Chapman bails from Tilehurst, the rest from Reading. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Oakley.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON* .. Treble.	*JOHN W. ROBINSON .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 6.
WILLIAM STORY .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

HORACE COPPERWHEAT* .. Treble.	FRANK KIRK .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 2.	FRED. GILBERT .. 6.
FRED. STUBBS .. 3.	WALTER GILBERT .. 7.
HENRY STUBBS .. 4.	ALFRED KIRK .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. GILBERT.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th ringers; also first peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. WALKER .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY .. 5.
CHAS. PRATT .. 2.	W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	E. WHEATER .. 7.
TOM LATIMER .. 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been re-hung.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

S. BREEZE	Treble.	F. JONES	4.
J. WOODS	2.	J. DILLON	5.
J. CLIFFE	3.	E. BREEZE	Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, April 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

HY. WOODWARD	Treble.	HAROLD HUMFREY	6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD	2.	EDGAR HUMFREY	7.
FRED. WHITE	3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8.
FRANK BARRETT	4.	RICHARD WHITE	9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	5.	WILLIAM BENNETT	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung with the bells muffled for the late Bishop of Oxford.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

WALTER C. HUNT	Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER	5.
GEORGE E. TURNER	2.	WILLIAM HENRY SHUKER	6.
JOHN SMITH	3.	JOHN POTTER	7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Turner, his brother-strings wishing him the usual compliments. Also to celebrate the visit of His Majesty's torpedo flotilla to Manchester.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, April 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BENNETT	Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB	5.
HARRY G. JUDGE	2.	HARRY BUTLER	6.
F. P. POWELL	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
JAMES FRANKLIN	4.	JOHN H. FISHER	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford.

BATH, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK, GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM F. FLOWER	Treble.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	5.
WILLIAM WELLS	2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6.
ERNEST HOLDER†	3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	7.
ALFRED RICHARDSON	4.	CHARLES DENSLEY	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

†First peal. First peal by the St. Mary's Guild, and first attempt at Major. First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and also first peal of Bob Major in Bath for 130 years.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

W. BALLS	Treble.	W. SOUTER	5.
E. E. DIAPER†	2.	G. WIGHTMAN	6.
E. HICKS	3.	A. S. WIGHTMAN	7.
G. THURLOW	4.	W. SAWYER	Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal of Grandsire. Messrs. Souter and Diaper hail from Stowmarket, the rest belong to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal, also for the use of the bells.

*The following three Surprise peals were rung by the St. Stephen's (Westminster) branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, April 27th, 1901:—***OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.***On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON	Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE	5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE	2.	JOHN W. GOLDING	6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS	3.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	7.
HENRY S. ELLIS	4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

This is J. W. Golding's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

ARTHUR G. ELLIS	Treble.	JOHN W. GOLDING	5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW	2.	HENRY R. NEWTON	6.
HARRY R. PASMORE	3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE	7.
HENRY S. ELLIS	4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

This is W. H. Pasmore's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW	Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS	2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE	6.
HARRY R. PASMORE	3.	JOHN W. GOLDING	7.
HENRY S. ELLIS	4.	HENRY R. NEWTON	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

These are all first peals in the method on the bells. A further note appears elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal published on Saturday last as rung at Armley, Yorks., on April 20th, it should appear as belonging to the Yorkshire Association and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The peal of Grandsire Triples published as having been rung at the parish church, Cirencester, should read as having been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, February 26th, a date touch, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 2 mins., consisting of 101 Victoria Surprise, 120 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Anston Surprise, Baden Powell's Victory, Arnold's Victory, Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, City Delight, Killamarsch, Merchant's Return, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 21st, for practice, 180 Bob Minor. C. Remnant, 1; G. Luff (first with bob bell), 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; W. G. Brockhurst, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. Also a course of Bob Minor. H. Remnant, 1; T. Attwell, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 6; the rest as before; and another course with H. Holden (first touch of Minor), 1. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by T. Attwell and W. G. Brockhurst. On Tuesday, March 19th, 360 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; H. Mullard (conductor), 5; T. Attwell, 6. This touch was rung on the marriage of Miss E. Sloggett, daughter of the late Rector, to Major Nash.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 30th, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 6. Also 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On New Year's Eve, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, January 3rd, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; J. R. Eastwood, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; W. Walton, 5; R. Hartley, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; N. Townend, 8. Also 704 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; N. Townend, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 576 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Taylor, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 704 Kent. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Taylor, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, January 24th, 768 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (coconductor), 8. Also 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Coventry Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On December 25th, at 6.30 a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Ely Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 180 Stedman Doubles. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. T. Prior, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and new year in, 720 Superlative Surprise and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. In the Oxford W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 2nd, for practice, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Rochester Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 10th,

