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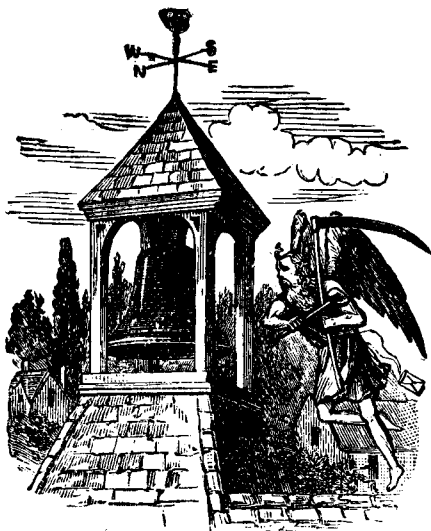
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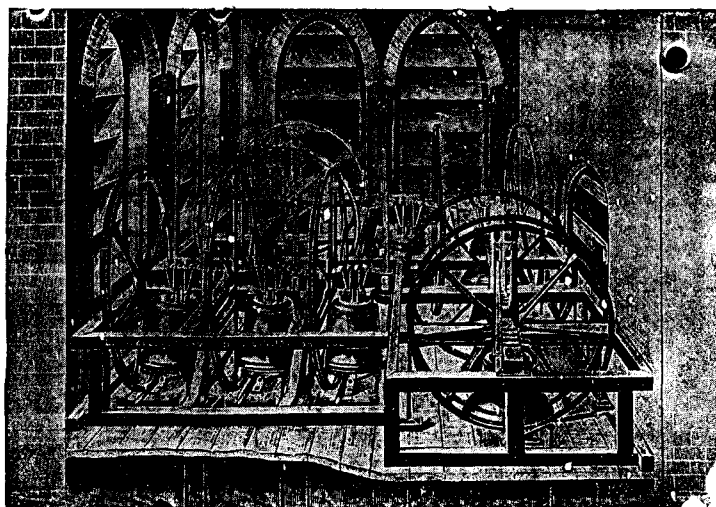
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RE-OPENING OF A RING OF BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, WARWICK.

On February 6th the ring of ten bells in this tower was re-dedicated and re-opened after being re-hung and partly re-cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

The bells were originally cast by Abraham Rudhall, and the tenor was re-cast by Messrs. Mears in 1814. Of late years they have gone very badly, but they have been rung a good deal recently till last summer, when they suddenly began to go so badly that it was next to impossible to ring them. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were then called in, and they submitted an estimate and the work was put in hand. The old oak frame which has done service for 197 years was completely worn out, and has now been re-placed by a cast iron H frame on steel girders let into the tower. The bells have been equipped with iron stocks and new gudgeons, wheels, clappers, etc. It was found necessary to re-cast the 7th and 8th bells, as they were slightly cracked, and Messrs. Taylor strongly recommended that the first four should undergo the same operation to improve the general tone of the peal. Besides this the other bells have all been tuned, with the effect that the tone is undoubtedly greatly improved all through, and the work done has given the greatest satisfaction to all who have since heard the bells, and this in spite of the fact that they have always been regarded as a good peal. From the ringers' point of view there has also been a great improvement, but as it is here a step from badness to perfection, it is so much the more marked. The names of those present will vouch for the value of the criticisms recorded.

The Archdeacon of Worcester visited St. Mary's to re-dedicate the bells. In the course of a short service in the church he gave an address on bells and their uses. He said that bells had a historical value, as by means of the inscriptions and marks upon them they could teach much. Towers were built in the eleventh century to hold big bells, and there is no doubt that there were bells at that time. After the dissolution of the monasteries there was a considerable trade in second-hand bells. Then bells were associated with our joys and sorrows in life, at Christmas, at weddings, and at funerals. He was glad to see that as formerly bells were opened and christened with drinking bouts, now they were dedicated solemnly to the Glory of God and the use of His church. The belfry was as much a part of the church as the choir, and he impressed on all present that all that was done there should be done "decently and in order." At the conclusion of his address the Archdeacon was conducted to the ringing-chamber, where he re-dedicated the six bells that had been re-cast individually, laying his hand on the ropes. A few rounds were then rung while the clergy returned to the church.

After the service the Vicar presided at a tea, to which a company of thirty sat down, including Mr. John Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, Mr. Godden (the secretary), and Mr. Painter, a prominent member of the St. Martin's Guild; Mr. S. Reeves, secretary for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; Mr. Gilbert, of Coven-

try; Mr. Stanley, of St. Nicholas, Warwick; Mr. Pinfold, of All Saints, Warwick; and Mr. Male, of Hatton; besides the full strength of the local society. The society is a young one, but under the hard work and perseverance of Mr. E. H. Adams, who was well known in London ringing circles when he was there, it has started well, and has lately been greatly strengthened by Mr. Mathews, who has done much ringing in the Gloucester and Bristol diocese.

During the evening most of the company present tried the bells, and some very good touches were rung. The greatest satisfaction was expressed by those whose opinion is of great experience as to the tone and "go" of the bells. Certainly the work in the tower leaves nothing to be desired. With such a fine peal so well hung it is to be hoped that the work of introducing change-ringing into this "stony" country will make sure and not too slow progress.

RE-OPENING AT ECCLESFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, five members of the Ecclesfield company, assisted by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, rang at the parish church a date touch of 1,902 changes, consisting of 462 of Oxford and 720 each Duke of York and Violet. Time, 1 hr. 12 mins. The following was the company: Messrs. W. Whitham, W. Kitson, G. Shaw conductor, T. Kitson, S. Hemingfield, J. F. Mallaby. Composed by J. F. Mallaby. The above was rung at the re-opening of the bells after having been re-hung. Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., church bell hangers, of Barnby Don, near Doncaster, have had the work in hand for about three months, and have done their work to the satisfaction of the churchwardens and ringers.

