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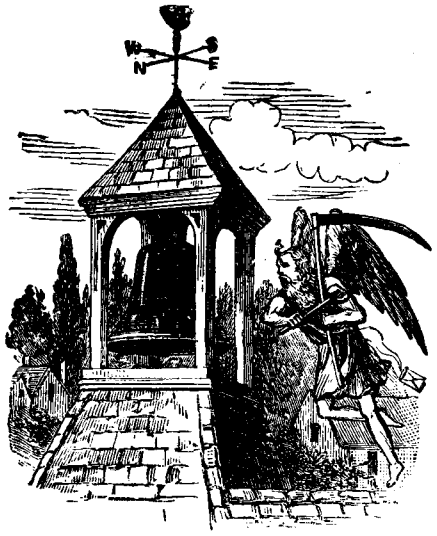

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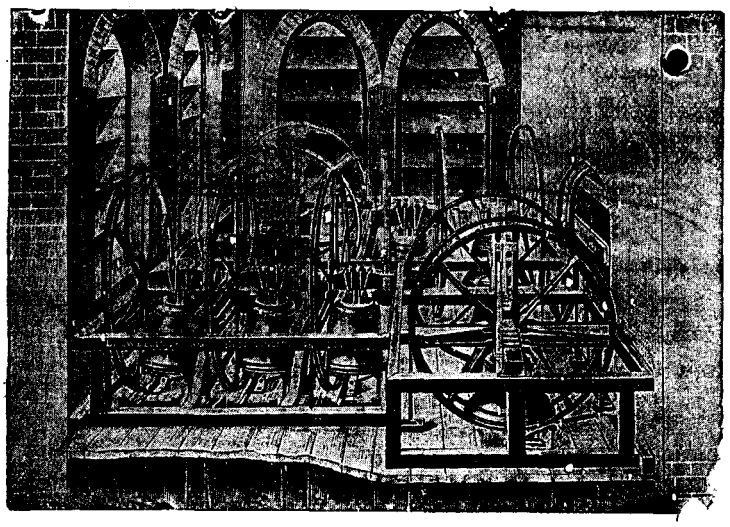

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ST. PETER'S, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

A fortnight ago, the Secretary of the Congleton company (Mr. J. Perry) informed our readers of the circumstances attendant upon the stoppage of the bells of the above church. Since then we have received the following extract from the *Congleton Chronicle*, which it is thought will be very interesting to our readers:—

"St. Peter's Church and the Corporation.

"St. Peter's bells are now silent, and the ringers have resigned for reasons already explained, but we think our readers would like to know some more particulars about the dispute. We believe the following to be a correct statement of the facts. The church was originally a Corporation chapel, erected in former days for the convenience of the inhabitants. The present edifice was built in 1741, partly by subscriptions and partly out of Corporation money. From time immemorial the Corporation have repaired the fabric and the bells, have paid the ringers (though for some years, at any rate, the churchwardens have borne a portion of their salary), and made other payments in connection with the church. Practically these liabilities have been discharged until a few months ago, when the Corporation refused to pay the customary £8 per annum to the ringers.

"Formerly, the Corporation had the appointment of the incumbent, but in 1835 the Municipal Corporations Act directed all municipalities to sell their advowsons for the best terms that could be obtained. Several attempts were made to dispose of St. Peter's advowson, but it was not till 1890 that they obtained what was considered a fair offer. In that year Mr. Rowley, the father of the presen patroness, paid the Corporation the sum of £500 for it, but on the understanding that they should continue all the paymen:s that had been theretofore made, including the repair of the fabric, and the liabilities already mentioned. In the deed of purchase are contained express covenants to that effect, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners were parties to the deed according to the provisions of the act.

"Many people consider it rather a strange thing that what is now a parish chnrch should be entitled to these payments at the hands of a municipality, but the explanation appears to be not only immemorial custom, but the conditions of the deed of sale of the advowson. Not unnaturally some members of the town council enquired during the late town-clerk's term of office whether they were compelled to make these payments. Eventually it was agreed to submit a joint case to counsel, but the terms of the case were never settled. More recently the Corporation submittted one of their own to eminent counsel, who advises that the payments made since 1835 were all illegal, and that no liability exists on the part of the Corporation. The churchwardens have also obtained an opinion from equally eminent counsel, which is entirely in their favour. We have read the act in question, which defines the duties of Corporations with regard to their funds. It directs the sale of advowsons, but does not state that money shall not be applied to ecclesiastical purposes. It names the objects upon which the funds are to be spent, borough purposes generally; but expressly reserves any liabilities existing before the passing of the act. Many Corporations had liabilities which could not now be legally created, and the framers of the act seem to have no desire to ride roughshod over them. There was more than one case in point at Liverpool with reference to some of the churches there, and the City Corporation have had to pay a considerable sum to rid themselves of the charges.

"The Congleton Corporation are trustees of the ratepayers' money, and are naturally unwilling to devote any of it to what they have been advised is an illegal purpose. St. Peter's authorities are in a sense trustees, and cannot relinquish what they are advised is a legal right, and it is very unfortunate that the counsel on either side are so diametrically opposed to each other.

"St. Peter's officials contend that Mr. Rowley would have only paid a small sum for the advowson if the liabilities referred to were to be transferred to the church. St. Peter's is a poor living; and in those days advowsons had not a high money value. It has been suggested that the matter should be submitted for the decision of a Chancery judge, which would cost at the lowest £250 for each party; but we are informed that the matter in dispute is only about £20 per annum. Arbitration has also, we believe, been suggested, but here also the question of expense is a difficulty, but surely some arrangement could be made which would prevent the necessity of spending £500, and probably a larger sum, in law costs.

"The associations connected with the Corporation and its old church are extremely interesting, and we are sure that the sound of the bells, used so long for both sad and joyful occasions, will be greatly missed, though this is only a part of the matter in dispute."