for morning service, 720 Bristol Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On October 3rd, 720 College Single. E. Parr, 1; T. Teasdale (conductor), 2; J. Hern, 3; A. Davidson, 4; E. Hern, 5; G. Holmes, 6; A. Lawson, 7. On Sunday, October 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; G. Holmes, 8. For evening service another 518 in the same method. E. Parr, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; E. Hern, 5; J. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Holmes, 8. On Sunday, October 14, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes (conductor), 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Tuesday, October 19th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Gifton, 4; J. Gifton, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday October 21st, 616 Grandsire Triples. A. Tully, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. For evening service, 640 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, October 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Holmes (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson (conductor), 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 10th, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; H. Hoskins, 4; W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8. This is the quickest quarter-peal upon the bells. On Sunday, March 3rd, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; E. H. Nixon (St. John's, Deptford), 3; W. Foreman, 4; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 5; H. Flanders, 6; W. Berry, 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's Original, and rung in honour of the 38th anniversary of the marriage of King Edward VII. C. Draper, 1; C. E. Hart, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; A. H. Ward (conductor), 4; H. Fround, 5; S. Maskrey, 6; E. Willis, 7. G. Ward, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday evening, April 16th, 1920 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; T. Beckwith, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; A. MacFarlane, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

BALDERTON (Notts).—On Saturday, January 12th, the St. Peter at Gowts Society, Lincoln, visited this place and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. Lloyd, 1; T. Walker, 2; T. Greenwood, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Kirton (conductor), 5; W. Knowles, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which have recently been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, cast by Taylor, of Loughborough. A 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Lloyd, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hackney, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Kirton, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor was attempted but came to grief two treble leads from home, owing to the 5th rope slipping wheel. W. Pannell, 1; T. Walker, 2; T. Greenwood, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Hackney, 5; H. Kirton (conductor), 6. A plain course was rung with L. Wheelodon (captain of the local band), this being his first attempt at 6-bell ringing. H. Kirton formerly belonged to the Lincoln ringers, but now resides at Balderston.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Banks, 1; W. Butler, 2; W. Hulme, 3; W. Grundy, 4; T. Parr, 5; R. Fiddies, 6; A. E. Wrecks (conductor), 7; E. Hewitt, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Butler and Parr. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr (City), after Divine Service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. H. Leaker, 1; F. W. Elles, 2; F.

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G. Leaker, 3; V. J. S. O'Brien, 4; W. A. Cave (conductor), 5; A. L. Lewton, 6; J. A. Burford, 7; W. Braven, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

GIGGLESWICK (Yorkshire).—On Monday, April 8th, at St. Alkelda's church, 432 Kent Treble Bob. Edgar Brown, 1; Samuel James, 2; Sidney James, 3; William Snowdon (President of the Yorkshire Association), 4; John Parker, 5; William Fell (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford and 240 Violet, standing as before. The company were afterwards kindly entertained by the Vicar, Rev. T. P. Brocklehurst. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, March 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lish (first 504), 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; L. Payne, 3; S. Burt, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8. Also another 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; S. Burt, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. A. J. Ives, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, 1260 of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. Markwell (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. Ives, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; C. Tyler, 8.