After ringing the ringers, through the kindness of F. P. Smith, Esq., of Barnes Hall (the Vicar's warden), were invited to partake of a substantial supper at The Black Bull inn. After supper the Rev. P. H. Girling presided, supported by Messrs. J. Green and R. Butterworth, churchwardens, and the various toasts were given, including "The King and Queen and Royal Family," "Dr. Gatty," "F. P. Smith, Esq.," and others. Mr. Godfrey Smith represented his father, who was unable to attend through accident. During the evening the ringers gave selections on the hand-bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held on Saturday, February 8th, at Hurworth-on-Tees in a snowstorm; yet, considering the weather, the turn out of members was excellent, some thirty members attending from Thirsk, Sunderland, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Newcastle, Gosforth, Whitby, Darlington, Hurworth, and Wylam. Only two 720s were rung during the day through an unfortunate habit of the treble rope slipping wheel. Tea was most excellently

served at Mrs. Bryant's temperance hotel. The president took the chair, and was supported by Rev. J. Irwin, Rector of Hurworth, Messrs. T. Hodson, S. O. Ferry, vice-president, W. Holmes, E. E. Perry, Astley, Wrightson, Routledge, etc.

The president (R. S. Story, Esq.) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of his bells, remarking that he was the oldest honorary member of the association.

The Rev. J. Irwin thanked the members for the toast, and bade everyone present welcome to Hurworth. He was glad to say some of his ringers were going to rejoin the Association that day.

A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Mr. Jas. Bolton, for twenty-two years an active and valued member of the Darlington St. John's branch, who has died recently.

One of the events of this meeting was the election of thirteen members of St. Mary's Guild, Gateshead. This belfry has never been affiliated with the Association before. Twenty-five new members in all were elected.

Several touches were rung at St. John's, Darlington, in the evening—504 Plain Bob Triples (the longest touch by Messrs. Astley and Field of Gosforth), 420 Stedman, some Double Norwich and Treble Bob. The members received a most hospitable and hearty greeting from the Hurworth Society.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A highly successful meeting of the above Association was held at Felixkirk, a village about three miles from Thirsk, on Saturday, February 1st. Although nominally it was only a half-day meeting, yet the Vicar of Thirsk very kindly placed his eight bells at the disposal of members of the Association up till noon, and again after 7 p.m. Nine or ten members who came early were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of using this nice ring of bells during the morning, and were ready at noon to take an early wagonette to Felixkirk and put in as much ringing as possible on the six bells there, the majority of members driving out at two after the arrival of the later trains.

Felixkirk is a pretty village of ancient date, situated at the foot of the Hambleton hills, and its church is dedicated to Felix, the first Bishop of the East Anglians. It contains a perfect effigy of a Crusader of the fourteenth century. The bells, six in number, were augmented from three in 1897, as a Jubilee memorial to the late beloved Queen, by the squire, A. J. Walker, Esq., whose house, Mount St. John, occupies the site of an ancient foundation of Knights Hospitallers. It will be remembered that the Knights Templars were the fighting element in the crusades, and the Knights of St. John, or Knights Hospitallers were enrolled not only to fight, but also to tend the sick and wounded; they were distinguished by a red coat with a white cross on it; and to them many of our hospitals, charities, and schools owe their foundation—as e.g. Christ's hospital.

The meeting held in this ancient and interesting village then proved most enjoyable and successful. After much ringing had been indulged in, and a committee meeting endured, a sumptuous tea was partaken of in the school-room.

The president (Mr. Clarkson), vice-president (Mr. Wrightson), hon. sec. and treasurer (Rev. W. P. Wright), were the officials present, and they were supported by

the Vicar of the parish (Rev. H. Clayforth) and the squire and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walker).

After tea, of course, the loyal toast "The King" was given, and then "The other members of the Royal Family," after which the president made a few appropriate remarks as to the bells in the neighbouring church, and to the generosity Mr. Walker had shown with regard to them. He also commented on the fact that we had for the first time in our history the presence of a lady to grace our gathering, and he hoped it would by no means be the last time. Special thanks were also due to Mr. Walker for a very handsome contribution to that afternoon's expenses, which were beyond the average owing to the distance from a station, necessitating the hire of conveyances; but Mr. Walker had most generously come forward to help the Association in this matter. In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, he wished also to couple with them the name of the Vicar, Rev. H. Clayforth, and Rev. F. L. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, for kindly lending their bells. The hon. secretary, Rev. W. P. Wright, had great pleasure in seconding this vote of thanks.

The Rev. H. Clayforth, in a very humorous speech, replied for all concerned, and said that whenever there was anything to *pay* Mr. Walker was always the man willing to do it; whenever there was anything to *say* he always told him (the Vicar) to do it. He expressed the great pleasure which the Association's visit had given, and assured them of a warm welcome whenever they wished to repeat it.

Ringers attended from Stockton, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Ripon, Knaresbrough, Sharow, Stokesley, Thirsk, and Felixkirk.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Milverton on February 1st, about twenty-five members being present. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., when a splendid address was delivered by the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge, himself a promising member of the Exercise. At 5 p.m. tea was partaken of in the parish room; this was followed by the business meeting. In the absence of the hon. sec. (Mr. A. J. W. Iles), through ill-health, Mr. H. Van Tromp read the minutes of the last meeting; and when the usual votes of thanks had been carried, the company returned to the bells as quickly as possible.

