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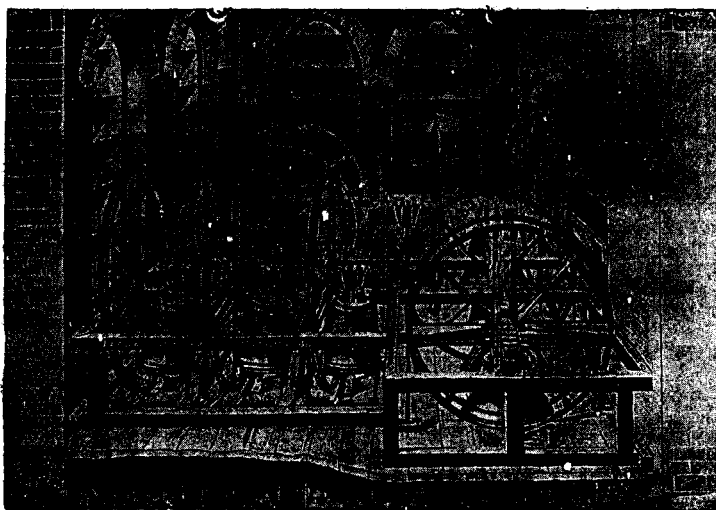
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. Saviour's churches were open for ringing. An excellent tea was provided at The Victoria Dining Rooms, to which 101 sat down. This was considered a very good number, and it also shews the popularity of Leicester as a place for ringers' meetings. Amongst those present were the Ven. J. E. Stocks, Archdeacon of Leicester, Rev. A. M. Rendell, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rev. H. E. Sherlock, Vicar of St. George's, Rev. J. P. Hales of Cotgrave, Rev. A. T. Beeston of New Mills, etc., etc.

At the business meeting immediately following the tea, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the President briefly reviewed the Treasurer's account for the past year, where he found the balance in hand was practically the same as at the previous audit, but he regretted to see that at the present time the subscriptions of members were in arrear to the amount of £22, and urged the members to be more prompt in their payments, and thus save the various secretaries a considerable amount of unnecessary labour.

The auditors, Mr. Walter White and Mr. Thos. Squires, having respectively proposed and seconded the adoption of the balance-sheet as printed in the new report, it was accordingly passed.

Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., then read a list of the twenty-three peals rung during the present year—twenty on tower and three on handbells. He considered this a very good record indeed, and was pleased to see that seven of these peals had been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, whose death they all deeply regretted. He was also very glad to see that three peals had been rung in three methods by the new band at Melton Mowbray, also one peal each at Wirksworth and Whitwick. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for their presence at the meeting, at which he thought they had a record number present, and coupled with the vote the name of the Archdeacon of Leicester.

Mr. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough, having seconded this, it was put to the meeting and carried with applause.

The Archdeacon replied, and said how pleased he and the other clergy were to welcome the Association to Leicester.

Burton-on-Trent was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting. Loughborough and Melbourne were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and on being put to the meeting it was found that a large majority were in favour of Loughborough.

The Ven. J. E. Stocks, Archdeacon of Leicester, and Rev. H. E. Sherlock, Vicar of St. George's, were elected honorary members; three life and thirty-one ringing members were also admitted.

The President said it had been decided in committee that "If the entrance fee for members elected in a tower

previous to an attempt for a peal be not received by the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full names and addresses, and names of proposer and seconder, such election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association."

The Secretary having received notice of proposed alteration of rule 8 as follows: "In rule 8, line 4, strike out the words 'within one month of Easter Meeting,' and insert 'in the month of January, and shall take office immediately after election,'" the chairman put it to the meeting, and it was carried by a large majority.

The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary having been nominated for re-election by the Burton-on-Trent and Leicester branches, and having signified their willingness to again take office, were duly elected.

The business meeting being closed the remainder of the evening was spent with tower and handbells, some capital touches being rung by the talented Leicester and other gentlemen.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. The weather during the early part of the afternoon was very unpropitious, being cold and wet, but fortunately improved during the day. The ringers were pleased to find that this year they had been granted the use of the St. Peter-at-Arches bells, and some good touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples were brought round during the afternoon. At 5 p.m. an adjournment was made for tea at the Co-operative Hall, which was most excellently arranged and carried out—some 120 members of the Guild doing ample justice to the good things provided. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. H. Law James, the Master of the Guild, presiding. The minutes of the meeting held at Grantham were confirmed, and the following officers elected: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; Treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Larken.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James it was decided next year to issue a joint report of the work of the Guild, instead of the four reports of the separate branches as at present, all accounts being made up to the 31st December in each year.

Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough) explained fully what steps had been taken by the Committee appointed to arrange for the production of a guild certificate, and produced a sketch of the proposed design, which was unanimously approved by the meeting and ordered to be carried out. It is proposed to sell the certificates to members at 6d. each.

A vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells concluded the Guild meeting, and the Northern Branch then held their annual meeting. From the accounts it would appear that the financial position of this Branch is most satisfactory, there being a balance of £48 3s. 8d. in hand. The officers were elected, and other

routine business transacted. During the evening at the Cathedral some good touches in various methods were brought round, though owing to the strength of one ringer exceeding his discretion, the stay of the 6th bell gave way. This did not in any way deter the Master of the Guild from piloting the stayless bell with his accustomed skill through some touches in the most intricate methods.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. There was a good muster of members present from Wolverhampton, Darlaston, Tipton, Smethwick, Handsworth, Walsall, Bloxwich, West Bromwich and other places. The bells were started into changes about three o'clock, but owing to funerals a stop had to be made for them to take place. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, which was well attended by the members present. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar of West Bromwich, the Rev. M. M. Connor, who is a honorary member of the society, and who gave a very interesting address, and also very cordially welcomed the members to the parish church. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, the Vicar presiding, at which some ratifications took place, and some new members were elected. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Business over, the Vicar conducted the members round the fabric and fully explained certain restorations that had taken place, which proved very interesting, especially some new choir stalls made of oak and beautifully carved with figures and other ornamental decorations.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, kindly lent for the occasion, where a good knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness. Seats being taken, "go" was called, and ample justice was done by all present to the good things provided. The Secretary having explained the business done in committee, a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also for the address and for his kind explanation of the interior of the church.