A writer in the above-mentioned paper thus remarks on the matter:—

"'God direct the Consultation of the Corporation, 1720,' is the legend to be seen moulded on the 4th bell in Congleton old church tower. *Verb. sap.*

"The money involved is so small that everybody is wondering at the action of the Congleton town council in refusing to pay its share of the ringers' salary. Everybody does not know that the late Mr. Rowley paid the Corporation £500 as purchase-money for the advowson. If the Corporation intends shirking its responsibilities, let it refund the money to Mr. Rowley's executors.

"Meanwhile the scandal remains, and our Sundays must pass without the music of the St. Peter's bells. The toll of the curfew is even worse, as it is the same bell that tells the approach of a funeral. We confidently look to our town fathers to at once remove the gag, and set the beautiful octave once more free. 'God direct the Consultation of the Corporation.'"

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting, which was held at Birstall on Saturday, January 18th, passed off very successfully. The Annual Report gives the total number of members as 1,079, nine members having died during the year, whilst the names of sixteen others have been struck off the books for non-payment of the year's subscription, such being the strict business-like rule of the Association. Of these 1,079 members, only 350 are now annual subscribers, the balance of members now free from payment being made of five Patrons, thirty-eight Hon. Members, 581 Life Members (ten years' membership on 11s. 6d. subscription), and 104 non-resident members. Under these circumstances the Committee may be congratulated in their financial confidence in distributing 750 free copies of the Council's Glossary of Ringing Terms. The year's peals total up to fifty-six, and these were distributed over thirty-five churches. We hope to give further details next week with an outliue of the sermon preached by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A., of Birstall, s qualified ringing member. The invested funds amount to £200, with an additional £35 3s. od. in the Savings Bank, and it is entirely by these that the Yorkshire Life Membership—of which the Association is justly proud—is supported.

We are asked by the President to say that during the indisposition of the Hon. Secretary, all communications should be addressed to himself, 24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, or to the Hon. Treasurer.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

A large peal-board has recently been placed in the ringing-chamber at the parish church. The board is entirely of oak, and contains eight panels, of which two are filled with records of peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples rung last year. The remaining spaces, it is hoped, will be filled at no very distant period. The board has been made by that well-known ringer, Mr. James Hunt, of Guildford, and is 7 feet 9 inches wide, by 8 feet 2 inches high. The maker is to be heartily congratulated on the manner in which he has carried out the work, and the ringers at Aldermaston are very pleased with it.

The expense is borne by C. E. Keyser, Esq., of Aldermaston Court, and it need hardly be said that the ringers are very much delighted at this tangible proof of his appreciation of their efforts.

FULMER, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11th, a uery successful friendly meeting for combined practice in change-ringing was held at Fulmer, ringers to the number of twenty-four being present, representing Stoke Poges, Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal, and the local company. Proceedings commenced about five o'clock with a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor and a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. At six o'clock the company adjourned to The Black Horse inn, where a very nice tea had been provided by the Rector. After tea Mr. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. S. T. Bridges, for his kind invitation, also for providing them with tea. The tower was then again visited and the bells were kept busily going until nine o'clock.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

Through the kind hospitality of the Rector of St. John the Divine, Brixton, the members of the above Society were entertained at dinner at the schoolrooms, Vassal Road. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Brook, presided, and was supported by the Rev. F. Deeds.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rector, in an interesting speech, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers once again, and took the opportunity of thanking them one and all for their services.

The cloth being removed a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Charge, G. Wild, T. Langdon and W. Langdon, after which a capital programme of music was gone through, including selections from the gramaphone, manipulated by Mr. G. Wild, tune playing on handbells by the brothers F. and J. E. Davis, songs by Messrs. West, Belcher, J. E. Davis and Jacobs, accompanied on the piano by Messrs. G. Wild and F. J. Shepherd.

The toasts were numerous, amongst which, the Rev. F. Deeds, in proposing "The Waterloo Society," referred to the good work done by it in regard to Sunday ringing, and hoped their bells would continue to be rung as regularly as possible on Sundays.

Other toasts followed; and the company dispersed with pleasant reminiscences of the evening's enjoyment.

HORLEY, SUSSEX.

The annual supper of this society took place on Wednesday, January 1st, in the quaint old parlour of The Six Bells inn. The supper which was prepared by host Gosden, was well served, and declared to be one of the best the ringers had ever held. About thirty sat down to supper. The Rev. H. T. Lewis in proposing the loyal toast of "The King," alluded to the change that had taken place since they last met, and of the great affection that still lived in all Englishmen towards the loved but dead Sovereign, and it was this that made them appreciate so much His Majesty who was following in her steps.

The chairman in proposing the toast of the evening—"The Ringers of Horley," said he was afraid that many parishes did not appreciate their ringers as they should, and he thought that even in Horley very few parishioners had been up in the belfry to see their ring of bells. The ringers held a most important place in Divine Worship; they ushered in Sunday, and called them to all services, besides which they were always teaching lessons by their varying notes and merry peals. He thought the whole parish ought to be glad of their loyal and most regular band of ringers, who were never late at a service, and who made up in quality for all they lacked in quantity.

During the evening the handbell ringers gave several performances, and songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Songhurst, Edwards, Kenward, Tribe, Harvey, Wood and Parsons.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

The Thetford St. Peter's ringers partook of an excellent dinner at The Dolphin inn, on Friday evening, January 10th. Mr. A. R. Smith presided, and with the assistance of Mr. W. Sparrow gave several selections on his gramaphone which were very much appreciated. The chairman was supported by Messrs. A. Lane, S. Read, R. Greenacre, W. Chalk, and ex-captain W. Spalding, who although unable to take an active part on the tower bells is pleased to join in with the handbells when possible. After dinner the toast of "The King and Queen and Royal Family" having been drunk several touches were rung on the handbells. The toast of "The St. Peter's Comaany" was then given by Mr. Lane, and responded to by Mr. Dunk, captain, and Mr. A. C. Sayer, hon. secretary, who commented on the satisfactory progress the band had made during the year 1901, having rung two peals of 5040 changes in the neighbourhood, and several long touches on the St. Peter's bells, and were looking forward to a peal in the near future. The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Mr. Sayer and responded to by Mr. W. Chalk, who said that the more he saw of ringing the more interested he was in it, and had he been brought into contact with it in earlier life he should certainly have become a ringer. "The Chairman" was given by Mr. T. Fitzjohn and that gentleman suitably replied. Songs were sung during the evening by various members of the company, and Miss Agnes Edwards, niece of the hostess, contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing three capital songs. A most enjoyable evening was then brought to a close with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

CHOIR AND RINGERS.