CANNINGTON, BRIDGWATER.

On Tuesday, January 14th, the Rev. C. E. D. Malet, the highly-respected Vicar of Cannington, kindly entertained the ringers, and adult members of the choir and Bible class at the Vicarage. After ample justice had been done to the splendid supper provided, the rest of the evening was devoted to change-ringing on the handbells, games, and singing. The Vicar and his family were most assiduous in their efforts to entertain and amuse all present. During the evening the Vicar, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Rowe, one of their oldest members, with a handsome travelling clock, subscribed for by them on his marriage the following day. At the conclusion of the evening hearty cheers were given for the good Vicar and his family, for their kindness in providing such a pleasant evening, also for Mr. and Mrs. Gooding, Messrs. Shepherd, Martin, and Geoffrey Leigh, who had kindly assisted to make the evening such a success. This is the third of these evenings since Mr. Malet came among us we have enjoyed, and we all heartily pray he may long remain our Vicar; for his and his family's sole object is to make the parish a happy one.

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THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

The Rector of the combined parishes of Thornham Magna and Thornham Parva—the Rev. Colin Campbell—has recently accepted the living of Street, in Somersetshire, on the presentation of the Marquis of Bath. At the period of his appointment as Rector of the two Thornhams, he was acting as secretary to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom he had been intimately acquainted in Adelaide, South Australia.

His ministrations within the above-named parishes having been so acceptable to the inhabitants, they determined to express their appreciation of his labours among them in a tangible manner. Accordingly on Monday, January 20th last, he was the recipient of testimonials from the parishioners, viz.: a silver communion set, and a Queen Anne silver teapot, sugar basin and tongs, and cream jug. On the previous Tuesday evening, at a meeting of the chor and ringers held at the residence of Mr. E. Symonds, Chandos Farm, advantage was taken of to present the rev. gentleman with a handsome pair of candlesticks, the presentation being made on behalf of the choir and ringers. On the following Friday, the teachers and scholars of the Sunday Schools gave him an elegant silver tray.

The Rev. Colin Campbell is very fond of church bells. He is an honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. During his ministry at the Thornhams he was responsible for the erection of a new organ in Thornham Magna church, and also rehanging the bells, and at the same time a treble was added to the bells at Thornham Parva, which church is a very ancient structure with a thatched tower.

A YEAR'S RECORD.

The following is a list of the 720s rang during the past year at the church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone: Oxford Treble Bob, 16, Cambridge Surprise, 15, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, 12 each, London Surprise, 8, Victoria Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob, 7 each, Cumberland Exercise, 5, Wells, Durham, York, Worcester, Superlative Surprise, and College Exercise, 3 each, and one each of Smithfield, Huddersfield, Ringers', Chichester, Coventry, Bristol and Chelsea Surprise, Oxford Delight, New London, College Pleasure, Bocking Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Single Oxford. The 114 720s was rung in 28 methods, 15 being Surprise, 9 Treble Bob, and four Plain methods, the summary of the same being fifty-two 720s of Surprise, 47 Treble Bob, and 15 Plain. Twenty-four ringers have taken part in the above ringing as follows: W. Miller, 105; W. Keeble, 92; J. Moule, 88; G. Hayden, 72; T. H. Beams, 68; H. Bottrill, 60; J. Mardell, 57; F. Withers, 43; W. Doran, 35; G. Dawson, 26; H. Torble, 11; C. T. Hopkins, 5; J. Rann, 4; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman, 3; K. C. Fox, E. Tugwood, and F. Hull, 2; W. Farrow, C. Dempsey, W. Clark, C. Smith, H. Price, and S. Hayes, 1. The conducting was in the hands of W. Keeble who conducted 55; W. Miller, 26; T. H. Beams, 23; J. Moule, 6; E. Wightman, J. Mardell, and W. Doran, 1; and one non-conducted.

ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

The following is a summary of ringing and attendances of ringers: During the year 1901 720 of each have been rung: Cambridge Surprise, 1, Anston Surprise, 1, Victoria Surprise, 1, Barnsley Surprise, 1, Ringers' Surprise, 1, London Treble Bob, 1, Mirfield Delight, 3, Tulip, 1, Primrose, 1, Morning Exercise, 1, Bradley Exercise, 1, Baden Powell's Victory, 1, Arnold's Victory, 1, College Treble, 1, London Scholars' Pleasure, 1, College Exercise, 3, City Delight, 1, Tanner's Pleasure, 1, Killamarsh, 1, College Pleasure, 2, Woodbine, 2, Merchants' Return, 5, Duke of York, 3, Violet, 1, New London Pleasure, 1, Kent, 3, Oxford, 4; also a 5040 in ten methods, and a date touch in sixteen methods. Rung by W. Platts, H. Turner, H. Stenton, R. Smith, S. Smith, and C. Fowler. Practice and services, 159 attendances, as follows: W. Platts, 155; H. Turner, 135; H. Stenton, 156; R. Smith, 156; S. Smith, 154; C. Fowler, 159.

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

"SCIENCE AND ART."

SIR,—I very much enjoy the correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," but I think the above subject is getting rather uninteresting. It matters nothing to me whether ringing is a Fine Art or a Black Art. What one man calls Art another man calls something else. The worst thing called Art that I remember learning was the Art of lying, but this was not worthy of comparison with the Art of lying a full pull behind. I next learnt the Art of reading, but I did not enjoy that as I have enjoyed reading the ropes. I also learnt the Art of swimming, but at the present time I would rather swim through a touch of ringing than a touch of cold water. I have been a brass bandsman over twenty years, but I think brass instruments would be much better made into bell metal. I have scraped a bass fiddle a long number of years, but I would much rather hear bells when they are going like fiddles. I have been a church chorister thirty years, but I would rather hear what I call the singing of the bells than the singing of the choir. I therefore consider ringing to be an Art, and a very fine Art indeed.