A move was then made to the tower, where some touches in various methods were successfully brought round, thus winding up a most enjoyable afternoon.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1901, a very interesting ceremony was performed at the parish church, Bolsover, by the unveiling of a brass peal tablet to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of 5040 changes by members of the East Derbyshire Association. The members of the Association were invited to a special service at 4.30 p.m., the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Colston), who is also President, reading the prayers, and giving a very instructive address to the ringers who were present from Bolsover, North Wingfield, Ashover, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Ault Hucknall, and Ripley. After service the ceremony of unveiling the tablet took place, the Vicar reading very appropriate prayers, during which the tablet was unveiled by Mr. J. Bingley. The visitors were then entertained to tea in the school by the local ringers, to which fifty sat down. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the local ringers for their hospitality, also to Mr. J. Bingley for unveiling the tablet, and the Vicar for his address in church. The tablet bears the following inscription:

"EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, January 26th, 1901, in 3 hrs. and 3 mins., at the parish church of Bolsover, a peal of 5040 changes, being seven 720s of Minor, each called differently. S. Coupe, *Treble*; S. Coupe, 2; J. Goodwin, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. Flint, *Tenor*. Conducted by J. Flint. Was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. This is the first peal ever rung by members of this Association."

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STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Norton-in-the Moors, on Saturday, May 4th, when forty-one members were present from the following towers: Bucknall, Cheddleton, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, Brown Edge, Tunstall, Crewe, Audley, Fenton, Leek and Norton. After tea, the Rector of Norton (Rev. E. J. Bromley-Kingston), gave a most interesting account of the ancient history of Norton, which was greatly appreciated by all the members present. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the Norton ringers, said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering before him, and he could assure them that their visit was a very welcome one, and he also wished to draw their attention to the fact that it was the Rector's birthday, and he was sure that all present wished him many happy returns of the day. The Rector thanked them for their good wishes. Mr. S. Dale (Rector's warden), said that it was the first time that he had ever been in the company of the ringers' Association, and he hoped that it would not be the last, as he was sure it was doing a good work. Mr. J. Holdcroft (people's warden), also said how pleased he was to be there that day to extend to them all in the name of the parishioners a most hearty welcome to the village of Norton. Mr. W. Twigg (the worthy Secretary), then moved a vote of thanks to the Norton ringers for the bountiful tea which they had provided, which was seconded by Mr. G. Woods. The members then made their way to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until 9.30, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

A FLYING VISIT TO EDINBURGH.

A full day's North Eastern Railway excursion gave several members of the Durham and Newcastle Association the opportunity of again attempting a peal of Stedman Caters on the fine peal of ten bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. We arrived at 11.45 on Saturday, May 4th, and after a snack en route, found all in readiness in the handsome belfry, thanks to Messrs. Ellis, Fife, and Heathcote. Our lucky star however was not in the ascendant, and after several futile attempts the object had to be abandoned owing to the time being insufficient before evensong at 5 o'clock. A touch of Stedman Caters and 840 Treble Bob Royal were rung, and then several courses of Grandsire Caters in which Messrs. Price, Heathcote, Ellis, and Winston, of the local band, took part. The beautiful models and other objects of interest were much admired in the belfry, as also were the arrangements overhead, and the fine view from the tower parapet. The St. Mary's society entertained us to a most *recherche* dinner at Bisset's Restaurant in the Haymarket, to which full justice was done. The Rev. —. Reed (belfry chaplain), occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. R. S. Story and G. G. Cunningbame, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. C. C. Ellis. The rev. chairman welcomed the visitors in a few words and proposed their healths, to which Mr. R. S. Story responded, thanking all for their hearty welcome and the excellent arrangements for the flying visit. He trusted to be able to bring another band again to make a certainty of the peal of Stedman Caters.

Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, in endorsing Mr. Reed's remarks, said they (the St. Mary's ringers) hoped to have the assistance of some of their Durham and Newcastle friends at the opening of the fine peal of ten at Glasgow shortly to be dedicated. To this Mr. Story promised that every assistance should be given, and that the Durham and Newcastle Association would feel honoured. Two courses of Grandsire Caters followed, notably one by our Edinburgh friends, who are making rapid strides now. W. Fyfe, 1-2; E. Price, 3-4; W. C. Heathcote, 5-6; C. C. Ellis, 7-8; R. Honeyman, 9-10. The following were the band who came to attempt the peal: G. R. Holmes, R. S. Story, W. Story, J. A. Gofton, T. T. Gofton (conductor), J. W. Robinson, E. E. Ferry, J. J. Leighton, W. T. Robson, J. E. Keen, and C. L. Routledge. We left for home at 7.50, having spent a most enjoyable time, and we wish to thank the St. Mary's society for their excellent hospitality, and the Dean and Chapter for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

C. L. R.

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MILD AND BITTER.

Half an hour ago I was the happiest of mortals. I was enjoying the time being to the full. I use the word full advisedly, for the hour to dine had just passed into the limbo of things beyond recall, and having performed the onerous duty of replenishing the inner man, assimilating the same by mild and bitter—or in the language of the immortal Keats—"the blushing hippocrene with bubbles winking at the brim," I was at peace with all men, and myself in particular. A cloudy morning had given place to a glorious summer day, and as I lay on my back with my feet in the "inverted home position," i.e. on the mantel; I was convinced that life was worth living. Through the open window came the twitter of the birds, and a faint humming sound, of which more anon.

