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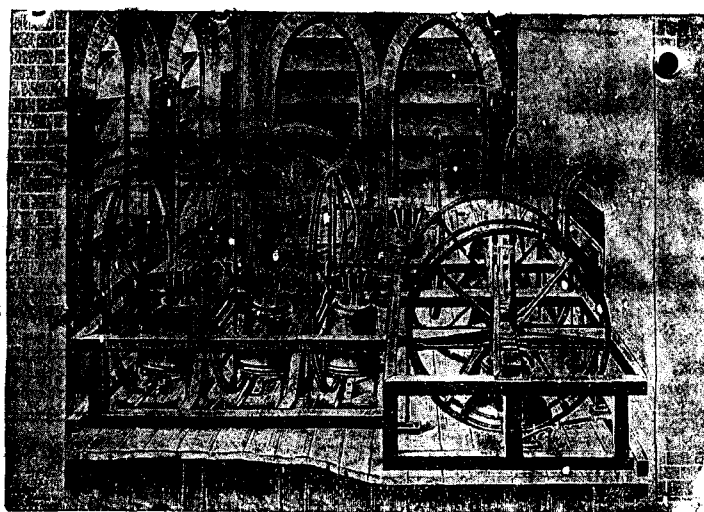
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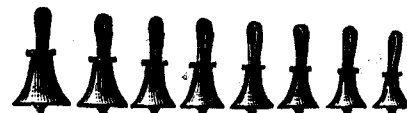
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OLD DATED BELLS.

It is remarkable that there should have been discovered in the year 1898 in the famous mosque of the Karneen at Fez, Morocco, a large bell which I believe to be the oldest but one extant bearing a date. For our knowledge of the discovery of this interesting relic we are indebted to Budget Meekin, of London, author of the delightful volume entitled "The Land of the Moors."

It appears that in the course of some repairs being made within this mosque, three large brass chandeliers, which were taken down to be cleaned, proved to be old bells. When this circumstance was reported to Mr. McIver MacLeod, the British vice-consul, a Moor able to read European characters was sent to examine the bells. Of these the largest was found to be about four feet in height, and twelve feet in circumference at the rim. About fifteen inches above the rim is cast in bas-relief, in letters three inches deep, an inscription in Roman letters, the transcription of which was given as follows:—

MEHT SEMSANTA SPONTANANE VOROE MOEGET
PATRE LIBERACIONEMENT : 1219.

Between the final T and the initial M there is an ornament resembling a star, knot, or garter. Between the inscription and the rim are, in bas-relief and at equal distances, four devices, viz.: an eagle, a lion, a bull, and another not identified.

This inscription, which appears to have been very imperfectly copied, I am at a loss to interpret, but the words are clearly mediæval Spanish, and it may therefore be safely assumed that the bells formed part of the loot of some church or monastery taken by the Moors of Grenada during some of their raids into the conterminous province of Castile during the 13th–15th centuries. It will be recalled that Grenada, the last stronghold of the Moors, was captured by Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492, the year of the discovery of America. It is interesting to note that this newly-discovered bell at Fez, which must weigh at least 20 cwt., is older by exactly one century than the oldest dated bell in England, that of St. Dunstan, Sussex (1319), which is of foreign manufacture; while but a single bell extant, that of Iggenbach, Lower Bavaria, bears an earlier date (1144). The inscriptions of the other three bells of the mosque were hidden by numerous lamps attached to them, and were therefore not ascertained.

The following list of old dated bells, drawn mainly from Otte's work on campanology, printed in Leipsic in 1884, is more complete than any hitherto published.

It is possible that more ancient bells may yet be found in Spain, but in my visits to the towers and campanarios of that country I have found the work of deciphering the inscriptions extremely difficult, the bells being hung in inaccessible arches, and often encased in gudgeon-grease and dirt.

Moreno, in his description of Grenada, published 1892, affirms that a bell was recently broken up for recasting, taken from the convent Santa Catalina de Sena, inscribed with the date, 1118, and a verse from the Book of Psalms, viz.: "Laudate dominum in cymbalis benesonantibus."

In Gilching, Upper Bavaria, is a bell inscribed with the name of its donor, which makes it certain that it was cast between the years 1162 and 1194.

The stars in this list indicate that the bells may have been recently removed from their respective towers, or perhaps destroyed.