JAMES HAIGH.

FIRST PEALS.

SIR,—On January 4th, 1902, I saw in your valuable paper a peal upon handbells retained in hand recorded by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, as the first peal of Royal rung upon handbells. I beg leave to state that I rang one in Birmingham on March 29th, 1886, seventy-five years after the first one was rung, and other peals of Royal have been rung since.

J. CARTER.

PAYMENT OF RINGERS.

SIR,—I am sorry to see that the above subject is still dragging along. Why not let it drop? What is the good of discussing with a man who says that ringers ought not to be paid (even for weddings), except through the Vicar. Now I think a man who makes a statement like this, is not worth the attention of any respectable ringers.

JAMES HAIGH.

Obituary.

DAVID STEVENSON.

It is with deep regret that his friends have to record the death of David Stevenson, age 49, of Little Field, Ossett, who after only one week's illness from double acute pneumonia, died on January 19th, and was interred at Holy Trinity parish church on January 21st. He had been a member of the local company for over twenty-five years; he was also a life member of the Yorkshire Association, in which he has twenty-eight peals to his name; he was also a member of the Heavy Woollen District Association. In his time he rung very nearly forty peals. Deceased was very well known and much respected. He was carried to his last resting place by the local ringers, where a course of Grandsire was rung on the hand-bells by Messrs. A. Goodall, J. Clayton, J. Ruddlesden, and W. Byram. Ringers attended the funeral from Wakefield, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Bristol, Liversedge, and other places. On Sunday, January 26th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by the local company, with the bells deeply muffled, by W. Illingworth, G. Crawshaw, D. Senior, G. W. Wrigley, W. Dixon, L. Bickle. On Sunday, February 2nd, 49 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 63 mins. by F. Schofield, G. Crawshaw, D. Senior, A. Scott, G. Ruddlesden, T. H. Ormond, W. Dixon, J. Ruddlesden. Both the above were conducted by G. Crawshaw.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, January 25th, on the occasion of the third quarterly meeting of the year. A very interesting ceremony took place in the tower about three o'clock, when the Vicar of Melton Mowbray, the Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A., unveiled a peal-board of thoroughly artistic design, executed by Mr. Chas. Dalby, a member of the band who rang the peal, while the inscription in gilt lettering, as well as the Royal coat of arms in colours in a panel at the top, was admirably done by Mr. Geo. Fisher of Melton Mowbray. The board is inscribed as follows:—

"The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers. Melton Society. On February 2nd, 1901, a complete peal of Plain Bob Triples, 5040 changes, Holt's six-part, was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Weight of tenor, 25½ cwt. J. W. Barnes, treble; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; R. H. Bartram, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; W. James, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; W. Spiby, tenor. Conducted by C. R. Lilley. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of loyalty to her late Majesty Queen Victoria. Vicar, Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A. Churchwardens, F. Wright, W. Willcox. This tablet has been erected by public subscription."

The board having been unveiled, the Vicar of Melton Mowbray observed he thought it must be a matter of satisfaction to all enthusiastic ringers that they should be able to place that board in that belfry. They were fortunate in being the possessors of one of the finest, he would not say the finest, peals in the county, a peal that was in extremely good order, and their ambition, he knew, was to excel in the art of bell-ringing, and he thought that board marked a distinct stage in their progress. They had accomplished a very considerable feat in ringing 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 7 mins., and he believed he had told them before that he had noticed himself a most wonderful improvement in the ringing of the bells. The ringing for the services on Sunday was very much different to what it used to be. He thought nothing was more disappointing than to find a fine tower, containing a splendid peal of bells which were practically not used, but that was the case in some places; there was no enthusiasm over the ringing. But that was not the case at Melton, because there was great enthusiasm among those who were connected with that belfry, and he felt certain their ambition to take their places among the best ringers in both the county and the diocese would be realised. They were on their way to realise it, and he had no doubt they would accomplish it sooner or later. He could assure them, speaking for himself and many others, that they appreciated very much the efforts of their local band of ringers. He was also very glad to welcome there that afternoon several distinguished ringers from other places, and he hoped their visit there that day would be one of pleasure, while he himself was looking forward to hearing them make the air resound with the sweetness of the bells.

Mr. Wm. Willcox, churchwarden, also said a few words, remarking that not only had they a good peal of bells, but they had also a model company of ringers.

Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough) added his congratulations to the local company on their success in having achieved a peal on such a memorable occasion as the board indicated, and he only hoped the encouragement they received from the Vicar and churchwardens would lead them on to still greater efforts, and that he should see records of more complicated peals and more advanced methods in future.

Mr. R. H. Bartram, conductor of the Melton Society, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for coming to unveil the peal board that day, and thanked him for his very flattering remarks about the ringers. Since he had been captain, now about three years, he was sure they had put nearly all they could into it, and had got on as well as they possibly could. It was only men who studied who got on in change-ringing. They were very proud of their bells, and he was pleased to say they were well supported by the Vicar and churchwardens. He was sure while he was in Melton he should take an interest in, and do all he could, for bell-ringing in Melton Mowbray. The Vicar having replied, the ceremony ended.