I have a confirmed leaning towards spiritualism, and as I lay half-dreaming, a still small voice said "Get up and write, you are a nice critic, *you* are;" to which another voice within me replied—"Don't, it's too hot; besides to-morrow will do."

My spiritual guides were arguing it out, and the humming sound grew louder. It grew to a buz buzz buzz, and something flew in through the window and made straight for my oilfactory—I should say olfactory—appendage. A sudden sting—I raised my hand and smote it a terrible smite—and a wasp lay dead in a twinkling. That settled the question, my spiritual guides retired, having another appointment elsewhere, and I got up. I think that wasp had a mission, and it died for it. It must have been a jingo wasp hankering after more of the white man's burden!

I see that another of our brethren has been led to the halter—I mean altar—but it means the same. Mr. John C. Truss has got himself trussed up at Great Marlow, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson has talked to him like a father. I can never understand why a man should "settle down" when he gets married unless it is because it takes him all his time to "settle up."

On turning Benedict, a ringer must cease peal-ringing—for a while—he goes marketing instead—for a while—and the meeting house with its sing-song and handbells know him no more—for a while! But it wears off like the enamel on a new bike, and in a year or so our better halves find more to do, little things want stitching, and our brother finds his way back again to the fold. I shall have to present Mr. J. C. Truss with a copy of my great work entitled "How to be Happy though Married."

Up to the time of writing I have not seen the agenda for the Central Council meeting. I would yield to no man in my admiration for the work of the compilers of the Analysis, but it has occurred to me that the enormous strides our Art has taken the last year or so will necessitate an addition to the schedule of points. I refer chiefly to handbell ringing and silent peals both on hand and tower bells.

The mental strain of these is only known to those who pursue these particular branches, but at present a silent peal of Stedman or Double Norwich in hand counts no more than a conducted peal in the tower. Obviously this is an injustice. We may at any moment now read of a double-handed peal of Superlative by a band which has recently accomplished some brilliant performances on the tower—*verb. sap!*

I hear from a German paper that the lovers of the Saurkrout gave very little attention to the Kaiser's "accident." They regarded it very much the same as we do when we read that some actress has "lost her jewels." In other words these exciting episodes are usually "fakes," and contain as much advertisement as those thrilling accounts we read of which conclude with somebody's pale pills for pink people. I mention this because as your old favourite Plain Speaker and myself are about to collaborate on a shilling shocker entitled "Bloodshed in the Woodshed," you can look out in the "Morning Howler" or "Daily Wail" for something like this:—"Bus overturned! Thrilling account." As the Walthamstow bus was turning Selborne Road to-day, a fly got under the off hind wheel throwing it completely on its side. Although the bus was not running but was being drawn by four men into a carriage-builder's shop for repairs, it is the actual vehicle that the cele-

brated journalist "Plain Speaker" travels by once a month to fetch his salary. "BELL NEWS" readers will be glad to know that he is no worse for his marvellous experience.

Or this: "Shortly before noon to-day, the well-known writer "Jingle" had an hairbreadth escape from certain death. A huge stone weighing several tons fell from a seven-storey building into the street below with a terrific crash. Fortunately "Jingle" made no attempt to catch the stone as it fell, as he was at that moment some miles away; but had he been underneath, his body would have been crushed into an indescribable pulp." How awful!!

So the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill did not come off. Well there was no change-course, be it said, but it failed owing to the bad "go" of the fifth. Before starting for the 10,030, the highly-respected conductor, Mr. J. Pettit, said: "If any one finds his bell won't stay the time, and goes badly, please say so at once. It will be better to stop rather than ring a bad peal."

That is the way to talk; and when they try again (probably on Whit-Monday), may I be there to see—and hear, but it will be a tough job with a ring of bells the tenor of which is over two tons.

It is over forty years since the last long peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths, viz., April 27th, 1861. Some of the band are still alive, and hope to hear the next. By a curious coincidence, the younger generation of Youths on the anniversary last week did something which will make history. The Oxford Guild years ago wanted to ring London, Cambridge and Superlative in one day, but did not succeed, although they got three peals, including Double Norwich. It remained for the St. Stephen's Westminster London silent peal band to claim the triple crown in Surprise peal-ringing. What is more they rang them in three different counties. Let me give them their due. Sit tight, there's no danger.

St. Stephen's band on an April morn
Rose with the sun, and each man said
"By us shall the triple crown be worn
And a legacy left to the race unborn,
For ere another day shall dawn
We'll paint "THE BELL NEWS" red.

So forth they went a noble crew.
The selfsame men of the silent peal
Of London,—to raise a record new,
Superlative, Cambridge, and London too;
All in a day! By Jingle! true
'Tis enough to make one reel.

And merrily rang the bells that day
In counties three, till the sun went down.
But when they halted from the fray,
Each ringer's heart was light and gay,
For the deed was done; and the victor's bay
Was twined in the triple crown.

On Fame's bright scroll their names stand high,
And we who have learned some bitter truths,
How thorny the path of those who try,
Shall we the merited praise deny?
No! up to the brim, fill, drink, and cry
"Bravo! the College Youths."

JINGLE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, have received instructions from the Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle to erect new clocks at St. Mary's Church, Rye Hill, and St. Anne's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. They are also making new clocks and chimes for St. Mary's parish church, Ambleside, Westmorland, and Ledsham parish church, South Milford, West Yorks., and large illuminated clock for banking premises, South Durham.

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.