LOCATION.	INSCRIBED DATE.
1. Iggenbach, Lower Bavaria	1144
2. Fez, Morocco, Mosque of Karneen	1219
3. Helfta, near Eisleben	1234
4. Wurzburg, St. Burchard	1249
5. *Iber, near Einbeck	"
6. Minden Cathedral	1252
7. Freiburg, Baden, Cathedral	1258
8. Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), St. Peter	1261
9. Moringen, Hanover, Church of the Virgin	1263
10. Hagenau, St. George	1268
11. " City Tower	"
12. Braunschweig, Museum	1270
13. Minden, Cathedral	"
14. Markgroningen, Wurtemberg (two bells)	1272
15. *Ochtersum, near Esens	1274
16. Wurzburg, St. Peter	1275
17. Gross-Uhrleben, near Langensalza	1278
18. *Luhnde, near Hildesheim	"
19. Halberstadt, St. Moritz	1281
20. Muhlhausen, St. Blasius	"
21. Munden, St. Blasius	"
22. *Freiburg, Baden, Cathedral	"
23. *Emden, principal church	1282
24. *Brandenburg, St. Katharine	1287
25. Gonna, near Sangerhausen	1290
26. Wilsdruff, Saxony	"
27. St. Chad's, Cloughton, Lancashire	1296
28. Old Ashby, Northamptonshire	1317
29. South Somercoles, Lincolnshire (two bells)	1423
30. Sowerby " "	1431
31. *Fredelsloh	1291
32. Kampen, Holland	1295
33. Wernigerode, St. Sylvester	1297
34. Sinzig, Parish Church	1299
35. Pfaffenhofen	"
36. St. Dunstan Sussex, England	1319
37. All Hallows Staining, London	1458
55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.	ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, M.D.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Bolsover on Easter Monday, March 31st. Members were present from Bolsover, Clay Cross, Heath, Pleasley, South Normanton, Ault Hucknall, Tibshelf, and North Wingfield. Service was held in the church at 4 p.m., when an excellent address was given by the Rev. A. V. Colston, Vicar. Tea was held in the school at 5 p.m., to which fifty sat down. After tea the meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. The minutes with the balance-sheet were read and passed unanimously, shewing a balance in hand of £8 16s. od. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Rev. C. J. Boden, Vicar of North Wingfield; Treasurer—W. Smith, Esq., Clay Cross; Secretary—T. Allibone, North Wingfield. The next meeting was voted to South Normanton. The

quarterly meetings were arranged for Pleasley in June, Ripley in September, and Tibshelf in December. Special meetings (for which invitations had been received) at Shirland and Ault Hucknall, were left in the hands of the Secretary to arrange dates. A letter of apology was read from the Rev. C. J. Boden regretting his inability to attend, and inviting the members to North Wingfield when the new trebles are dedicated. Hearty votes of thanks to the retiring officers, also to the Vicar for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. The bells were kept merrily going till nearly 9 o'clock.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association took place at Dorking on Easter Monday. The members numbering about sixty, and representing most of the ringing towers in the district, were kindly allowed by the Rev. J. H. Hodgson the use of the beautiful peal of bells at Ranmore Common, and also by kind permission of the grand ring of bells at St. Mary's, Dorking. At six o'clock there was a service for the ringers at the latter church, with an address by the Vicar, and the ringers then adjourned to the Church Room where a substantial tea was provided out of the Association funds, the catering being admirably executed by Mr. E. Dodd, the leader of the local ringers, and who owns the Coffee Rooms adjoining. The tea having been concluded the usual business meeting was opened by the members voting the Rev. E. A. Chichester to the chair. In thanking the members the chairman extended to them a hearty welcome to Dorking, and dwelt on the difficulty it was to obtain ringers, or having obtained them to retain their services. He then called on the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, and these having been duly confirmed, the adoption of the report of the Association's operations for 1901 was moved and carried unanimously. The Secretary reported that since the last meeting one peal of Bob Royal, one of Stedman Caters, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Grandsire Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Bob Minor had been rung, making twelve since the commencement of the year, and a total of 395 since the society was formed in 1880. It was decided that the next meeting should take place at Mitcham on Saturday, July 15th.

The Rev. H. M. Brown, of Cheam, and the Rev. Robert Home, of Dorking, were elected honorary members, and Messrs. Webb (Sutton), Holden (Leatherhead), Sears (Mitcham), Humphreys (Ashted), Godby (Buckland), Young and Snelling (Epsom), were elected performing members of the Association.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding concluded the business, and the ringers afterwards adjourned to St. Mary's and rang for the evening service.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Harlow on Easter Monday. A small party went over early in the day to Matching where they were welcomed and entertained by the Vicar. Another portion went to Roydon to attempt a peal. Towards 5 o'clock however, all gravitated toward the Infant School for tea. The chair was taken by the Master, the Rev. G. T. Oakshott, Vicar of Stanstead, and he was supported by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. Eyre), the Branch Secretary (Mr. H. J. Tucker), the Branch Secretary of the North Eastern division (Mr. E.

Beckwith). Thirty-six sat down to tea. The Master and Secretary for the North Western division were re-elected for the year 1903. It was arranged that the next monthly meeting for the North Western division should be held at Stanstead in August. Some new members were elected.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

A meeting in connection with this district was held at Bramfield on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members from the various towers of the district. The bells were kept busily employed in various methods of Doubles during the evening, and the ringing concluded with a 720 in the following methods: St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, and Grandsire, by F. Lambert conductor, E. Chatten, J. Walker, E. Thain, J. Punchard. An hour's social intercourse was then indulged in, and this brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

MR. TROLLOPE'S ARTICLE ON THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Trollope's article in your last issue, may I say that the views there expressed on the relative values of music and arithmetic are at wide variance with my own and, I believe, with those of every composer with whom I have collaborated.