Tea and general meeting were held in the Colles hall, about fifty members and friends being present. In the absence of the

president, the Rev. R. Blakeney took the chair, supported by Rev. W. H. Barry, Mr. Willcox, churchwarden, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, Messrs. E. D. Taylor and Walter White were elected to audit the accounts of the past year. The secretary read a list of the peals rung by the association during the past quarter. They were sixteen in number, and included a peal of 10,176 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at South Wigston, which is the longest peal rung by the Association in any method.

Twenty-one new members were elected, including the Vicar of Melton Mowbray.

The hon. sec. read out the following addition to Rule 3: "Members may also be proposed in a tower previous to an attempt for a peal, but in that case their entrance fee, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, must be received by the hon. sec. within one month, otherwise their election will not be confirmed and the peal will not be recorded by the Association." This was seconded by Mr. S. Cooper, and having been put to the meeting, was carried by a large majority.

Mr. J. W. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Melton Mowbray for the use of the bells on that occasion, and also for allowing them the use of the Colles hall for their tea and meeting. He wished their president had been with them that day, for he could have expressed their feelings much more fully and capably than he himself could do, and they would no doubt have had some practical advice from him as well. Mr. Taylor referred to one or two of the principal peals reported by the secretary, and said he thought they stood out very well indeed. Mr. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar thanked the company for the kind way in which they had received the resolution, and expressed the very great pleasure he had had in coming and meeting them that day, not only in the bell-chamber, but also in that room. He was glad to think that in these days bell-ringers were taking their proper place as important officers in the church. He believed he was correct in saying that throughout England there were something like 40,000 bell ringers connected with their churches, and therefore they saw that not only represented a very large number of persons, but a very considerable body of public opinion as well. Years ago bell-ringers did not occupy that place which they should have done, and bell-ringing was to some extent neglected, while the belfry was a place in which all the rubbish of the church was thrown, and it was a part of the church which never really seemed to receive any attention at all. He thought they would give credit to the Vicar and churchwardens of this parish at all events, on what they had seen of the belfry of the church, and their desire was to make the ringing-chamber, as well as the conduct of the bells themselves, all that was requisite. If they could only impress upon the minds of the ringers that they occupied quite as important a position as the members of the choir, or any other workers or officials, he felt sure it would not only stimulate them to greater efforts in the art of bell-ringing, and become first-rate bell-ringers, but also help them to become first-rate churchmen. Mr. Willcox and the Rev. W. H. Barry also replied to the vote of thanks, and the services of the Vicar in the chair having been acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 18th, the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. These are the first ever rung on the bells, which have lately been rehung and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor, and going splendidly. The company were Messrs. G. Chatfield, S. Hope, R. Bosworth, W. Maund, J. H. White, W. Gilbert, and T. Jones.

WARRINGTON.—On Sunday evening, at St. Paul's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. On Sunday morning, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. On February 2nd, 360 Bob Minor. In the evening, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Chantz, churchwarden, who was interred at this church. J. J. Allender, H. Wilson, G. Edwardson, L. Edwardson, J. J. Wilson E. E. Edwardson conductor.

Date Touches.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, December 1st, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of the Diocese, a date touch of 1901 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 20 mins. T. Bartlett, J. Ford, T. Laver, F. Murphy, F. Shepherd, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Lowton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Webster, J. Roberts, P. Ball, F. Thomas, H. Fyles, T. Kay, G. Hislop, J. Bowstead. Composed by J. Aspinwall, and conducted by G. Hislop. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of Queen Victoria's death.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, a date touch of 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., comprising 462 Grandsire, 360 each of Antelope, April Day, Old and Plain Doubles. J. Wright, W. G. Crickmer conductor, J. W. Mallett, A. J. Stageman, G. Balls. Rung upon the opening of a peal-board recording the muffled peal rang upon the funeral of her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somerset).—On December 8th, for evening service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. M. Hedges, J. Yond, F. Winsor, W. Evered, L. Moore, J. Winsor, J. Bishop conductor, W. Clark. For practice on December 9th, 720 Bob Minor. M. Hedges, F. Winsor, W. Clark, W. Evered, J. Winsor, J. Bishop conductor.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Thursday evening, January 9th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Rev. G. De Y. Aldridge, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Chapman, R. Chapman.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKLEY (Hants).—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Hunt, Rev. F. Hume, W. Pilton, F. Titcomb, E. Lodge conductor, W. Moore. And 168 of the same. W. Hunt, F. Titcomb, H. Ward, T. Garrett, E. Lodge conductor, W. Moore.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Upshall, H. Garfath, jun., A. J. Le Clercq, A. Smith, O. Coombes, H. Garfath, sen., E. Clapshaw, A. Baigent. Also 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun., A. Smith, C. Fry, A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, sen., A. J. Le Clercq, E. Clapshaw, O. Coombes. On Saturday, November 9th, being the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Cranham, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, jun., A. J. Le Clercq, H. Garfath, sen., C. Fry, T. Clapshaw, A. Baigent.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Harper, F. S. Bayley conductor, P. M. Hannam, J. J. Symons, E. Reynolds, A. C. Collins, J. Harris, H. C. Ingram. On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, T. Williams, C. Groves, A. C. Collins, J. J. Symons, J. T. Matthews, E. C. Newman conductor, E. J. Harding. On Sunday evening, September 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, P. M. Hannam, C. Groves, J. J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, J. Harper, A. C. Collins, E. J. Harding. On Thursday evening, September 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, P. M. Hannam, C. Groves, J. J. Symons conductor, A. C. Collins, J. T. Matthews, J. Harris, H. C. Ingram.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Shepherd, T. Laver, J. Ford, W. Miflin, J. R. Sandover, F. Murphy, conductor, W. Mogridge, W. C. Battishill.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

LONDON.—On September 1st, at All Saints church, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. S. Ough, A. R. Jones, J. Crombie, A. Cutmore, W. Hollier, T. Miller, W. Elson composer and conductor, W. Charge. On September 8th, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins. A. S. Ough, A. Cutmore, A. R. Jones, W. T.