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AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 5.—To receive a Report from the Committee for the definition of a Legitimate Method.
- 6.—To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
- 7.—To receive any further Report of the Technical Terms Committee.
- 8.—To discuss the following motions:—

- (a) "That in the performance of a Peal of Triples any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers of bells than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs, must be corrected, the bells restored to proper coursing order, and the striking steadied in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached, or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

(In the event of a definite decision being arrived at by the Council on the points covered by this motion, a decision may be invited on the postponed motion of last year, viz.: "That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose, for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final.")

- (b) "That it is desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (A) an Association, and (B) a Company of Ringers."

9.—To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently-proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent from time to time to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

No contribution up to the present date has been received from the following Societies:—Bath and Wells Association, Durham and Newcastle Association, Ely Diocesan Association, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Lincolnshire Association, Liverpool Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties' Association, and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Hon. Secretaries or Treasurers of these Societies are earnestly requested to forward the contributions with all necessary information as to changes (if any) in Representation, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, May 7th, 1901.

THE CHIPPING BARNET GUILD.

The annual dinner of the above Guild was held on Thursday, April 11th, at the Church House. The Rector (the Rev. D. W. Barrett, M.A.) presided, supported by the Revs. B. E. Weekley and H. G. Elton (curates), Mr. A. T. King (Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association), and Mr. F. A. Milne. Others present were Messrs. J. Sumpter, E. Dolton, J. Wittey, W. Baldwin, E. Merritt, W. Parker, F. J. Chandler, and A. E. Dolton, of the Barnet band; Messrs. E. Marshall, W. Dell, and S. Roberts, of the Hadley band; and G. W. Hollis, of South Mimms. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. C. Osborne, Ayen, E. Secker, and Bodger. The feast was admirably served by Mrs. E. Dolton, assisted by Mr. J. Sumpter, Mrs. A. E. Dolton, Miss Dolton, and Miss Handscombe. Gifts from the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Shotter, and Messrs. A. T. King and F. A. Milne added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. After dinner the Rector gave the toast of "The King," which was heartily received. Mr. A. T. King followed with the toast of "The Rector and Clergy," to which the Rector and the Revs. Weekley and Elton responded. The Rector then gave the toast of "Mr. A. T. King," which was received with applause, and to which Mr. King responded. A very interesting discussion then followed on the recent correspondence in "BELL NEWS" on churchwardens' accounts respecting bell matters. The musical portion of the evening was opened by a pianoforte duet by Miss Dolton and Mr. J. C. Osborne, followed by songs from the Rev. H. G. Elton, Mr. Will Pendleton and Mr. F. J. Chandler. The splendid banjo solos by Mr. Aven (which were heartily applauded and encored), Mr. Will Parker's graphophone, violin solos by Mr. Hollis, and mandoline solo by Miss Dolton, added greatly to one of the most successful evenings in the records of the Guild. The singing of "Auld lang syne" at an early hour in the morning brought to a close a generally acknowledged "jolly good time."

FARNHAM, SURREY.

The annual dinner was held at The Lion and Lamb hotel on Monday, April 15th. The chair was taken by the Rev. Gardner (Rector), who was supported by the four churchwardens. The harmony of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, and the principal toasts. Songs were sung by A. White, H. Garfath, sen., H. Garfath, jun., A. J. LeClercq, C. Fry, F. A. Barnett, G. Cranham, F. Foot, H. White, and others. A few touches were rung on the handbells, the striking being very good.

KIRTON LINDSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

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Correspondence.

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

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I cannot prove the theory I put forth as to the reason for the use of the term "Tenor," nor have I had opportunity of looking for more information on the subject. In a case of this kind much must always be left to conjecture. At the same time I cannot understand Mr. Daniell's difficulty about "harmony" and "melody." If people always used terms in their strict technical meaning, there might be some force in his objection. But they don't. Melody is used to describe a sequence of musical sounds. Harmony in its narrowest technical sense is used of the accord between notes struck at the same time. In a broader sense it is used of the accord between sounds generally. In a broader sense still it is used of the agreement between almost anything. The arrangement of the bells in any particular row in any method may no doubt be a matter of melody, but the accord between the various bells can certainly be called a matter of harmony. I do not remember the place or rather places where I have seen mention of a "Bass" bell, but Mr. Daniell will find cases in L'Estrange's "Bells of Norfolk" unless my memory serves me wrong. In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the kind way in which Mr. Daniell and you also, Sir, suggest my taking in hand a series of articles on Church Architecture. It is my ability I doubt, but I will see what can be done.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

29, Denmark Road, Ealing, W.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have no wish to hold any argument with Mr. Cave re the above method, but I was very much surprised at his remarks on the method in your last issue, and with which I entirely disagree. First I cannot understand how anyone by just a casual look, or even by learning and ringing a few courses of Bristol Surprise (as Mr. Cave as done) can pronounce it to be an easier method than London without having first rang a peal of it. Then as to being able to learn off the plain course in two hours, it does not take some of us half that time merely to do that. Therefore it does not follow that learning a method and ringing a peal in the same is anything of a criterion as to its intricacy, therefore to make a long story short, until Mr. Cave has rang a peal of Bristol Surprise I (as conductor of the peal rung), cannot for one accept his verdict on the method. Bristol Surprise practically contains nearly all London Surprise ringing, with extra tricky additions, five bells being also effected at a bob. Therefore I think if looked at by anyone without prejudice, theory alone will claim a higher standard for Bristol than London Surprise.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

SIR,—In your issue of April 6th, Mr. Baker, in eulogising this method says it contains no consecutive places. I notice that a bell makes 5ths and 4ths going down to lead, and another 4ths and 5ths, the reverse of the former. If these are not consecutive places, will he kindly enlighten me what are consecutive places?

H. HOSKINS.

44, Brand Street, Greenwich.