LUTON (Bedfordshire).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, at St. Peter's church, on the day of the Bedford County meeting, 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hopper, 1; G. H. Kite, 2; J. Church, 3; W. Freeman, 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

NORWICH.—On February 16th at the church of St. John Maddermarket, 720 Bob Minor. F. Knights, 1; A. E. Fuller, 2; H. W. Stanley, 3; G. Mayers, 4; W. L. Dryfield, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Also 360 Couble Court. P. Artis, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; S. Small, 4; F. Knights, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. On March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; A. E. Fuller, 2; H. Borrett, 3; G. Mayers, 4; W. L. Duffield, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Fuller, 1; B. Rought, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; F. Knight, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. At St. Giles's church, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. P. Artis, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; F. Knights, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. H. W. Stanley, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; F. Knights, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; G. Mayers, 8.

RENDOMB (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 10th, on the anniversary of the King's wedding-day, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Haywood, 1; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 2; H. R. Saunders, 3; Fred. Lewis, 4; F. Protherough, 5; C. Williams, 6. Also four 6-scores, with A. E. Edwards, 1; the rest as before.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, March 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. A. Brindley, 1; T. Allin, 2; A. Clewes, 3; F. J. Steele, 4; T. Austin, 5; T. Mountford (conductor), 6; S. Churton, 7; J. Tittenton, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, March 9th, two 720s of Plain Bob Minor rung successively, the first conducted by A. Jacob, and the second by W. Nudds. F. H. Purton, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Burrows, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Nudds, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also on Sunday, March 10th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Plumb, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; F. H. Purton, 3; W. Dixon, 4; F. C. Newman, 5; W. Pickworth, 6.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Christmas Eve, 392 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; P. Long, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; F. L. Edwards, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. This was rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal which was lost after ringing 1100 changes. Also on Christmas day, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. And on Sunday, January 13th, a 504 in the same method containing nine 6-7s. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; P. Long, 3; J. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; W. Jennings, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE THREE SURPRISE PEALS.—Some time ago the idea entered the heads of the St. Stephen's (Westminster) branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths, that to accomplish three peals in Surprise Methods in three different counties in one day would be a novelty. The lamented death of our late Queen, and other circumstances delayed the attempt from time to time. However, seven o'clock on Saturday last found the same band who rang the silent peal of London on the road ready for the fray. Old Windsor was first on the roll, and by mid-day an excellent peal of London Surprise was brought round. This served to raise the spirits of the band, and after light refreshments, Wraybury bells were set going to Superlative. Shortly after four o'clock the welcome cry "That's all" brought peal number two to a successful close. A quiet walk into Staines, an excellent meat tea, a good wash and brush up, then for the third attempt. "Good luck to you" said some of the local men, as at twenty past six the bells were started into changes for Cambridge, and "Well done St. Stephen's" was the greeting received at the conclusion of the peal. Thus the long-talked of attempt became an accomplished fact. The band although a little "band sore" were a long way from being "heart sore," and wish through the medium of this paper to tender their sincere thanks to the Vicars and steeple-keepers of the various towers for the kindness shown to them; also to Mr. Wicks, of Staines, for so kindly arranging the tea, etc. for them. J. N. O.

THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD.—This is the first peal of Major rung on these bells, the tenor never having been rung for about thirty years owing to a huge crack in the tower, supposed to have been caused from a large portion of the tower having been cut away in which to place a stained glass window, and the terrific explosion which occurred on the quay in 1854. It was thought until just recently, that it was detrimental to the tower to ring the tenor (a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1892 with the tenor "clocked" behind), but one of our members discovered that the local band was ringing it behind, and apparently had no effect of opening the old sore out which had been plastered up. We at once got a band made up to ring this peal of Major, and fully prepared to be carried away on stretchers, as a well-known ringer in our district wrote and told me; in fact, he volunteered to bring an ambulance corps, but such was fortunately not required, he evidently thinking the two halves of the tower would not agree and part. The band should have met on one previous occasion, but turned up one short, and perhaps we benefitted by this, as after ringing a 720 of Minor, it gave us some idea of what we should have to tackle when we did go for the peal. 5.30 on Monday saw some of us there preparing bells and ropes, although the local band had done what they could before, and at 6.20 every man was at his rope, determined to score the first peal of Major which is recorded in another column, and simple as the method is, it was actually a more laborious task than ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight of our Cathedral bells, tenor 37½ cwt. The two ringers on the 5th does not however indicate that the bell could not be rung single-handed, as Mr. Ferry had illness at home, and another ringer not being available at the time, he came and rung until Mr. Hillier kindly came, as soon as he could get away, and took the rope from him to finish the peal. We wish to thank the authorities through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for doing whatever they could for us. H.