The Vicar of Sonning (Canon Holmes), invited some forty members of the choir and ringers as his guests to a supper in the Pearson Hall on Monday, January 20th. After the usual patriotic toasts had been honoured, the Vicar proposed "The Choir and Bell-Ringers," thanking these bodies for their past services. In the course of his remarks Canon Holmes said that if it was true what Handel said, that "England was a bellringing country," Oxford was certainly a bellringing diocese.

Songs and recitations contributed by the guests whiled away a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

APPEALS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

The following two letters have been sent for insertion :—

CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.

DEAR SIR,—May I use the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," to ask you for help in our endeavour to re-hang the bells of Christ Church in this town. The peal, which is described in old records as one of the most melodious in the kingdom, has been silent for over fifty years, and consists of eight bells, the tenor weighing 24 cwt. The estimate for re-hanging is £281 exclusive of a new floor with steel girders. Contributions will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, Rev. J. St. Clere Hick, M.A., Christ Church Vicarage, Macclesfield, or myself.

CHARLES GALLEYMAN,
Hon. Secretary of Christ Church Belfry.
23, Turnock Street, Macclesfield.

ST. HELEN'S BELLS, WORCESTER.

DEAR SIR,—As I see the preliminary notice of the Central Council meeting to be held at Worcester on Whit-Tuesday next, I take this opportunity of asking you to favour us by inserting a few lines in your valuable paper, in respect to the old peal of bells at St. Helen's. I may say that it has been a long time since the ringers in Worcester have been able to ring these grand old bells, and the time has now come when both the Rector, churchwardens, and ringers are striving hard to get them re-hung, half the amount of cost being already subscribed, and as it is our wish to get them open for the Central Council meeting, we should be glad if you would invite subscriptions for the same, to be sent to the Master of the Worcester Cathedral Guild of Ringers, Mr. C. Jones, Vincent Road, 39, Wylds Lane, Worcester; or the Secretary Mr. H. Johnson, 1, Sansome Villas, Chestnut Walk, Worcester; or Mr. A. Hill, Burgehill Terrace, Wylds Lane, Worcester; by whom any subscriptions will be most thankfully received.

THE LATE MR. ERNEST J. DENNES.

As announced in last week's issue of this paper, the above-named gentleman passed away on Monday, the 13th inst. at the comparatively early age of forty-six. Deceased complained of feeling unwell the early part of the previous week, but was not confined to the house until Friday 10th inst. The doctor was called in and he was found to be suffering from severe inflammation of the bowels. On Sunday evening there was no hope of his recovery, and on Monday morning, peritonitis having set in, his death took place at eleven o'clock. Mr. Dennes came to Wellingborough from Hailsham, Sussex, twenty-two years ago, starting in business with his brother as a printer, stationer, and bookbinder, and he was one of the best known and respected tradesmen in the town. All through his life he had evinced a great liking for bells, and although he never aspired to being a scientific change-ringer; he always struck the treble well in the methods he rang. As regards bell archæology he was an undoubted authority, and always ready to impart any information on that subject. He joined the Wellingboro' belfry in 1881, and by his great capability for organisation made that belfry what it is now, one of the most orderly and well kept of its kind in the county. He was better known, however, as Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, to which he was unanimously elected in 1892, and it is largely due to his energy and ability in that capacity, that the association holds the position it at present occupies. In November, 1899, Mr. Dennes was the recipient of an oak-cased chiming clock, which was subscribed for by all the members of the above association as a recognition of his valuable services as secretary. Mr. Dennes was unmarried, and lived with his brother and two sisters, for whom much sympathy is felt in their bereavement. He was carried to the grave by the members of the Wellingboro' belfry, who placed a handsome wreath on the coffin. A wreath was also sent by the various Northampton belfries, and by the local branch of the Hearts of Oak Society, of which he was the Hon. Treasurer. The esteem in which he was held was apparent by the number of friends and tradesmen who followed the funeral cortege, numbering over eighty. Muffled ringing took place in Wellingboro' after the funeral also in the majority of towers in union with the association in the county.

THOS. R. HENSHER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday last, the members of St. Peter's belfry, Irthlingborough, met at 6 p.m., and rang several touches on the bells, half-muffled, out of respect to Mr. E. J. Dennes, late Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bellringers. He was respected by all. C. NEWMAN.

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Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Christmas Day, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1901 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 19 mins. W. Southwick, T. Stockdale, F. Highfield, G. T. Marshall, T. Clark, J. Dixey, D. W. Brown, G. S. Miller, C. Jackson conductor, J. W. Dale, Composed by A. Knights, Chesterfield.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(EYE BRANCH.)

MENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch consisting of 1182 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 13 mins. G. A. Tyte, W. Arbon, A. A. Baker, A. Clements, F. W. Foster conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, January 12th, at the Abbey church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Hollis, W. Wolfe, 2; A. Allen, A. Holmes, J. T. Woolley conductor, J. Osborne.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Christmas Day, December 25th, on handbells, 336 Bob Major. H. J. Borrett, C. E. Borrett conductor, F. R. Borrett, E. Borrett. Also at St. Mark's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs.) F. R. Borrett, E. Borrett, A. Wier, F. R. Surridge, W. Roope, C. E. Borrett conductor.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Monday, December 23rd, 1260 Stedman Triples. G. R. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. W. Metcalfe, G. F. Clarke, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes conductor, R. Miles. Composed by John Carter. On Christmas Day, for morning service, 576 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. T. Winter, G. F. Clarke, G. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes, R. Miles. On Saturday, January 4th, 1277 Grandsire Caters. T. Spurr, G, F. Clarke, A. T. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. Swannack, G. W. D. Metcalfe, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter composer, J. B. Joynes conductor, F. W. Abbott. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. E. Taylor (curate at East Retford) and Mrs. Taylor on their return from their honeymoon.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH.—On December 21st, at St. Leonard's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief after ringing about 1000 changes, through a mistake in the slow. J. W. Howard, W. Overton, J. Elcock. J. E. Groves conductor, B. Head, H. W. Overton, J. Overton, H. Jones. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. J. Overton, J. W. Howard, J. Elcock, J. E. Overton, B. Head, W. Overton, J. E. Groves conductor, H. W. Overton. And on Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service 504 Stedman Triples. B. Head, A. T. Baker, J. Elcock, E Foxall, J. E. Overton, H. W. Overton, J. E. Groves conductor, W. Overton. Also on Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 560 Oxford Bob Triples. A. T. Baker, J. Overton conductor, J. Elcock, E. Foxall, B. Head, J. E. Overton, H. W. Overton, W. Overton. Also on Tuesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, 756 Stedman Triples. E. Foxall, A. T. Baker, J. Elcock, J. E. Overton, B. Head, W. Overton, J. Overton conductor, H. Jones. Also at midnight, on the same date, 240 Grandsire Major. J. W. Howard, A. T. Baker, J. Elcock, E. Foxall, B. Head, W. Overton, J. E. Overton, J. Overton conductor. And on Christmas morning, for early service, 252 Stedman Triples. And for evening service same day, 630 Grandsire Triples, all by the same band.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes. W. Winter, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, W. Andrews, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Chapman, R. Chapman. First quarter-peal by W. Winter. Also same date, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 minutes. Rev. G. De Y. Aldridge, W. Chapman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Andrews, R. Chapman. This s the longest touch by the Rev. G. De Y. Aldridge, who has only recently taken up ringing.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Thurstans' one-part in 47 mins. I. G. Shade conductor, J. J. Lamb, E. Price, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, H. Flanders, W. Berry, F. H. Gooch.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On October 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Broom, R Copeling, F. J. Ring, W. Lane, W. Harper, G. Hayes conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milloms, R. Brett, F. J. Ring, W. Lane, J. Broom, W Harper conductor. On December 8th, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, M. Digby, G. Hayes, W. Harper conductor. On December 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, R. Copeling, G. Hayes, G. J. Ring, W. Lane, G. Morrad, W. Harper conductor. On December 16th, 720 Rochester Surprise. L. Silver, G. Hayes, F. J Ring, M. Digby, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. First in the method by all, also first by the Association. On December 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Broom, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, W. Martin, J. Broom, W. Harper conductor. On January 5th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson, A. Broom, F. J. Ring, W. Lane, G. Hayes, W. Harper conductor. On January 13th, 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Hayes, *W. Lane, F. J. Ring, *R. Copeling, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. *First in the method.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 8th, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor. J. Freeman, F. Wilford, W. Rogers, W. Allan, S. J. Lawrence, F. Hopper conductor. On Monday, December 30th, 720 College Single. H. Key, E. Haxley, W. Rogers, F. Hopper, S. J. Lawreuce, F. Wilford conductor.

WOOTTEN (Northants).—On Saturday, January 4th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Metheral, F. Hopper, S. J. Lawrence, W. Rogers, F. Wilford conductor. Also four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. S. J. Lawrence, F. Hopper conductor, J. Metheral, W. Rogers, F. Wilford.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On July 14th, for evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Archer, G. Buckley, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean conductor, W. Priestman. On July 21st, for evening service, 360 Kent. G. Siddons, G. Buckley, F. Dean, W. Harratt, J. Johnson conductor. On August 5th, 720 Kent. W. Gayes, G. Buckley, J. Norbury, W. Walmsley, H. Dean, F. Dean conductor. On August 18th, for evening service, 720 Kent. G. Siddons, G. Buckley, F. Dean, J. Mason, W. Harratt, H. Dean conductor. On August 25th, for evening service, 360 Oxford. G. Siddon, T. Buckley, A. Archer, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean conductor. On September 1st, for evening service, 360 Violet. J. Mason, G. Buckley, A. Archer, F. Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. On September 22nd, for morning service, 360 Violet, standing as above. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Vickers, G. Buckley, A. Archer, F. Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. On September 28th, 360 Violet and 720 College Pleasure. J. Mason, G. Buckley, A. Archer, F. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. On October 5th, 720 Kent, 720 of Oxford and 720 Woodbine. F. Johnson, G. Buckley, F. Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. On October 6th, for morning service, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, G. Buckley, A. Archer, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean conductor. On October 26th, 720 Kent. F. Dean, F. Smith, J. Johnson, H. Dean, W. Harratt, G. Siddons conductor. Also 720 Woodbine. W. Harratt, G. Smith, J. Johnson, G. Buckley, F. Dean H. Dean conductor. On November 3rd, for afternoon service, 360 Kent. J. Wildblood, A. Archer, G. Buckley, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, G. Buckley, A. Archer, H. Dean, J. Mason, G Siddons conductor. On November 10th, for evening service, 360 College Pleasure. J. Mason, G. Buckley, A. Archer, F, Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. On December 8th, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure, standing as above. On December 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford. F. Johnson, J. Mason, rest as before. On December 31st, 360 Violet. J. Mason, F. Dean, A. Archer, G. Buckley, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor. Also 720 Violet. F. Johnson, the rest as before. For watchnight service, 720 Kent. F. Johnson, T. Siddons, A. Archer, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean conductor. To welcome in the new year 720 College Pleasure. J. Mason, G. Buckley, A. Archer, F. Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 29th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung: For the morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Searle, E. Bristow, J. Matthews, J. Smart, G. Rapley, C. Smart conductor, G. Gat-

land, G. Phillips. Also another 504 in the same method. G. Searle, J. Matthews, E. Bristow. C. Smart conductor, J. Smart, E, Rapley, W. Woolgar, G. Phillips For the afternoon service 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Sturt, E. Bristow, J. Matthews. T. Searle, C. Smart conductor, E. Rapley, J. Smart. G. Phillips. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Green, E. Bristow, J. Matthews, T. Searle. C. Smart conductor, E. Rapley. J. Smart, G. Phillips.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