It is not my wish to enter into controversy, but I consider that it would be detrimental to the interests of the Exercise if it were to be supposed that there is no reverse to Mr. Trollope's theories. He will find it held by not a minority, I think, of students that the musical monotony of repeated changes was as much relieved by the advent of half-pull ringing as was their arithmetical and practical tedium; that Stedman surpasses Grandsire no less in the lingering of its melody than in the charm of its work; that the humdrum of Triples is pleasantly varied by the continuity of Major; that the proximity of tenors is accepted as a canon of composition and an attraction in methods; and that most modern peals are the result of harmonious rather than mathematical intent.

I trust that, for the health of the Art, appreciation of musical excellence will continue the preponderating influence.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Duffield, March 28th, 1902.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope is right in saying that on one point he and I are at variance. He tells us that call-changes are older than method ringing. I know of no evidence whatever in support of this view, and every consideration of which I am aware bearing on this point, appears to me to combine to show that the truth is the reverse. I hope he will inform the Exercise on what grounds he has made this fundamental statement.

R. A. DANIELL.

"OVERLAPPING."

SIR,—Mr. Drake's question seems pertinent. As a London ringer, from whose ringing societies diocesan arrangements are necessarily excluded, I opine that the only considerations which should determine the boundaries of the area of an association should be the common sense ones of practical usefulness. Who would suggest the formation of London societies to be divided

by the Thames? And would anyone but a lunatic suggest the formation of an association for such a Diocese as Rochester? Of what use could it be? Ecclesiastical geography is often strange to a degree, and is mostly the result of accidental circumstances. The boundaries of dioceses are not a fact of Church truth, and there are very few dioceses whose boundaries are the same now as they were a century ago. Of what importance is a diocesan boundary in such a matter as ringing? As Mr. Drake says, actual boundaries are not in ordinary church work allowed to act detrimentally. Up till quite lately a portion of High Street, Kensington, was in the parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, but, for working purposes, it was by arrangement between the clergy treated as belonging to St. Mary Abbots. Is it conceivable that any Rector of St. Margaret's could have wished otherwise? Surely the real benefit to the local bands should be the first consideration in ringing association boundaries. A churchman does not cease to be one by connecting himself with another diocese. R. A. DANIELL.

BOB MAJOR.

Re Mr. Tucker's letter in your issue of the 22nd inst., in reply to Mr. A. Symonds:—

Will Mr. Tucker kindly refer to the correspondence commenced in "THE BELL NEWS" by Mr. J. A. Trollope on October 5th, 1895, and which was continued by himself, and concluded by myself, in your issue of October 26th in that year? This, I thought, put an end to the question, and that my claim still held good. This refers to the 5056 published on page 63 of the "Appendix." If he will again refer to the letter of Mr. A. Craven, which appeared on April 18th, 1896 (and which he never disputed), he will there find the exact figures in the same order, which he coolly republishes March 1st, 1902, under his name, and, further, in last week's issue gives his date of composition and when it was first rang. His date of composition may be right so far as he is concerned, but not so the first ringing. It was rang for the first time, and conducted by myself, at St. Luke's, Liverpool, somewhere about June, 1885. (I have not my "BELL NEWS" of that year to refer to, or I would give exact date.) Comparison with the figures in the "Appendix," and the figures appearing in "THE BELL NEWS," April 18th, 1896, and again on the 1st inst., will convince anyone who is not obstinate, that they are one and the same peal, the latter startling from the 4th course of the former. I have also rang and called the same peal, commencing at the 9th course. In all three variations has it been rung as mine, years before some of its many so-called composers commenced to pull a rope. In conclusion, I must ask Mr. Tucker to admit the figures he has published in the "Appendix" and "THE BELL NEWS," of this particular plan of Bob Major, come under the heading of "Appropriation" and not "Composition," as the latter term is claimed by yours truly,

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Obituary.

JOHN WILLIAM MANSFIELD.

A large circle of ringers, both in London and in country places, will hear with sincere regret of the death of the above-named. "Jack Mansfield," as he was familiarly termed, had been for many years steeple-keeper at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the headquarters of the Cumberland Youths. Indeed, he had been connected with St. Martin's from his youth, having been a page boy in the family of the late Vicar of that parish, the Rev. W. G. Humphry, and it is difficult to think of St. Martin's as without him. He was greatly attached to it. Not only did he perform his duties at the steeple thoroughly and conscientiously, but he was very proud of the building and of the parish, and of its history and doings; and he frequently gave a copy of the Parish Magazine to the present writer when it contained anything which he deemed of special interest. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths, and other societies, and though he did not practise so many methods as many men now do, he was an excellent striker of those in which he took part, and when in his prime he was an exceedingly good ringer of heavy and badly-going tenors. Of late years, however, declin-

ing health had prevented his doing much ringing. He suffered from Bright's Disease; and the work of custodian of St. Martin's churchyard, which he latterly combined with his other duties, involving as it did exposure in all weathers, must have been very trying to a man in delicate health. He became confined to his house early in December last, and though he showed symptoms of rallying from time to time, the disease proved too strong for him, and he passed peacefully away on Wednesday, the 26th ult., aged 52, leaving behind him a widow, who had nursed him throughout with exemplary devotion, and two sons, for all of whom a wide and deep sympathy is felt.