Meaton, J. A. Dart, W. Hollier, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, W. Charge, C. Charge, R. Burgess. On September 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Holden, J. Herbert, A. R. Jones, A. Cutmore, W. Hollier, H. Adams, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, R. Burgess. On September 29th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. H. B. Hesse, A. Cutmore, A. R. Jones, J. Howes, J. Crombie, G. Strutt, H. Last, W. Hollier, W. T. Elson conductor, S. How. Composed by C. Charge. On November 3rd, 1258 Stedman Caters, in 48 mins. J. W. Driver, A. Cutmore, W. Charge, S. Wade, W. Hollier, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, W. Pickworth, C. Charge, R. Charge, S. How.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—At Christ Church on New Year's Eve, immediately after midnight service, 720 Oxford. F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, C. Taylor Jno. Thackray, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom conductor. On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford. C. Lockwood, J. Peacock, J. Summerville, others as before. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 360 College Pleasure, 120 Arnold's Victory, and 144 Kent. F. Gaunt, Jos. Thackray, C. Taylor, Jno. Thackray, M. Broadbent conductor, J. Heckingbottom. For evening service 360 each of College Pleasure and Violet. C. Lockwood, J. Peacock, C. Taylor, Jos. Thackray, Jno. Thackray conductor, Jos. Heckingbottom. F. Gaunt rang the treble in the Violet.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 30th, at the Norman tower, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. P. Roper, H. Smith, E. Hunt, T. Fitzjohn, C. Carter, E. Evans, E. R. J. Dunk conductor, G. Carter.

COSGRAVE (Northants).—On Thursday, November 28th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. O. Morris, E. Yates conductor, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker. Also a 6-score. C. Valentine, W. Beal, W. Tucker, conductor, W. Bonham, R. Tucker.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, July 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob on the back six. W. Ingham, T. Durling, R. Hims, R. Brett, G. R. Newton, Durling conductor.

HAYES (Kent).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Reader, H. Brown, G. R. Newton, J. Hack, W. Ingham, G. Durling.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 30th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Atkins, W. Tucker, E. Yates, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, H. Sear conductor. Also 240 Doubles. W. Beal, E. Yates, W. Tucker, W. Bonham, G. Cowley conductor, R. Tucker.

PORTS (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Symons conductor, C. Groves, A. Collins, J. Harper, J. Matthews, J. Harris, E. J. Harding. On Sunday evening, December 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, P. Hannam, C. Groves, J. Symons, A. Collins, F. Bayley, J. Harris conductor. On Monday, December 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal of Grandsire to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. J. T. Matthews, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons (conductor), J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris, H. C. Ingram. On December 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. C. Ingram, J. Harris, A. D. Stone, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, E. C. Newman, P. Hannam, E. Harding. On Sunday, December 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, P. Hannam, C. Groves, A. Collins, J. Matthews, H. Shepherd, J. Harris conductor, E. Harding.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, November 24th, 720 Bob Minor. O. Morris, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates. On Tuesday, December 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Beal, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley, conductor. In the evening 720 of Doubles. O. Morris, E. Yates conductor, A. Clarke, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, R. Tucker. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Queen Alexandra.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, December 1st, for morning service at St. Peter's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. E. Carter, W. Westgate, E. Hunt, T. Fitzjohn, C. Carter, W. Everett, E. R. J. Dunk conductor, J. Deeks. On Sunday evening, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by James George, of Rugby, standing as above conducted by E. R. J. Dunk.

WATH-ON-DEAN (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 13th, 240 Oxford. J. Aaron, A. Nash, R. J. Ricketts, A. Crossman, W. Russell, T. Whitworth conductor. Also 240 Violet. J. Aaron, J. Panther, A. Nash, T. Whitworth conductor, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood. For evening service, 720 Violet and 240 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Aaron, A. Nash, W. Woodcock, jun., conductor, T. Whitworth, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood. In the London Scholars' Pleasure A. Crossman rang the 4th.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1902.

THE ancient county town of Warwick, in spite of its soporiferous aspect and character, has at length aroused itself from its torpor with reference to church bells, for we read on another page that the ring of ten in the noble tower of St. Mary's church there has been entirely restored, though the word does not sufficiently convey the extensive amelioration the bells and their adjuncts have undergone. Those who know this splendid collegiate church are doubtless aware of its prominent architectural features, both outwardly and inwardly; its magnificent lofty tower, next to the diocesan cathedral the most stately in the diocese, and the chief ecclesiastical feature of the county. For very many years this tower held a ring of ten bells, it is true, but the hanging was of that eccentric description known as "the wrong way," and our recollection of their "go" is that it was most uninviting. All this has now been altered, and the correct things done, so that the ancient town will now soon be

reckoned, it is to be hoped, as a centre of change-ringing, if the energy and interest shown by those residents who have commenced practising the art is any criterion. We may be allowed the privilege of urging upon those who have thus entered the ranks of change-ringing not to hesitate or falter in its pursuit, but to persevere most unflinchingly towards getting their church and tower, and themselves, a high name among ringing companies of their own and adjoining counties. It used formerly to be said that no inhabitant of the town of Warwick could be found who possessed the faintest ability for change-ringing, and circumstances actually existed at the time which made such a saying not altogether impertinent.