THE THREE SURPRISE PEALS, ETC.

SIR,—Allow me to offer my hearty congratulations to Messrs. Oxborrow, Brice, and Newton, and the other members of the band on their unique record published in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS," a record enhanced by the fact of the peals having been rung in three different towers. St. Peter's society, Brighton, have long talked of trying to secure this record, but events prove that we have put off the trial too long, and although we are sorry to have lost the record, I am sure the members of St. Peter's society will all join in the hearty congratulations to the band so well deserving.

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Mr. Cave's letter in your last issue needs little reply. I have never (to my knowledge) said that Bristol Surprise was

difficult to learn. It is not so, but theory is not PRACTICE, an ounce of PRACTICE is worth a ton of theory. May I suggest to the talented band who rang in the three peals of Surprise on April 27th, that if they have not already started to practice Bristol Surprise, to do so now (the method is well deserving of attention), and when they have scored their first peal in the method, to give us their views in "THE BELL NEWS" as to which they consider most difficult to ring, a peal of London or Bristol Surprise.

G. B.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD AT WARWICK.

On Saturday, April 27th, several members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Messrs. Coleman and George, of Rugby, visited St. Mary's church, where they were met by the local society. The occasion of the visit was the unveiling of an oak tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Martin's Guild in May 1900. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thurstan Rivington, Vicar of St. Mary's, in the presence of the assembled ringers and other interested visitors. Several touches of Caters and Triples were rung during the afternoon, in which some of the St. Mary's band made their first appearance in Caters. After tea, to which a company of twenty-four sat down, a move was made to All Saints, Emscote, where there is a good peal of eight, on which several touches were rung. The St. Mary's society hope this may be the first of many such pleasant visits.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 17th, at the parish church, Eccles, the wedding was celebrated of Herbert James Miller, Esq. to Miss Elsa Mary Collman, daughter of the German Consul at Manchester. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the service was fully choral. During the afternoon the bells were kept going, and several touches were rung, the most noteworthy being a 720 of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering, by J. Gratrix, T. Grattan, J. R. Pritchard, J. Barratt, C. Cash, H. Trippier, R. Ridyard (conductor), and A. Trippier. This was followed by 720 Grandsire Minor by J. Gratrix, J. Barratt, T. Grattan, C. Cash, R. Ridyard, A. Trippier, J. R. Pritchard (conductor), and H. Trippier.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A YEAR'S RECORD.

BACUP (Lancashire).—From September 1st, 1899, to August 31st, 1900, which is the Association ringing year, there has been one hundred and forty-three 720s rung by the members of the above tower in sixty-one methods, being twenty-eight Surprise, twenty-six Treble Bob and seven Plain. The methods are as follows: Oxford Treble, 9; Woodbine, 7; Kent and Duke of York, 6 each; Violet and Plain Bob, 5; London, Superlative and Merchant's Delight, 4; Bristol, Worcester, Durham, York, Cambridge, College Treble, Killamsh, City Delight, College Exercise, 3 each; College Single, Dewsbury, Chelsea, Cumberland Exercise, Lichfield, Chichester, Wells, Carlisle, Coventry, Ebor, London Treble, Burton, Bocking, Westminster Treble, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Morning Exercise, Symphony, Braintree, Tulip, Primrose, 2 each; Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Double Court, Stedman Slow Course, Imperial, Place Treble, Rochester, Ely, Ringers', Huddersfield, Oxford Single, Chester, Lincoln, Albion, Canterbury Surprise, Winchester, Westminster Surprise, Treaston Surprise, Victoria, Smithfield. In addition to the above a peal of Surprise Minor has been also rung at the above tower, being the first by the Association. The following took part in the ringing: J. H. Barnes, 136; J. S. Lomas, 134; E. J. Cockroft, 113; D. Briggs, 113; J. Brierley, 110; L. Holt, 103; H. L. Cockroft, 68; J. H. Smith, 39; J. Smith, 20; W. Smith, 11; G. Shottin, 6; Z. Lord, 5; A. L. Hardman, 1. I think the above shews that our practices have not been neglected. J.S.L.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1901.

The business paper for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council will be found on another page. If the items are not so numerous as they have been, it might be hazarded that the motions put down for discussion are important. The stipulations and conditions of what shall be called "a true peal" in the future are to be made clear and plain, and it is hoped that the voice and authority of the Council upon such an important matter may be acquiesced in, and not only so, but heartily and cheerfully obeyed. The unpleasant episodes we have been troubled with several times during the past few years, viz.: attacks upon the truth of peals, may be avoided if every ringer who is engaged in such affairs arrives at a strong determination that they shall be performed in strict compliance with the rules laid down by the Council.

If a member of a peal-company has any doubt, it will be much better to bring the attempt to an end than have as a result of such doubt a long recriminatory correspondence. After the Council has decided upon what conditions are absolutely necessary for the performance of a true peal, then every member of the Exercise should strive their utmost so that such dictum shall never be thought a dead letter.

The paragraph following the Agenda is one which could have very well been absent. Certainly sufficient notice has been given of what is required. It is hoped that not a line of this will it be necessary to repeat.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
HARRY DICKENS 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Mr. Harry Dickens, formerly of Birmingham, now of St. John's, Deptford, was elected a member of the Middlesex Association prior to the commencement of the ringing.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 7.
HENRY G. MILES* 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 8.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Ezra Carter a much respected member of the above society, and a parishioner of St. James's, who died on April 24th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
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Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR, and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

*First peal of Major away from the treble. †First peal of Major.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	FRANCIS POWELL 5.
JOHN MONK 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS 6.
THOMAS BULL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
FRANK A. MILNE 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	EDMUND LINDUP 6.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	HARRY MEETEN Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Norris, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The company were afterwards entertained at supper by Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris at their residence, Becket Road, West Tarring.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	JOHN BARBER 9.
HARRY MIDDLETON 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. THORNLEY Treble.	T. BOWLING 5.
J. E. FLEETWOOD 2.	J. GREGORY 6.
G. PINCOTT 3.	W. PENNINGTON 7.
J. H. MAKINSON 4.	P. HARGREAVES Tenor.