"Jack Mansfield" was a man of remarkably bright and cheerful disposition. If a man were in his company without before long enjoying a hearty laugh, it was not Jack's fault, and throughout his illness he maintained his cheerfulness, and interest in ringing and other subjects, notwithstanding increasing weakness and suffering. The brightness was stamped on his very face; he never looked anything like his age; and, according to the statement of one of the St. Martin's clergy who had visited him, he looked into the face of approaching death with reverence, composure, and dignity.

The coffin containing that portion of him which had ceased to be alive, covered with floral tokens of affection and esteem, was borne into St. Martin's on Good Friday night, and rested there until nine o'clock on the morning of Saturday, the 29th inst. The Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Kitto, who was accompanied by his assistant clergy, read the first part of the Burial Office. Amongst those present were:—Mr. Churchwarden Laing, Mr. Wm. Baron, Mr. Henry Dains, Mr. Beams, Mr. Walters, Mr. Wild, and other ringers. But for the earliness of the hour, the shortness of the notice, and the dislocation of arrangements which accompanies Holy Week and Easter, no doubt many more ringers would have been present. Mr. Henry Dains and Mr. R. A. Daniell were able to accompany the relatives and the Rev. J. T. Thompson, of St. Martin's, to Finchley; where the mortal remains were committed by Mr. Thompson to the grave. This took place, unfortunately, under a downpour of rain. But, though, on such occasions it is natural to desire sunshine, still the rain, as well as the sun, is one of the Almighty's fertilising processes, and no unfit emblem of that higher development, in the confident expectation of which Christian mourners commit their departed loved ones to Him Whose mercy is over all His works. R. A. D.

FRANCIS COOPER.

It is with much regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Francis Cooper, which took place at his residence at Aldeburgh, on March 26th, at the age of 66. He had been in failing health for some time past, and had not done much ringing of late in consequence. He commenced ringing at his native village of Rendham, at the age of 16. Ten years later he removed to Aldeburgh, where he was mainly instrumental in the restoration and augmentation of the peal there. He had been for many years a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had taken part in several peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Bob Major, at Leiston, Kelsale, and Framlingham. He was of a kind and genial, though plain, outspoken nature; was a striker of no mean ability, and woe betide the unfortunate individual who proved himself a bad striker, in an attempt for a touch, or a peal, with him. The interment took place in Aldeburgh churchyard, being borne to the grave, in a massive oak coffin, by members of the local company, the long procession of mourners and friends including ringers from Leiston, Kelsale, and Grundisburgh, who at the conclusion of the service—which was conducted by the Rev. Canon Thompson—rang several touches with the bells deeply muffled. The deceased was well known and much respected. W. T.

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THE BELLS OF EXETER CATHEDRAL.

(Continued from page 574.)

"The Dean said that upon receipt of the report he communicated individually with each member of the Chapter and made the matter urgent for the succeeding Chapter meeting. All were unanimously in favour of recasting the bell, and the Chapter passed a resolution on Saturday to that effect. It was that resolution which he now desired to bring forward. He might add that during the preparations for rehanging a good deal of defective masonry had been found in the tower, which would be made good at a cost of about £40. There had also been additional expense by having to enlarge the aperture in the roof of the south transept through which the bells had to pass. Moreover, in the previous aggregate of cost there had been no allowance made for clerk of works or for Mr. Harbottle as surveyor. There would be some incidental expense in connection with photography and resetting of chimes, and altogether the total cost, including rehanging, would be £1,595. Towards that there had been £1,173 7s. 5d. subscribed or promised, leaving about £420 to raise.

"Considerable discussion ensued, in the course of which it was submitted that, while Grandisson was not quite musically perfect, its defects were only noticeable to those with very keen musical ears; that, therefore, recasting was hardly warranted, especially as the bell had been recast twice previously; that the bell should be tried under the new conditions in the fresh cage and with a proper clapper, and that although a bell might not be true in itself it might, nevertheless, harmonise with other bells when rung in peal.

"The Dean replied that the bell being admittedly imperfect it was felt there would be cause for reproach if the Chapter did not endeavour to remedy it. There would be a fresh contract providing that the new bell should be in tune with the other bells of the peal, that the metal of the old Grandisson should be used in it, and that if the Chapter were not satisfied with the recasting they should not pay anything for it. In fact the Chapter were at liberty to put into the contract the strongest possible conditions as to the bell being perfectly satisfactory, and to name any expert to decide whether it could be accepted. He undertook to insert special provision for the new bell being in tune as well as tune with the peal. The rehanging and recasting would be completed before Coronation Day.

"Mr. Gould moved, Mr. Heberden seconded, and it was resolved, that the Committee, having heard that the Dean and Chapter had decided to have Grandisson recast, and there being a sum of £420 still required for the general scheme, authorise steps being taken to raise the money.

"The Dean alluded to the correspondence concerning the preservation of the cannons of the bells, and said a reply would be published. Some of the cannons were so unsound that it was a marvel some of the bells had not broken off from them altogether. The ninth bell could, it was hoped, be lowered this morning a little before 11 o'clock and Grandisson to-morrow at the same time.