The neighbourhood around Warwick has many attractions, antiquarian and otherwise. We need but mention such features as Warwick Castle and the ruin of Kenilworth to show the historical interest it enjoys. Very few counties have more pleasurable features than the one we are dealing with. And such features make the locality a most desirable one for the meetings of ringers who have a love for the picturesque, and whose sole ambition in visiting a neighbourhood previously unknown to them is not merely the getting of a peal.

THE HANDBELL COUPONS.—Several of our friends who take an interest in these affairs have written to suggest that March 1st, coming on a Saturday, it would be better to commence on that date instead of in the middle of a month. We fail to see the reason of this, but we give way in the matter. Perhaps the scheme may get more fully known if we comply with such representations. We shall refer to it again next week.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. 6.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 2.	JOSEPH BARRY .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 4.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 9.
THOMAS LANGDON .. 5.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

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On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours Eight and ½ Minutes

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5024 CHANGES,

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EDWIN BARNETT .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY A. LUCAS† .. Treble.	JOHN H. WILKINS .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 2.	CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 6.
RICHARD ELLIOTT .. 3.	ROBERT J. MAYNARD .. 7.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 4.	FREDERICK NUNN .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. B. MANNING.

†First peal, and first attempt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM S. LANGDON .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
ARTHUR HARDY .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

The Provinces.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST SEARLE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
ARTHUR SEARLE .. 2.	JAMES MOSS .. 6.
CHARLES CARTER .. 3.	FRANK DAVEY .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. 4.	*JOHN RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S ONE-PART (No. 7).

WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
HENRY PRING .. 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. 3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	FREDERICK J. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.
RICHARD A. JUDD* 2.	*JOSEPH GOULD 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE* .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal was arranged for R. A. Judd, of Gloucester.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WALTER TARLING 7.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4.	*WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JAMES TUCKER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal on eight bells as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	THOMAS TUTTE 6.
ALFRED MANN* 3.	ALLAN GOWER 7.
THOMAS GOFF† 4.	*ERNEST FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER.

First peal by the local company. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, February 6, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. Treble.	EDWARD BOYLIN 5.
HARRY WITHERS 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, February 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	†FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 2.	GEORGE CONDIK 7.
JESSE GILLET 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS† 4.	JOHN AUSTIN 9.
FRANCIS E. HART 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

†First peal of Bob Royal

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT A. POOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STOWELL 4.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN .. 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	HENRY BRIDLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5.
RICHARD W. BURROW .. 2.	E. SIDNEY HODGES 6.
ROBERT PICKERING 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN PERRY 4.	THOMAS PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lucy M. Perry. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at her home.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR RIVERS Treble.	CHARLES BAILEY 5.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	JOHN BUTTON 7.
SIDNEY BAILEY† 4.	ALBERT LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

†First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	WILLIAM JEFFERY 5.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 2.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 6.
JOE HOWES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 4.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. C. Hounslow.

FOR BLACK AND BLUE SERGE FOR LADIES' DRESS
and Costumes, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield.

TWERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK Treble.	CHARLES TOMKINS 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	WILLIAM STOWELL 6.
CHARLES GORDON 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 7.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 4.	THOMAS F. KING Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

First peal of Bob Triples by all except F. G. May.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	RICHARD E. GROVE 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS T. GOFTON, and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur T. Pegler.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 5.
WILLIAM HEXTER 2.	HARRY COLBOURNE 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	JOHN YATES Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK* .. Treble.	W. HENRY TURTON 5.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, SEN. 6.
CHARLES SEVERN 3.	†R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 7.
JOHN FLINT* 4.	‡SOLOMON ROBINSON, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by RICHARD WILFRED COLLIER.

†First peal. *First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor. J. Flint and S. Robinson, sen. were proposed members of the Yorkshire Association before starting for the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Treble.	EDWARD RADDON 5.
JOHN HEATHORN 2.	ERNEST ALLEN 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4.	ROBERT ROFFEY Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

It was intended to have rung Stedman, but there being illness in one of the members home, Mr. J. Heathorn, who is in his seventy-ninth year, kindly took the spare rope with the above result. May he ring many more is the wish of all.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

FRANK HOLDER Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
JAMES D. DREWITT 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
THOMAS GWYNNE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON 4.	A. BUNDLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

TUE BROOK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE LUNT* .. Treble.	GEORGE DICKINSON 5.
SAMUEL WOODS* 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
EDWARD CAUNCE† 3.	ALBERT LOVELL 7.
FREDERICK LARKEY 4.	GEORGE PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

†First as conductor. *First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	ALBERT DURRANT 7.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 8.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 10.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 5.	*WALTER LAST 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.	FREDERICK TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT .. Treble.	DAVID TARLING 5.
GEORGE E. PEACE 2.	WILLIAM A. ALPS 6.
FRANK CARTER 3.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 7.
GEORGE THURGOOD 4.	GEORGE COLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung on these bells since they were rehung, and the first since 1886.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BURROWS .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND 5.
JOHN ROBT. EASTWOOD .. 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 6.
RICHARD ASHWORTH 3.	*ROBT. WM. HARGREAVES .. 7.
FRED. GEORGE POLLARD* .. 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART.

ALBERT S. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WALTER LARGE .. 5.
WILLIAM GIBBS .. 2.	*JOHN F. BARLOW .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER .. 3.	ARTHUR H. PULLING .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. 4.	FREDERICK G. CANDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.

*First peal as conductor.

BATH.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 2.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 6.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. 7.
GEORGE SOMMERS, JUN. .. 4.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells in the city of Bath. It is also the 100th peal by F. G. May for the Association.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 2. Tenor 24 cwt.