THE PEAL AT CHATHAM.—This was the first peal by the ringer of the tenor; first in the method by the ringer of the 5th; and first in the method on the bells. It was the fiftieth peal rang by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, a list of which be found on the notice page; also the fiftieth peal rung by W. Haigh. The intention was to have rung Treble Bob, but meeting one short owing to an accident, Grandsire Triples was rung.

A RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Easter Monday, April 8th, at St. John's church, Chelsea, Frank Seymour, son of Mr. W. B. Mower, churchwarden of All Saints, Wokingham, was married to Annie Stella, daughter of the late Cornelius Allen, of Barnes, Surrey. The ringers of All Saints' church, of which body Mr. F. Mower has long been a member, took the opportunity to present him with a cruet and address in appreciation of his ever-ready help in the belfry, and assistance in helping them to many happy outings, he often at sole cost to himself providing them with the necessary conveyance. On Monday, at 9.30 a.m., when Mr. Mower left for London, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, was rung, and again at two o'clock during the time of the ceremony. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. A. P. Carr (Secretary), the presentation was made by Mr. S. Paice (foreman).

Notices.

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

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

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, to-day, 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. 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 to-day, 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.

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, to-day, Saturday, May 4th.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, May 4th.

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. 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 Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, May 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Hensley, when all members who can make it convenient to do so are requested to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Childwall, on Saturday, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Sec.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—A committee meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at 5 p.m.,

at The Duke of Leeds hotel, New Mill, near Huddersfield, when the method and judges for the six-bell contest will be chosen. The ordinary monthly meeting will be held as soon as the committee meeting is over.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterley meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 18th. Further particulars next week.

S. SAKER, *Hon./Sec.*

Arran, Baldsloe Road, Hastings.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

LISTS OF PEALS.

J. W. GOLDING'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 3; Grandsire Caters 3; Stedman Triples 3; Stedman Caters 3; Stedman Cinques 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 2; Treble Bob Royal 3; Double Norwich Major 1; Double Norwich Royal 2; Westminster Surprise 2; St. Stephen's Surprise 1; Superlative Surprise 4; Cambridge Surprise 3; London Surprise (including one silent peal) 7. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 1.—Total 50.

W. H. PASMORE'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman Triples 2; Stedman Caters 3; Stedman Cinques 1; Bob Major 1; Treble Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Royal 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Royal 2; Superlative Surprise Major (including one 9312) 7; Cambridge Surprise Major 3; London Surprise Major (one non-conducted) 7; Westminster Surprise Major 3; St. Stephen's Surprise Major 1. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major, 1.—Total 50.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 22, conducted 11; Grandsire Caters 1; Plain Bob Triples 1; Plain Bob Major 1; Stedman Triples, 16, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 2.—Total 50—conducted 12.

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On Tuesday, April 16th, for practice, 1901 Stedman Triples in 1 hour and 10 mins. Wm. Gordon, 1; Thos. Sale, 2; Cecil Darwin, 3; J. Allan Gordon, 4; Samuel Mitchell, 5; A. A. Barnes, 6; Wm. Gordon, jun. 7; James W. Bailey, 8. The touch, the figures of which will be found in the next column, was composed and conducted by Wm. Gordon, and it is the greatest length of Stedman by Messrs. Darwin, Mitchell, and Bailey. Mr. Barnes hails from Reddish, a district lately added to Stockport.

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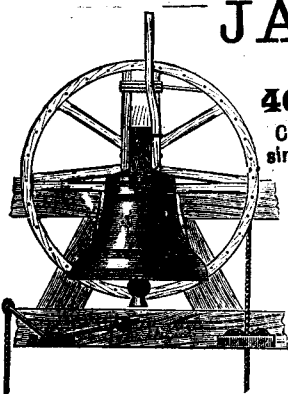
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