"Yesterday forenoon, between 11 and 12 o'clock, there was a large attendance of citizens and others at Exeter Cathedral, for the purpose of seeing 'Stafford,' the ninth bell of the peal of ten in the south tower, lowered into the transept preparatory to removal to Loughborough to be adjusted to the new iron cage in which all the bells will eventually hang. 'Stafford,' which was cast in 1676, by T. Purdew, weighs 47 cwt., and is the tenor of the grand peal of eight in C minor, which has long excited the admiration of all campanologists, and is rung in connection with Assizes and funerals. It was rather a coincidence that the removal of 'Stafford' should take place on the opening day of the present Assizes.

"The lowering was effected by means of a hand winch of powerful construction placed in the belfry and blocks and pulleys suspended from just below the roof of the tower. Elaborate precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the operation, and it was carried out without a hitch. As the bell came through the aperture in the roof of the transept it looked a comparatively small object, but as it gradually descended its massive proportions were discernible, while its thickness excited numerous expressions of surprise. A trolley was in wait-

ing in the transept, and on this the bell was pulled by hand down the nave, and then drawn by horses to the station.

"The reproduction from a snapshot photograph which we give affords a good idea of the bell. The cannons, about which there has been some controversy, are the looplike formations on the head or crown of the bell. The one on the right appears perfect, but, as a matter of fact, it is cracked close to the pair of cannons which run at right angles, and of which the top view of one only is obtainable. The bridge of a central cannon has disappeared, and the cannon which should be on the left to correspond with the one on the right in the picture has entirely gone. The cannons that remain are very unsatisfactory, and have numerous interstices filled with lead. It would be the height of folly to hang the bell by the cannons of such a character to the stock or piece of timber by means of which, and wheel and rope, it is swung upwards and downwards in ringing. As a matter of fact, the bell has, so far as living memory goes, been always attached to the stock by bolts or stout pins of iron passed through the crown of the bell. The bolts, four in number, are the same as those used in lowering the bell.

"Grandisson, the heaviest bell of the whole peal, and weighing 67 cwt., will be lowered this morning about 11 o'clock.

"Those who had an opportunity of inspecting the cannons of the 'Stafford' bell, which was lowered yesterday in the Cathedral prior to dispatch to Loughborough, could have no doubt as to their unsoundness or the uselessness of preserving them. One cannon had entirely disappeared, the bridge of another had gone, and that of a third had been cracked, while the remainder were more or less defective and unreliable. I am told that the cannons of 'Grandisson,' the biggest bell of the peal, are almost as bad as those of 'Stafford.' Within living memory the 'Stafford' bell has always been bolted through the crown to the stock, and not hung by the cannons. If it had not been, one of the grandest bells in the kingdom would probably have long ago been smashed to pieces."

The following correspondence has also appeared:—

"SIR,—Cannot friends (with permission of the Dean and Chapter), who so admire our Devon General, Sir Redvers Buller, subscribe, and call the E flat bell the 'Buller' bell? Thus this ring would for ever be known as the 'Buller' peal, a lasting memorial of a grand man, the same manner as the Cobthorne eight.—Yours truly, AN OLD CHANGE RINGER."

"SIR,—I have been interested in the suggestions which appeared in your paper with regard to the Cathedral bells. The case appears to stand thus: The original appeal of the Dean and Chapter was the necessity of rehanging the present peal. And from the appearance of the debris of the old gearing, and the state of one or two of the bells, it was not too soon. About half the amount required for the work was given, before the general public were informed of it.

"Subscriptions came in rapidly. It was then decided to leave two pits open so to allow for a peal of twelve by the addition of an E flat and an F natural. I am not in favour of that idea, because, in the present peal of ten, the first, second, and third bells are almost inaudible after the deep tones of the eighth, ninth, and tenth, and I should be sorry to depart from the old peal of ten which have become so dear to many of us.

"I quite agree with adding an E flat, so as to make a separate peal of eight in that key, and musical men know the beauty of a change of key from C minor to E flat major. One of your correspondents challenged the opinion of campanologists and the sanction of the Dean and Chapter. Musical men and bell-ringers have replied approvingly, but as yet the Dean and Chapter are silent.

"T. R. K. N." generously offers five pounds to start with. No doubt others would follow if it were known to be acceptable. —Yours truly, D. SHARP."

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Notices.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch for the Archdeaconry of Wilts. will be held at Devizes to-day, Saturday, April 5th, at 3 p.m.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

3, *Estcourt Street, Devizes.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, to-day, Saturday, April 5. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe to-day, Saturday, April 5, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Stone to-day, Saturday, April 5th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Champion Mac Gill, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at The Radcliffe Arms, Almond bury, on Saturday, April 12th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Business important.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, April 19th. Evensong, 4.30. Preacher—Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Tea in parish room free to those who give notice. Apply to Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon.

R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tower (8 bells) open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members sending notice before Tuesday, April 22nd to the Master,

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at parish room at 5. Service at 6. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing the local secretary, Mr. F. Hounsell, Cuckfield, by Thursday, the 10th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still owing should be paid as soon as possible.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, April 10th and 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, April 15th; and St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, April 22nd, all at 8 p.m.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—The May Meeting will be held at Bingley on May 3rd, that is, two weeks earlier than usual, on account of Whitsuntide. Details later.