MAURICE HEDGES .. Treble.	WILLIAM CLARK .. 5.
JOHN YOUD .. 2.	JOHN BISHOP .. 6.
FRANK WINSOR .. 3.	JOHN WINSOR .. 7.
WALTER EVERED .. 4.	CHARLES WINSTONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BISHOP.

This is the first peal on the bells for forty years.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

H. WHITE .. Treble.	J. HARRIS .. 5.
J. HARPER .. 2.	J. E. BALLARD .. 6.
E. ALLEN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. J. JONES .. 4.	E. CLAPSHAW .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. The ringers wish to heartily thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. Headley, for his interesting description of his beautiful church, and also for his hospitality to them after the peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM ARGENT .. 6.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. 7.
HUGH R. THORPE .. 3.	THOMAS SPARKS .. 8.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. 9.
HENRY REEVES .. 5.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

This is the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells; also first in the county by an entirely local band.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	JOHN W. BARKER .. 5.
MAURICE SMITH .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

This is C. R. Lilley's bachelor peal that was suggested some few weeks back.

FULMER, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK CLARKE .. Treble.	JOHN WALDEN .. 4.
JOHN CLARKE .. 2.	ALFRED JORDAN .. 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 3.	EDWARD ELDERFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

The ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th commenced learning to ring in July 1901.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE J. SAYER .. Treble.	*PERCY E. BEX .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. E. Bex.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

HUGH GLADWELL .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. 5.
HARRY SMITH .. 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. 6.
THOMAS KING .. 3.	*HARRY TURNER .. 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM† .. 4.	WILLIAM KINSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by T. KING.

†First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
HENRY STALHAM .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. 7.
EDMUND LINDUP .. 4.	*JOHN SALMON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 5th in the peal at Diss, reported in our last issue, was John Tite.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, February 15th, at St. Michael's church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 4 o'clock; meeting at 7.
JOHN SMITH, Sec.

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place to-day Saturday, February 15th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in the church room at 6 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.
J. W. DRIVER,
387, New Kings Road, Fulham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—As business of special importance will be brought forward at the meeting after ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, February 18th, members are requested to attend on that occasion. Other meetings will be held at St. Magnus on February the 27th, and at St. Giles' Cripplegate, on Tuesday the 25th. The period for paying the subscription of 1s. 8d. ends on February 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the association at Brentwood on Saturday, February 22nd. At this meeting the master and secretary will be appointed for the South-Eastern division for 1903. Tea and business meeting will be held at the church house at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.
Great Totham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready from 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.
72, Church Street, Middleton.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at the White Horse hotel at 7 p.m. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year must be given in at this meeting. Members in arrear with their subscriptions will oblige by paying the same before the end of the financial year.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

St Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 1st next, at the St. Martin's hotel (next to St. Martin's church). The chair will be taken by Richard R. Cherry, Esq., K.C., D.C.L. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. Tickets free to full subscribing members, and for other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting at Hobbs', 70 and 71 South Street, at 5 p.m. All

members intending to be present kindly notify the undersigned by Friday morning, February 21st.
H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only), will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30
E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The Battle Society.—The Secretary for 1902 of the Battle branch of the above Association is Mr. W. J. Thomas, Virginscroft, Battle.

St. Augustine's Guild, Kilburn.—There will be no "open" ringing on Tuesdays during Lent. Sunday ringing as usual.

J. W. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

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.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

The bellringers and choir of St. David's church were entertained on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at the vicarage by the Rev. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Jones to supper. An excellent repast was provided, to which full justice was done by the thirty-four members present. After supper the tables were cleared, and the rest of the evening was given up to social enjoyment. The usual patriotic toasts were given and responded to most heartily. The toast of "The Bellringers and Choir" was proposed by the Rev. Lewis Jones, and responded to by Messrs. Hughes and Gayton. After this songs were sung by Messrs. Turnbull, Gayton, and Maddocks. The toast to the Rev. Lewis and Mrs. Jones was given in a very neat speech by W. Dawson, Esq., and was received by the whole of the company rising and singing for "They are jolly good people." Mr. S. Taylor gave a capital rendering of the old Lancashire song, "The Old Spinners." The toast of "Our absent Friends" was given, the whole of the company singing "Auld Lang Syne." A most enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings terminating at midnight with the singing of the National Anthem. These annual gatherings shows the deep interest taken by the worthy Vicar and his wife in the choir and ringers, in bringing them together annually to spend the evening in conviviality and social enjoyment. J. G.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(STEYNING BRANCH.)

The Annual Dinner of the above branch was held on January 9th, at The Norfolk Arms, when twenty-three ringers and friends sat down to a capital spread provided by hostess Bateman. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, who was supported by the churchwarden, Mr. T. Duke. Mr. G. Gatland occupied

the vice-chair. The cloth being removed the usual toast list was gone through. The toast of "The Steyning Branch" was proposed by Mr. Jocelyn, who spoke of the pleasure it always gave him to hear the bells.

The Captain, in responding, also thanked the ringers for the support given him during the past year. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. T. Searle, and responded to by Mr. W. Green, sen. "The Chairman and Hostess" concluded the toast list, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

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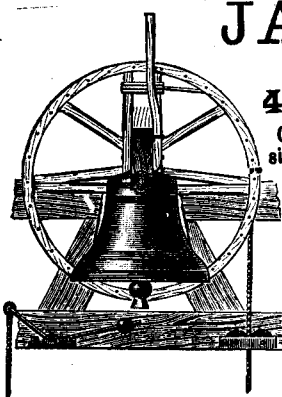
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