Conducted by W. THORLEY.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT 7.
FRANK ROLFE 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

W. J. Nevard bails from Great Bentley, Essex, C. Sillitoe from Sudbury, Suffolk, the rest belong to Ipswich.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED REEVES .. Treble.	J. C. TRUSS 5.
T. H. TAFFENDER 2.	REV. F. L. NASH 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. S. HAWKINS* 4.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the day of the annual meeting of the East Berks. branch of the guild.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	*CHARLES TRIBE 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 6.
SIDNEY SAKER 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WALTER FRANKS 6.
THOMAS CARD 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	*CHARLES BUSS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal and belongs to the local band. This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

BENJAMIN R. MEESON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	†EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 6.
HENRY H. SOMERVILLE† .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
JAMES SMALL 4.	*F. HALLSWORTH, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the 30th birthday of B. R. Meeson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	*PHILIP W. DAVIES 7.
WALTER BRYANT 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	ALBERT WALKER 9.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	*WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted tittums and handstroke home positions as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Day, wife of John Day, the respected presiding ringing master of the Guild. *Fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5.
BEN CHORLEY† 2.	†WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER† 3.	†ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
GEORGE GUNNER† 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. WILLSHIRE.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Grundy, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, November 4th, 608 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Tully, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Dix, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; T. Teasdale (conductor), 2;

A. Davidson, 3; J. Browell, 4; A. Tully, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Holmes, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully (conductor), 5; G. Holmes, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, November 18th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Holmes, (conductor), 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson (conductor), 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Wednesday, November 21st, 826 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg (first touch), 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5; E. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On December 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Tully, 1; T. Teasdale, (conductor), 2; A. Davidson, 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Dix, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On December 9th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. E. Keen (conductor), 1; J. Browell, 2; A. Davidson, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; E. Hern, 6; J. Hern, 7; A. Tully, 8. On Wednesday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hogg (first 720), 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Hern, 3; E. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; E. Hern, 5; G. Holmes, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; T. Teasdale, 3; A. Davidson, 4; A. Tully (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6; G. Holmes, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; W. Hunt, 3; A. Davidson, 4; J. Hern, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; T. Teasdale (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; T. Teasdale (conductor), 3; A. Davidson, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Browell, 1; A. Davidson, 2; E. Hern, 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Dix, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Clark, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; F. P. Howcroft (conductor), 6. 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. F. 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, 2; A. C. 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 (first 720 in the method), 4; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell (first 720 in the method), 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.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, 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. McFarlane, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

WHOMLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Stephenson, 1; R. G. Greenwood, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; H. Ord, 4; R. Haswell, 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. A. Hardy, 1; R. G. Greenwood, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; N. Kidd, 4; R. Haswell, 5; A. Barratt, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDLE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On November 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Maries, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; John Tipping, 3; Jas. Moore, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; Tom Allanson (first 720 in the method), 6. On November 4th, 720 Plain Bob, 18 bobs 6 singles. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; R. Seddon, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On November 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. John Fell, 1; R. Seddon, 2; John Tipping, 3; Jas. Moore, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On November 24th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; John Tipping (first 720 as conductor), 3; E. Tipping, 4; J. Hardman, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On November 16th, 720 in the same method, 42 singles. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury, standing as before. On November 21st, 720 Canterbury. W. Bamber, 1; C. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R.

Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On December 23rd, 720 Oxford Single. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson (first 720 in the method), 6. On December 31st, 720 Plain Bob, with the bells half-muffled, for evening service. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. After the above service, another 720 in the same method, with the bells open, to welcome the new century in. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; C. Kerr, 4; E. Tipping, 5; Tom Allanson, 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, January 9th, at the church of St. John, Waterloo-road, 336 Bob Major. E. Hazelden, 1; F. Perrin, 2; W. Shepherd, T. Langdon, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; A. Hardy, 6; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 7; H. Langdon, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On January 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Dalby, 3; W. James, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Goodacre, 6; H. R. Bartram (conductor), 7; R. Young, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. W. Spiby, 1; J. Goodacre, E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; C. Dalby, 6; H. R. Bartram, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. On January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Dalby, 3; J. Barnes, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; R. Starbuck, 6; W. James, 7; T. Gillet, 8; H. R. Bartram (conductor), 9; R. Young, 10. Also another 350. W. Spiby, 1; W. James, 2; J. Barnes, 3; C. Dalby, 4; H. Bartram, 5; R. Starbuck, 6; J. Goodacre, 7; R. Young, 8; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 9; T. Gillet, 10. Tenor 8-6-10 covering.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On January 20th, 720 New London Pleasure. Wm. Lane, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; Geo. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On January 27th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; Geo. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. A. Broom, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On February 3rd, 720 London Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane (first in the method), 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; Geo. Hayes, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; R. Brett, 2; W. Lane, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; Geo. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—Several members of the above Association spent a very enjoyable evening in the above tower, when the following was brought round: 720 Oxford Bob. E. Jacobs (Swanmore), 1; W. Singleton (Wickham), 2; W. Cooper (Swanmore), 3; S. Cummins (Shedfield), 4; G. E. Chappell (Wickham), 5; A. Millard (Swanmore), (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch (Wickham), 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), A. Millard, 6. Mr. G. E. Chappell at the finish thanked the captain of the local band on behalf of the ringers for the hearty welcome they had received.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On November 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; N. Welch, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On November 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Singleton, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On December 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; W. Singleton, 3; A. Gale, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. F. Churcher, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Harper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; N. Welch, 4; J. Harris, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. Harper and J. Harris hail from Portsea. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, rung with the bells muffled as a mark of sympathy on the death of the late beloved Queen. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; N. Welch, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 12th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells, in 17 mins. R. Wilding, 1; H. Moore, 2; A. Moore, 3; R. Moore, 4; F. Froude, 5; G. Molton, 6. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Molton, 3; F. Froude, 5; H. Turner, 6; R. Moore, 7-8; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes in 50 mins. F. Froude (conductor), 5; J. Chinery, 6; G. Molton, 7; H. Turner, 8; the rest as before. On