WM. SNOWDON, *President.*
24 *Basinghall Street, Leeds.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ROMFORD.—This is the first peal in the method ever rung on handbells double-handed, and was rung at the seventh attempt. It was a bachelors' peal, composed, rung, conducted and umpired, and rung at a bachelors' residence, and W. and E. Pye and W. Keeble have now rung the first bachelors' peal of Cambridge both on tower and handbells. The band are also members of the Middlesex, Hertford and Norwich Associations and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The band consider this to be the finest performance ever achieved on handbells. It was rung as a birthday compliment to W. Keeble.

Compositions.

Corrected Issue.

A CORONATION PEAL FOR JUNE 26TH, 1902.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

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24653	2	-	1	2
26543	1	-	2	2
32465	-	2	2	
34625	1	-	2	2
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To be rung on June 26th, 1902, as it contains 3154 of Treble Bob Major, being the same number of changes as our King will be weeks old.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1902.

EASTER MONDAY has this year maintained its repute for ringers' gatherings. The notices in last week's number were greatly above the usual quantity; and the peals recorded this week show how popular is the day with members of the Exercise. So it was in the past, before anything like the present facilities for vehicular travelling were in existence. Ringers did not then hesitate to walk twenty or thirty miles to take part in a peal with old friends, and enjoy and renew those acquaintanceships which the march of science, exemplified by the present facilities, has, it is feared, somewhat impaired. Greetings appear now and then to have become commonplace, and less kindly than formerly. Those sentiments known as affection, regard, esteem, and the like, are not so visibly expressed as was their wont. When the competitive faculties rule everything, all else must of course be subservient.

We would call attention to an announcement on another page of a Concert which will be given on Tuesday next, the 8th instant, at Burnley, in aid of an old and deserving ringer—Mr. JOHN POLLARD. Very few of our readers will be able to attend, but if they can send any little sum in aid of an old brother, it will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

In another column will be found an advertisement asking those interested to tender for rehangings and recasting bells, etc., to complete a ring of five! As this comes from the neighbourhood of the Rev. HERBERT DRAKE, perhaps he can interest himself in the matter, and influence the "Vicar and Churchwardens."

The Provinces.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. HUNTTreble.	P. ROPER4.
S. ROPER2.	M. J. COBB5.
C. LOMAX3.	J. CHENERYTenor.

Conducted by F. HUNT.

First peal as conductor. First peal by all.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER R. HUMPHREY ..Treble.	JOHN ANSELL4.
GEORGE THOMPSON2.	FRANCIS J. SANDERS5.
ARTHUR HOLMAN3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.

MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and three each of Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MADGWICK* ..Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING*2.	THOMAS STROUD5.
WILLIAM G. DANIELS*3.	JAMES LEETenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

*First peal and first attempt.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE PHILLIPSTreble.	EDWIN G. RAPLEY5.
EDWIN BRISTOW2.	JOHN SMART6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS3.	GEORGE SMART7.
GEORGE GATLAND4.	*ROBERT BARTLETTTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. This was rung owing to meeting one short for Stedman.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. in E.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS ..Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY5.
CYRIL HERBERT2.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD6.
JOHN HARE3.	JOHN W. BARKER7.
SAMUEL WESLEY4.	JOSEPH NICHOLSTenor.
	WALTER G. WESTTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Timms, Clerk, for attention paid to bells; also Mr. John Lenton, of The Griffin, for hospitality after the peal.

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WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

SIDNEY ARTHUR WRIGHT ..Treble.	WALTER INGHAM5.
DAVID WRIGHT2.	MORGAN WHATLEY6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON7.
JOHN JAMES LAMB4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCHTenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(HEAVITREE BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN FORDTreble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD5.
THOMAS LAVER2.	JOHN R. SANDOVER6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD3.	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD*4.	FRANK MURPHYTenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by all except the conductor.

KIRTlington, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCHTreble.	ALFRED FOX5.
WILLIAM BENNETT2.	WILLIAM J. SMITH6.
JOE HOWES3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY4.	ANTHONY STRANGETenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ISAAC S. ALEXANDER ..Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE5.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM*2.	FREDERICK BORRETT6.
EGBERT BORRETT3.	JAMES MOTTS7.
WILLIAM MOTTS4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLETenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rang to celebrate Mr. W. Catchpole's 53rd birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACHELORS' PEAL.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. in G

WALTER FINEDONTreble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON4.
MAURICE SMITH2.	FRANK WEBB5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY3.	JOHN W. BARKERTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This was C. R. Lilley's last peal of single blessedness, he being married at St. Paul's, Bedford, by the Rev. Lambert Woodward, Vicar, at 1.30 p.m. to Miss Ethel Simms, of Totnes, South Devon, his brother-ringers wishing him every happiness.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	*ASA HOLMES 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
JOHN FOREMAN 3.	HUGH D. DALL 8.
SENGENT POWER 4.	ROBERT RICHARD 9.
EDWIN WHEATER* 5.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY ..
	ROBERT SIMM JUN. .. } Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to R. Richard. This was E. Wheeler's first attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Caters.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 2.	JAMES KITCHENER 6.
FRANCIS W. BOND 3.	FREDERICK LEWIS 7.
H. CHARLES BOND 4.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor who attained his twenty-first birthday on Thursday, March 27th.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
CHARLES GILES 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	GEORGE PAIGE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
JOHN RICE 3.	*JAMES HUNT 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge; also first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells. W. Keeble was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Huddersfield, Cambridge, Superlative, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	GEORGE JORDAN 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
ISAAC CAVILL* 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. This makes the conductor's fiftieth 720 of Durham Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	BEN CHORLEY 5.
ARTHUR FRANKUM 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	†FRANK BLONDELL .. 7.
GEORGE GUNNER 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