Burnley (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 28th, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent. R. Hartley, W. Walton, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 640 Kent. R. Ashworth, J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor, T. Mouncey, N. Townend. On Sunday, May 5th, 576 Oxford T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 704 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, N. Townend, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 12th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, J. H. Eastwood, R. Hartley, N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 640 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman. On Sunday, May 19th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, D. Campbell, T. Redman conductor, N. Townend, T. Burrows. On Sunday, May 26th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Moudcey, T. Redman conductor. Also 640 in the same method. J. R. Eastwood, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conducter W. Walton, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, T. Mouncey, N. Townend. On Snnday, June 2nd, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashwosth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 576 Oxford. D. Campbell. J. R. Eastwood, N. Townend, W. Walton, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On June 6th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Heaton, T. Redman conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Barking (Essex).—On Saturday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 minutes (Brook's). T. Faulkner, J. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, E. Lucas, A. Carter, A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn conductor, R. Fenn. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Cottis, it being his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

Stansted (Essex).—On Sunday, December 15th, for afternoon service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Court Bob. W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, December 18th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Surprise. G. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Jordan. I. Hammond, G Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For morning service, 720 Canterbury Surprise. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan. W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, December 29th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Luckey, H. Little, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, 720 London Surprise. G. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise. W. Watts conductor, T. J. Watts. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice, 720 Ringers' Surprise. W. Prior first 720 in the method, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, W. Prior first 720 in the method with a bob bell, G. Gray, W. Watts, I. Hammond, T. J. Watts conductor.

Harlow (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Parish, H. Perrin, R. Tabor, W. Hobbs, C. French, T. Ellis, G. Dent conductor, A. Bass. Composed by J. Howes of Kingston-on-Thames. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ellis. Tenor 21¾ cwt. in E.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Beaconsfield (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, January 19th, at the parish church for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. W. Wilkins, P. W. Wilkins, W. Bagley, F. Hayes, A. Bagley, F. Paintin, R. Buckland conductor, W. E. Yates. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King while at Penn House on a short visit. For evening service 378 Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, J. Batting, A. Bagley, W. Bagley, J. W. Wilkins, R. Buckland, W. E. Yates conductor, F. Bagley.

Camberwell (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 9th, at the church of St. Giles, the whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late curate. H. W. Flower conductor, H. Flower, jun., W. Blackaby, H. Langdon, J. Miller, F. J. Shepherd, H. E. Gammer, H Peters, W. Shepherd, E. H. Oxenham Afterwards 336 Grandsire Triples with W. Bull and E. J. Webb standing in, conducted by H. Langdon. Practices will be held every other Thursday commencing January 23rd.

Chelsea.—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Luke's church, 1264 Bob Major in 46 mins. J. Pryer, W. Moss, *—. Newman, G. Langford, E. Cassell, *A. Godley, J. Baker, F. Dench conductor. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. A. Godley hails from Speldhurst.

Coseley (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, December 31st, to ring out the old year with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, J. Roberts, W. Bayliss, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. After the muffs were removed, the new year was ushered in by ringing 377 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, A. Fletcher, W. Bayliss, J. Roberts, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law.

Deal (Kent).—On Sunday, January 19th, for morning service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Axon, H. Denne, E. Verrier H. Barton conductor, A. Court, H. Castle.

Erdington (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. W. Ward, G. Swann first quarter-peal as conductor, A. Ward, E. Stringer, F. Fay, T. Ward, B. Witchell, P Finity. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings congratulating him afterwards.

Edenham (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, January 11th, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. T. Faber, H. Cunningham, J. Alford, A. Holmes, W. G. Jones conductor. Another 6-score. B. Goswell, the rest as before. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. B. Goswell, T. Faber, H. Cuuningham, A. Holmes, W. G. Jones conductor. Another 6-score, with J. Alford, A. Holmes, the others as before.

Monewden (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Wightman, jun., H. W. Baldry, G. Wightman conductor, E. Hicks, W. Wightman, S. W, Martin. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. S. W. Martin, E. Hicks, G. Wightman conductor, W. Wightman, H. W. Baldry, S. Wightman, jun.

Olney (Bucks).—On Christmas Day for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Shillaker, F. Boswell, W. Freeman, F. Hopper, S. Smith, conductor, R. Perkins. On Saturday, December 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Jones, F. Hopper, W. Allan, W. Freeman, S. Smith, F. Wilford conductor. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. R. Perkins, W. Jones, W. Freeman conductor, J. Lovell, S. Smith, H. Lett. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Shillaker, T. Wright, W. Allan, F. Wilford, W. Freeman conductor, R. Perkins. Also 360 College Single. T. Wright, F. Hopper, W. Freeman conductor, J. Lovell, F. Wilford, H. Lett.

Sittingbourne (Kent).—On New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. J. Bottle, J. G. Elliot, T. W. Jarrett, W. Golding, H. E. Simpson, T. J. Tidy, jun., A. Balchin, S. Ladd.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1902

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Council will take place at Worcester, on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th. The last day on which notices of motion can be received will be Tuesday, 22nd April. Committees having reports to present are requested to have them ready a fortnight before the date of meeting, in order that they may be printed in "BELL NEWS" previous to presentation.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1902 became due on the first day of January, and should be remitted, without delay, to the hon. secretary and treasurer of the council at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative; to whom also any change in names or addresses of representatives should be intimated at the same time.