Thursday, January 17th, on St. Mary's church bells, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. G. Debenham, 1; J. Chinery, 2; A. Hammond, 3; G. Lilley, 4; F. Froude, 5; M. Blake, 6; F. Hunt (conductor), 7; H. Turner, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, by the St. James's company, at the Norman tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Farrant, 1; A. Moore, 2; G. Molton, 3; W. Salisbury, 4; G. Lilley, 5; G. Debenham, 6; H. Turner (first attempt as conductor), 7; R. Moore, 8. A. Moore, who rang the 2nd, is a lad about eighteen years of age, who has been learning the Art of change-ringing for about a year, and great credit is due to him for his success. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, with the bells deeply muffled, 324 Grandsire Caters. G. Debenham (conductor), 1; G. Molton, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; G. Farrant, 4; R. Wilding, 5; H. Simpson, 6; A. Bridges, 7; G. Lilley, 8; H. Turner, 9; R. Moore, 10.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Sunday April 14th, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Caters. W. E. Judd, 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; T. E. Miller, 4; J. T. Kentish, 5; A. E. Bradley, 6; A. F. Harris, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; E. H. Phipps, 10.

COSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, after Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples in 16 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Low, 8. First 504 by the local band. On Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; S. Baker, 3; J. Small, 4; B. Gough, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Daw, 8. On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 23 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; S. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; E. Goodreds (conductor), 4; J. Roberts, 5; W. Mullett, 6; W. Fisher, 7; A. Low, 8.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. C. Otway, 1; E. Hull, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Newnham, junr., 5; W. Crockford, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Messam, 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Cropley, 10.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Chandler, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Town, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; C. H. Walker, 8. On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Wilson, 1; —, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Taylor, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On December 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keates, 1; —, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; H. Warnett (conductor), 4; J. Town, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barret, 7; T. Clews, 8. On New Year's Eve, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Keates, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On New Year's morning, January 1st, to welcome in the new century, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; H. Barret, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Keates, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Taylor, 5; C. H. Walker, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 17th, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. W. Westlake, 1; T. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Hunt, 3; W. Everett, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 6; J. Deeks, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. First 720 by all except the conductor and W. Everett. On Friday March 22nd, another 720, standing as before. As this was Mr. Fitzjohn's first 720, and his birthday falling on Easter Sunday, he entertained the company to dinner on the 9th of April at The Dolphin inn, where a capital spread was provided by host and hostess Sharpe. After dinner, several touches were rung on Mr. Fitzjohn's handbells, including the following: 280 Grandsire Triples. W. Westlake, 1; E. Dunk (conductor), 2; T. Fitzjohn, 3; E. Hunt, 4; C. Carter, 5; W. Everett, 6; W. Spalding, 7; J. Deeks, 8. Also 144 Bob Minor. E. Dunk (conductor), 1; T. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Hunt, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Everett, 5; W. Spalding, 6. Mr. Spalding, who was captain of the old company, accepted the invitation, and as he is unable to take an active part in tower bell ringing, the ringers were pleased to have his company on the handbells. Several songs were sung during the evening, which was a most enjoyable one, and the band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fitzjohn for his hospitality.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Allen, 1; Wm. Glead, 2;

Walter Glead, 3; S. Watkins, 4; T. Hart (conductor), 5; E. J. Webb, 6. On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice, 720 College Single. F. Allen, 1; E. Allen, 2; Wm. Glead, 3; Walter Glead, 4; T. Hart (conductor), 5; E. J. Webb, 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

THE LATE EZRA CARTER.

The funeral of Ezra Carter, whose death we announced last week, took place at Bocking Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, May 2nd, 1901. By the large number who attended, it was evident that deceased, by his quiet, unassuming manner and generous disposition, had won the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Ringers, about twenty in number, were present from London, Bocking, Braintree, Bishop Stortford, and Rayne. The corpse arrived at Braintree by the 1.30 train, and was borne to the Washington car by Messrs. A. Hickson, W. Hammond, H. E. Hammond, F. Calthorpe, F. Rudkin, and Webb, Braintree ringers, and was met at the cemetery gates by W. Moore, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade, and C. Bearman, Bocking ringers, who, assisted by F. Rudkin, carried him to his last resting-place. The funeral service was impressively said by the Rev. E. V. Casson, senior curate. Soon after the service the bells of the parish church were pealing forth their deeply muffled tones, the local company, of which deceased in his younger days was a member, first handling the ropes, and afterwards by visiting ringers, all being anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to one whose frequent visits to the neighbourhood had been a pleasure to many. In the evening the bells were again rung deeply muffled, to allow those who were unable to be present at the funeral, to pay their share of respect, and at Braintree and Coggeshall, touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

Ezra, as he was generally known, was a safe ringer and excellent striker, a member of the Essex Association and College Youths, and his loss will be keenly felt by the latter Society. Before his illness he was regularly to be found in the belfry at St. Paul's Cathedral every Sunday for the ringing for Matins. He had rung peals in most of the standard methods, on eight, ten, and twelve bells, including the peal of Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung by twelve men only, in which he rang the tenth, being the only peal rung upon those bells with the tenor rung single-handed; but of none was he prouder than the peal of Minor, in seven Treble Bob methods, the only peal ever rung upon the bells, in which he rang the tenor, on January 22nd, 1892, in his native village of Bocking, upon the bells he first learned to ring and loved so well.