†First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in Guildford district by an entirely local band.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

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

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. Treble.	ALBERT SCOTT 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
JAMES MOORHOUSE .. 3.	DAVID WHITING 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 4.	WALTER PEAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS† .. Treble.	WALTER WHITING 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM* .. 2.	JOHN CREASY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. TYTE .. Treble.	ALFRED A. BAKER 3.
WALTER ARBON 2.	ARTHUR CLEMENTS .. 4.
	FREDERICK W. FOSTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. FOSTER.

SWANAGE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BISHOP* .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
FREDERICK PHILIPS† .. 2.	JOHN J. BRISTOW 6.
CHARLES FORFITT 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM BASTABLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE THURLOW Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	JOHN CREASY 6.
GEORGE WHITING† 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal.

STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER BROWN* Treble.	FREDERICK MEE 6.
GEORGE W. MEE* 2.	FRANK ROLFE 7.
CHARLES MEE 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 8.
HARRY J. MEE* 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES 9.
ARTHUR T. MORRIS* 5.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Rolfe, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PONTEFRAC T BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two 720s each of Violst, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN M. BROOK† Treble.	THOMAS PEASE 4.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	†THOMAS BARKER 5.
WILLIAM PEARSON 3.	*ARTHUR WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

†First peal of Minor. †First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY† Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
PHILIP J. MANNING† .. 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
JOHN R. MAIN† 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

†First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell, and first peal in the method as conductor.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM JOYCE* Treble.	ALBERT SCOTT 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	*WILLIE WALKER 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by A. SCOTT.

*First peal in the method. W. Walker was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 17 cwt

GEORGE W. PIPER Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. 5.
HARRY BOTTRILL 2.	WESLEY WATSON 6.
HARRY F. DAWKINS† .. 3.	JOHN MOULE 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

†First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble. Rang as a compliment to Mr. W. Watson on the occasion of his wedding, and also to celebrate the conductor's twenty-fourth birthday.

Handbell Peals.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. MORRIS, CHURCH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty-one 6-scores of Plain Doubles, and eleven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

HARRY J. MEE 1-2.	FRANK ROLFE 3-4.
ERNEST G. FENN 5-6.	

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

This is the first handbell peal ever rang in Harwich. Umpire—L. Morris.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BACHELORS' PEAL.

On Friday, March 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. DAWKINS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—Harry F. Dawkins. Further reference elsewhere.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Easter Monday, March 31st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the election of the churchwardens, a date touch of 1902 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 19 mins. W. Southwick, T. Stockdale, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, T. Clark, G. Marshall, C. Jackson composer and conductor, G. Miller, D. W. Brown conductor, J. Dale.

THE RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOMERBY (Rutlandshire).—On February 10th, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Underwood, E. Hornbuckle, G. Pepper conductor, H. Kenny, J. H. Preston.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, March 8th, for Confirmation Service, 360 Bob Minor. G. Leonard, G. Sentence, G. F. Williams, P. Holmes, A. B. Wiffen conductor, E. F. Slade.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 9th, 688 Bob Major. R. Ashworth, R. Hartley, D. Campbell, W. Walton, N. Townend, J. W. Stirk, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On February 16th, 576 Bob Major. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Red-