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Tenor 21 cwt.

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REUBEN CHARGE	2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN	3.	JAMES E. DAVIS	8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY	4	CORNELIUS CHARGE	9.
ERNEST H. NIXON	5.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM	*Tenor.*

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FOREMAN	6.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	2.	I. GEORGE SHADE	7.
ERNEST E. NIXON*	3.	WILLIAM BERRY	8.
JOHN J. LAMB	4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	5.	*FREDERICK H. GOOCH	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM FOREMAN	6.
BERTRAM PREWETT	2.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7.
HUBERT EDEN†	3.	HARRY FLANDERS	8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4.	ERNEST PYE	9.
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FINCHLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM ELDRED*	*Treble.*	FREDERICK PRATT	4.
JOHN A. CORNELL†	2.	ERNEST E. PRATCHETT	5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN	3.	FRANCIS CARROWAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANCIS CARROWAY.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY G. MILES	*Treble.*	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	5.
THOMAS G. MILLER	2.	WILLIAM FOX	6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD	3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	7.
JOHN T. KENTISH	4.	CHARLES H. PHIPPS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This was the first attempt for a peal on these bells, at the conclusion of which the band was congratulated and hospitably entertained by the Vicar.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	*Treble.*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN	6.
HUBERT EDEN	3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	7.
FRANK W. TUBB	4	*THOMAS WALKER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS	*Treble.*	HENRY A. BARNETT	5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.	2.	FREDERICK PERRIN	6.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	3	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.	7.
HARRY BOTTRILL	4.	FRANK HULL	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Elliott, who was unable to take part owing to illness.

The Provinces.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 14 cwt.

DANIEL REDHEAD*	*Treble.*	FRED. STUBBS	5.
JAMES NICKERSON*	2.	WALTER GILBERT	6.
FRED. WILFORD	3.	FRED. GILBERT	7.
FRANK KIRK	4.	*REGINALD LOVEDAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRED. GILBERT.

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

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EDWARD STENNER*	*Treble.*	ALLEN ROWLEY	5.
LLEWELLYN BROOKS*	2.	*GEORGE HARDAGE	6.
WILLIAM B. BISS	3.	WILLIAM COOMBES	7.
FRANCIS ISAACS†	4.	HENRY DAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

*First peal; †First peal of Triples. Rung as a farewell peal to F. Isaacs, who is leaving Cardiff for Bristol. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN BOVINGTON	*Treble.*	JAMES ELDERFIELD	5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER	2.	CHARLES CLARK	6.
REUBEN FLAXMAN	3.	GEORGE BASDEN	7.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	4.	WILLIAM BOVINGTON	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Harry Dunkin and Miss Florence E. J. Macro.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1902, 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 25 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ..	..*Treble.*	FRANK BLONDELL	5.
JOHN J. JONES	2.	JAMES HUNT	6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN ..	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
ALFRED H. PULLING ..	4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	..*Treble.*	W. JAMES HINTON	5.
ALBERT STOWELL*	2.	*WILLIAM STOWELL	6.
ALGERNON L LEWTON* ..	3.	FRED G. MAY	7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS ..	4.	*HENRY T. HOWELL ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

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

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HULL	..*Treble.*	*HERBERT WARNER	6.
ARTHUR HULL	2.	HARRY I. FULL..	7.
HERBERT MARTIN	3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	8.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	4.	*EDWARD WHITBREAD ..	9.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	5.	GEORGE WRIGHT ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by the late J. Cox, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Caters.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 1. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

(No conductor mentioned.)

Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Dennes, Hon. Secretary of the above Association, who was interred at Wellingborough Cemetery that afternoon. R.I.P.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE.. ..	..*Treble.*	†FERRIS SHEPHERD	5.
HENRY J. POOLE	2.	ALEXANDER EVANS	6.
ARTHUR DOBLE..	3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS	7.
F. MILLARD	4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

†First peal of Major, and hails from Exeter.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	..*Treble.*	THOMAS REYNOLDS	6.
RICHARD A. JUDD	2.	ALBERT WALKER	7.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ..	3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8.
CHARLES DICKENS	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. ..	9.
HENRY MIDDLETON	5.	WILLIAM PAINTER ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was arranged for R. A. Judd, who came from Gloucester.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM STOWELL	5.
ALBERT STOWELL	2.	HENRY T. HOWELL	6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ..	3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY	7.
JOHN THOMAS	4.	FREDERICK COOPER ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS	..*Treble.*	J. HANDS	5.
E. J. MENDAY	2.	G. ESSEX	6.
R. T. HIBBERT	3.	H. W. SMITH	7.
E. W. MENDAY..	4.	T. NEWMAN..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD..	..*Treble.*	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ..	6.
WILLIAM MILLS†	2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.,* ..	3.	JOHN SMITH	8.
WILLIAM FISHER	4.	ARTHUR SPITTLE	9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	5.	†WILLIAM JACKSON ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

* †First peal of Caters. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a complimentary send off to Private Jackson, of the King's Royal Irish Hussars, who had been on furlough.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM F. WEBB*..	..*Treble.*	ALFRED T. HYLAND.. ..	5.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS	2.	HENRY MIDDLETON	6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. ..	3.	†THOMAS COLLINSON	7.
JOHN NEAL..	4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS COLLINSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band

BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY J. POOLE	*Treble.*	ALEXANDER EVANS	5
ARTHUR DOBLE	2.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN	6.
THOMAS DOBLE	3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS	7.
FRANK MILLARD	4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY J. POOLE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE	*Treble.*	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	5.
ALFRED H. PULLING	2.	FRANK BLONDELL	6
JOHN J. JONES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
ERNEST ALLEN	4.	JAMES HUNT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN ROBT. EASTWOOD	*Treble.*	EDWIN TIMBRELL	5.
ROBERT SANDERSON	2.	WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL	6.
RENNIE HARTLEY	3.	NOAH TOWNEND	7.
WILLIAM WALTON	4.	TOM REDMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. HOLT, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

First peal in the method by all.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 6-scores of Stedman, twenty six-scores of Plain Bob, and twenty six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor about 9 cwt.