At BRAINTREE (Essex) with the bells half-muffled, after the late E. Carter's funeral, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, O. Elliott, G. Williams, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. J. Collins, W. Farrow, E. W. Beckwith, E. F. Slade.

At BOCKING (Essex) at the parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, after the late E. Carter's funeral, 720 Bob Minor. S. Sargent, F. Radley, W. Moore, C. Bearman, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade (conductor). Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. S. Hayes, E. W. Beckwith, G. Williams, P. Holmes, H. J. Tucker, D. Elliott (conductor). And in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Sargent, F. Radley, F. Rudkin, A. Chaplin, E. Radley, W. Grimwade (conductor).

At COGGESHALL (Essex) on the same day, 704 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, C. Norfolk, W. Dyer, H. Evers, J. Saddler, J. Newman, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. The bells were half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Carter, who was an intimate friend of the ringers, and whose name is on a peal-board in the tower.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—As a mark of respect for the late Mr. Ezra Carter, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, eight members of this Society assembled at the church of St. Margaret, Ipswich, and attempted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled. A. Gillingham, W. Motts, W. L. Catchpole, J. Motts (conductor), L. W. Wifien, F. Rolfe, W. Roughton, R. H. Brundle.

At ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, May 6th, before evening service, the usual whole-pull-and-stand was rung as a mark of respect for our late E. Carter, by the following band; H. Flowers, sen., H. Flowers, jun., T. Mash, W. Mash, J. Mash, T. Coleridge, W. Perry, F. Eagar, A. Mash, G. Mash, L. Rayfield. Tenor 51 cwt. 2 qts.

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5040.

23456	I	3	8
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated.

5040.

23456	I	3	8
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
23546	S	-	-
54236	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeated.

These peals have the 6th 24 courses at home.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
MAJOR.

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5088.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
54032	-	-	-
54326	B	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated,

By T. T. GOFTON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne*.

5056.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

Has the 5th and 6th their extent without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and 2nd only six courses in 5ths.

BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *Fulham*.

5120.

23456	W	B	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Three times repeated, single for bob half-way and end.

If the following part is used in lieu of the third part the peal will be :-

5008.

23456	W	B	M	H
45326	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

5056.

23456	W	B	R
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-

Three times repeated, singles half-way and end.

A NEW METHOD.—KING
EDWARD SURPRISE MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *London*.

12345678

21436587
12435678
21346587
23164857
32618475
23168457
32614875
23641857
32468175
32641857
23468175
32648715
23467851
24368715
42637851
24367581
42635718
46237581
64325718
46235178
64321587
64235178
46321587
64312578
46135287
64315278
46132587
41623857
14268375
41263857
14628375
14263857

16423857B

This method has all the places made the right way, also the bells in coursing-order in front and behind. I might remark that methods containing the above combined qualities are very scarce.

FALSE TOUCH.—We regret to say that the date touch of Stedman Triples, by W. Gordon, is false,

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.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Chapel, Gorton, to-day, 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, to-day, 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, to-day, 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 to-day, Saturday, May 11th, at 5, 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 quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available, Christ Church, St. Leonards (Warrior Square Station), 3 to 5, Christ Church, Blacklands (Hastings Station), 3 to 5, and 7 to 9. Tea will be provided in the school-room adjoining the church, at 5.30, at which the Vicar, Rev. Alfred Hodges, will preside, and all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Those intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, May 15th.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow 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.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 18th. Meeting at 3.30 for unveiling of peal tablet by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President. Ringers desiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 16th. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh, on Saturday, May 18th. Members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice to Mr. John Alcock, sen., Leigh.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Almondsbury (8 bells). Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, May 18th. Rings of eight at Keighley and Denholme, and of six at Oxenhope and Haworth will be available. Tea in the school at five o'clock; business meeting to follow. Cheap return fares from Leeds and Bradford by Midland. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. A. Pawson, Fernhill, Oxenhope, Keighley, to whom notice for tea and other communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Swan hotel at 6.30.

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

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Oldbury, on Saturday, May 25th. Particulars next week.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Shifnal, on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Alnwick, the peal of eight in St. Paul's tower being open for use of the members all day. Committee meeting at Stow hotel 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m.; 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must advise the Secretary before May 22nd.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ripon, on Whit-Monday May 27th. Dinner (one shilling each) at The Black Bull hotel, Old Market Place, at 2.15; followed by annual business meeting at 3.15. Committee meeting same place, 1.45. Members intending to dine, kindly inform the Secretary by Tuesday, May 21st. Sharow tower (eight bells), about one mile out, open all day. Ripon Cathedral tower (ten bells), open 12 to 2, and again at 4. REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The entrance fee for members elected previous to an attempt for a peal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, otherwise their election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association.

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

Catgrave, Notts.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Loughborough District.—The local Hon. Secretary is now Mr. J. Hutchby, 11, Albert Street, Loughborough.

NOTES TO PEALS.

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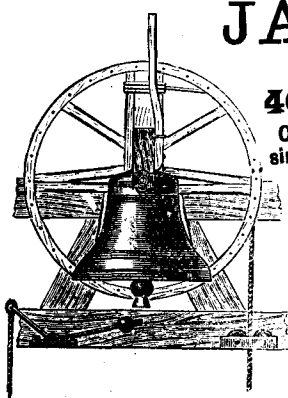
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