FRED HOPPER	*Treble.*	†WILLIAM ALLAN	3.
ARTHUR MOORE	2.	WILLIAM ROGERS	4.
FRED WILFORD	*Tenor.*		

Conducted by FRED. HOPPER.

†First peal. First peal on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. in C.

THOMAS HATTERRLEY	*Treble.*	GEORGE HOLMES	7.
JOHN H. BOWER*	2.	ARTHUR BREARLEY	8.
WILLIAM LOMAS	3.	EDWARD WOODWARD	9.
WILLIAM BURGAR	4.	*SAM SEED	10.
JOHN MULLIGAN	5.	*THOMAS SILVESTER	11.
CHARLES HY. HATTERSLEY	6.	JOHN HOLMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

First peal by an entirely parish church company. *First peal of Stedman Cinques.

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

REV. H. E. T. BASSETT	*Treble.*	WILLIAM ROUGHTON	5.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT*	2.	CHARLES H. SHEARN	6.
WALTER BISHOP	3.	HARRY KENTEN	7.
EDWIN C. FRICKER	4.	†ALBERT LANGFORD, HERBERT MINTY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

†First peal. *First peal of Triples as conductor. The bells here are sadly in want of rehanging.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

DOUGLAS HARRIS	*Treble.*	*CYRIL HERBERT	4.
ERNEST HERBERT	2.	MARK LANE	5.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS	3.	*WALTER CHIBNALL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER CHIBNALL.

*First peal on six bells; also as conductor.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JOSEPH FOSTER	*Treble.*	HARRY GILL	5.
THOMAS THOMPSON	2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY	6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3.	JOB A. ROSS	7.
TOM LAWSON	4.	JOHN PERFECT	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods with a bob bell.

Handbell Peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE WOBURN COMPANY.)

On Tuesday, January 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET, WOBURN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS	1-2.	ERNEST HERBERT	5-6.
DOUGLAS HARRIS	3-4.	CYRIL HERBERT	7-8.
*SIDNEY AVIS	9-10.		

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

Umpire—Charles Herbert. First peal of Bob Royal by all. First peal of Bob Royal on handbells by the above Association, also in the county. *First peal on handbells.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE RECENT "THOMAS" PEAL AT BRENTWOOD.—This peal was rung at the fourth attempt, the first being made on St. Thomas' Day, 1896, when just over a quarter-peal was rung. It was again on the board for December, 1898, when it seemed as if it was to meet with success, but; no! the peal was not to be, this time, for when within a few courses of the finish, a bob was missed, and attempt number three came to grief, the composition then being, the well-known "Four Part" by the late Thomas Thurstans. Mr. Taffender again undertook to arrange the band, a good one forthcoming, even to the tenor man (Mr. Miller) whose usual place when ringing Stedman is amongst the working bells. Although it was to be regretted, three of the previous band could not come, one being on the sick list, another having tied the knot and got as usual, into harness, and last but not least, our poor old friend Tom Barber of Chelsea (who was a great supporter of this peal) having joined the great majority. A change was made in the conductorship Mr. Taffender undertaking to call that difficult composition, the late Thomas Thurstans', One-Part. The Vicar of Brentwood (the Rev. Bernard Steinmetz) most readily granted permission, wished us success, and said we might ring through the service, which was at 5 p.m., but a start was not made until shortly before that hour, owing to the late arrival of some of the band, through the delay of trains on the railways, caused by the fog. "Go for Stedman Triples" was called at 3 minutes to 5, and for 3 hours and 6 minutes, the "Tommy's" rang the method, when the welcome "That's all" announced the completion of the first peal rung by a band all of that Christian name, "Thomas"; who wish to thank the steeplekeeper, Mr. Burgess, who in every occasion has had everything ready, the go of the bells being most perfect, for which great credit is due to him.

THE PEAL AT BISHOPS LYDEARD.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have been re-hung by Mr. J. Sully of Stogumber, the go being all that can be desired. The company take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells; Mr. Sampson for having everything in readiness; and Mr. Sully for providing tea and refreshments.

THE PEAL AT HAMMERSMITH (reported last week).—W. PYE'S 300 PEALS.—Seven Minor methods,2; GrandsireTriples,11,conducted 3; Grandsire Caters, 4, conducted 2; Grandsire Cinques, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 52, conducted 43; Stedman Caters, 30, conducted 20; Stedman Cinques, 5, conducted 4, including a 11,111; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19, conducted 15, including a 10,464; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 14, conducted 9; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 4, conducted 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7, conducted 6; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1: Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 43, conducted 35, including a 15,072; Superlative Surprise, 52, conducted 37; Cambridge Surprise, 8, conducted 5; New Cambridge Surprise, 5, conducted 4 New Cumberland Surprise 1, conducted 1; London Surprise, 3, conducted 3. On handbells:—Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 14, conducted 8, 1 non-conducted; Stedman Caters, 4, conducted 3; Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 4; Treble Bob Royal, 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 3, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2, conducted 2; total rung, 300, conducted 211. In addition to this he has taken part in false peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Maximus.

Notices.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held by kind permission of the Rev. J. E. Brown at Oldbury to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Service in the church at 5.30 with an address. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All subscriptions are due at this meeting according to Rule VIII.

JOHN SMITH. *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey, to-day, Saturday, Jan 25th,. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Royal hotel, Greensides, at 7 p.m. Bells at liberty until 9 p.m. JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells ready, 2 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30.

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

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 5 p.m., in St. Peter's parish room adjoining church.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1902; tower open from 3 till 9 p.m. Tea by the kind invitation of the Rev. P. W. P. Crawford, at the parish hall, at 5 p.m. GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. Subscriptions for 1902 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.

P, E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hertford to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Andrew's church. Bells open at 3.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, 6d. each. Business meeting after. All members and friends are cordially invited. W. H. LAWRENCE.

Little Munden *Sec.*

The Kent County Association. — Ashford District.—An extra district meeting (no allowances) will be held at Wye this Saturday afternoon, January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 7.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) open for ringing at 3 p.m Service 4.30 p m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.-Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marlborough, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tea at The Angel Temperance hotel (9d. per head) followed by business meeting. C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Prestbury to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tea at 5 o'clock. After which a peal-tablet will be unveiled.

J. NORBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting will take place at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on Monday, January 27th. Ringing at 8 p.m. sharp. The practices in future will be as follows: Vassal Road every alternate Monday, commencing January 13th; Waterloo every alternate Wednesday, commencing January 22nd.

F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ringwood, on Thursday, January 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4. Tea (6d. each) 4.30 p.m. Committee 2.30. Ringing in church tower from 12 (unless a peal is then being rung). The annual meeting will be at Swanage on Easter Monday.

H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster—The annual meeting and election of officers for this society will take place on Friday, January 31st. Members are requested to attend. Ringing at St. Margaret's at 8.15 p.m. E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.-The Annual Meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch, and the quarterly meeting of Guild will be held at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, February 1st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all those who send me their names on or before January 28th.

W. E. YATES, *Hon. Sec.*
Temple View, Station Road, Marlow.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, February 1st. There will be a special service in the parish church at 4 o'clock, at which the President of the branch, the Rev. Canon Sinclair, has kindly consented to give an address. A meat tea at The Crown hotel at 4.30, to be immediately followed by the business meeting. Members intending to be present at the tea, please send their names to Mr. S. Moore, Chester Street, Cirencester, not later than Thursday, January 30th. Half-price will only be allowed to those complying with the above request. The bells of the parish church (12), and Holy Trinity (8), will be available from 3 o'clock.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held a Milverton, on Saturday, February 1st. Service at 3 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's room at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present should save time by communicating with Mr. Herbert Van Tromp, East Street, Taunton.
A. J. H. ILES, *Hon Sec. and Treas.*

The Kent County Association. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 at the Institute. Members intending to be at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, January 29th. Half railway fares will be paid to members attending. Subscriptione for 1902 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, February 1st, at the parish church, Wednesbury. Bells available from two o'clock. Short service in the church at five o'clock. Tea will be provided at six o'clock for all those sending in their names on or before the 21st inst. to
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Feliskirk (Thirsk Station), on Saturday, February 1st. Tea at 4.30 at The Sun, 1s. each. Efforts will be made for a conveyance from Thirsk at a suitable hour, which will be stated in the notices. Thirsk belfry open till noon and after 7 p.m. Notice of attendance by January 25th to
REV. W. P. WRIGHT,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, February 1st. Meeting at The Station hotel at 6 o'clock. Peal of eight open for visitors during the afternoon. Great Central station close to the church.
E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper Street, Kidsgrove. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ealing, on Saturday, February 1st. The bells of Christ Church will by the kind permission of the Rev. W. King be available from 3 to 5; and by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver the bells of St. Mary's will be available for the rest of the evening. Members and friends are cordially invited. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.-Reading Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Reading on Monday, February 3rd. Short service at St. Giles', Reading, at 6.45 p.m Tea at Abbey Cafe 7.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting and smoking concert. To members who have paid their subscription for 1901 the cost will be 1s. 3d. (including refreshments), to others 2s. Word should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, January 29th. A. W. PIKE.
55, *Addington Road, Reading.*

The North Notts. Association.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Shirecaks on Saturday, February 1st. Tea 1s per head at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. D. Russon Shireoaks, Worksop. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wroxham on Thursday, February 6th. Dinner at The Castle inn at 1.30 p.m, at 2s. 3d. for Honorary and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. Notice of intention to be present should, in every instance, be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Saturday, February 1st, that proper provision may be made. Parties of not less than eight can secure fare and quarter-return tickets by rail by giving three days' notice to the Superintendent of the line, Liverpool Street. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—By kind permission of the Rev. J. Dun, a quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Higham Ferrers, on Saturday, February 8th Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at the Bede House at 5 o'clock.
T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*
Rushden.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Halifax, on Saturday, February 8th. Information as to order of ringing, apply to the Secretary,
WRIGHT INGHAM.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, February 8th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m
A. OSBORNE, *Hon, Dis. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The February meeting will be held on Saturday, the 8th, at Hurworth, near Darlington. The bells (6, tenor 17 cwt.) will be at the disposal of the members from 1 p.m. Also St. John's, Darlington (8 bells) after 6.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30. Meat tea at Bryant's Temperance hotel at 5 o'clock, 9d. to members. Intending visitors must notify Secretary before February 3rd.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Monday, February 10th. Cathedral bells available from one o'lock. Service at four o'clock. Tea and meeting at five o'clock.
C. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Members wishing to pay 1s. 8d. subscription in place of peal-booking fees for current year are reminded that February 28th is the time limit for such payment Meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on January 28th.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of annual report. Members whose addresses are incorrect in last report, or who have changed their addresses since election, are requested to notify me without delay. Notice of alteration of practice nights and names of correspondents should also, if necessary, be sent at once, also obituary notices. Arrears of subscriptions should be paid in during this month. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

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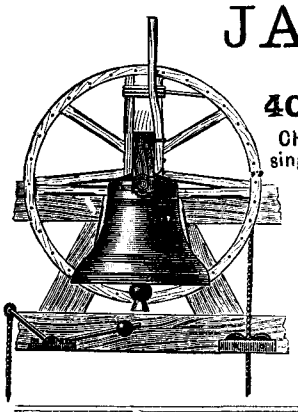

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