man conductor. Also 576 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, R. Ashworth, T. Burrows, W. Walton, J. W. Stirk, T. Redman (conductor, D. Heys. On Sunday, February 23rd, 704 Oxford. T. Burrows, N. Townend, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, Z. Lord, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, February 27th, 720 College Single. T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, March 2nd, 640 Kent. N. Townend, T. Burrows, W. Walton, T. Redman conductor, T. Mouncey, D. Campbell, D. Heys, R. Ashworth. On Thursday, March 6th, 720 College Single. T. Mouncey, R. Hartley, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, March 9th, 688 Bob Major. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastman, T. Redman conductor, R. Hartley, J. W. Stirk, T. Mouncey, R. Ashworth. On Thursday, March 13th, 800 Bob Major. T. Burrows, W. Walton, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor, D. Campbell, T. Mouncey, R. Ashworth. On Sunday, March 16th, 688 Bob Major. D. Campbell, T. Redman conductor, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, N. Townend. On Thursday, March 20th, 720 College Single. T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1132 Bob Major. J. Ford, T. Laver, W. Shepherd, F. Shepherd conductor, F. J. Shepherd, J. R. Sandover, W. Mogridge, F. Murphy.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 30th, at the parish church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Hancock, J. Morton, G. Norman conductor, S. Robinson, sen., G. Marsden, S. Robinson, jun. For Divine Service in the morning 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, W. Price, J. Morton, S. Robinson, jun., G. Norman, S. Robinson, sen., H. Turton, W. Collier conductor. For Divine Service in the evening 704 in the same method. F. Hancock, W. Collier, J. Morton, W. Price, S. Robinson, sen., G. Norman, G. Marsden, S. Robinson conductor, jun.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, at Christ Church, for Early Communion, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Lawrence, T. Robinson, J. W. Wells, T. Ricketts, F. S. Wilson conductor, T. Lawrence. For morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Lawrence, T. Robinson, A. Lawrence conductor, T. Ricketts, C. Gardiner, F. S. Wilson, J. W. Wells, G. Norman. On Easter Monday, at Christ Church, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. Gibbs and Miss E. Lawrence, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost owing to a mis-call, but a well-struck quarter-peal was brought round for the same event in 50 mins. J. J. Jeffries, L. A. Wilson, A. Lawrence, T. Robinson, C. Gardiner conductor, T. Ricketts, J. Ricketts, J. W. Wells, T. Lawrence.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Woodbine. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Duke of York. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor, R. Parkinson. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Oxford. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. And 720 Kent, standing as above. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Woodbine. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 College Pleasure. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Duke of York. T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor, J. Bentley. On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 College Exercise. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Tuesday, March 4th, another 720. S. Collison, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Sunday, March 16th, 720 Oxford. And 720 Kent. On Tuesday, March 18th, 720 College Pleasure. On March 30th, 720 College Exercise and 720 Violet, being the 24th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

BARKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief in the 13th course. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method was rung in 40 mins. E. G. Fenn, J. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, T. Faulkner, A. Carter, R. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, E. A. Davis. This was rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Mr. Davies, who afterwards enter-

tained the ringers to a substantial supper at his residence, Mr. A. J. Davies and Mr. Churchwarden Weller joining them. After the table had been cleared some good ringing was done on the handbells by the brothers Faulkner and Fenn, and songs were sung by Messrs. E. A. Davies, A. J. Davies, J. Hopkins, J. Cottis and C. and E. Fenn. Mr. A. Hume presided at the piano. During the evening Mr. T. Faulkner thanked Mr. Davies for his kindness in entertaining them to supper, and wished him many happy returns of the day, and hoped the next time they would be successful with the peal. Mr. Davies, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be able to invite them all on his birthday, and hoped he would be able to do so many more times. The company sang the first verse of the National Anthem, and dispersed at 1.30 a.m.

CRANBROOK (Kent).—On Saturday, March 15th, at St. Dunstan's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, F. G. Burden, W. E. Pope, W. H. Lambert, H. G. Pope, E. C. Lambert, E. Pope conductor, F. J. Lambert. These bells are now in good ringing order.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, W. Fisher, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Law. On Sunday, March 30th, for the Early Celebration, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, A. Fletcher, J. Roberts, S. Baker, W. Fisher, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Law. For the mid-day Celebration 504 Grandsire W. Jeavons, W. Fisher, A. Baker, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, J. Roberts, A. Law. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, E. Goodreds, A. Fletcher, J. Roberts, S. Baker, W. Fisher, A. Law.

LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).—On Sunday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. A. Rhys James, J. Rogers, T. James, H. Jones, J. Davies, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, R. White.

MARKET DEEPPING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, March 16th, 360 Double Court. S. Black, F. Otter, H. Day, A. Holmes, G. Wells, R. Brightman conductor. After service 720 Double Court. F. Otter, B. T. Shillaker; the rest as before. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Holmes, H. Day; the rest as before.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, December 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Selby, G. Smith, D. Wright, G. B. Selby, J. Steddy conductor, S. A. Wright, W. G. Granger, J. Smith. Also 544 Double Norwich. H. J. Selby, J. Steddy, G. B. Selby, J. Heath, G. Smith, W. G. Granger, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. For evening service 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, G. B. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, G. Smith, H. J. Selby, W. G. Granger, D. Wright, On March 16th, 720 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, J. Steddy, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, W. G. Granger, D. Wright conductor. This touch was rung as a farewell to Mr. Steddy, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Ramsgate.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH (Devon).—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 2072 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins., being the first four parts of Holt's ten-part peal. W. Manley, H. Burch conductor, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. B. Snow, R. Manley, A. H. Snow, G. Stocker. On Easter Monday, an attempt was made for a peal, which was stopped after ringing 3500 [changes owing to serious illness near the church. G. Stocker, H. Burch conductor, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. B. Snow, R. Manley, A. H. Snow, A. Cross.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—Recently, for practice, 360 Double Stedman Slow Course. A. Tennant, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Kilby, the rest as before. On Tuesday, March 11th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Pannell, A. Hill, W. Steggall, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, J. W. Chandler conductor. On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford. W. Pannell, A. Hill, H. Kilby, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam, W. Steggall conductor. For evening service 600 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. On Tuesday, March 18th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob Minor, on handbells. J. W. Chandler, W. Steggall, A. Pittam conductor.

A BENEFIT CONCERT

Will be held at the Church Institute, Burnley, on April 8th, in aid of

JOHN POLLARD,

Over 60 years Bellringer at St. Peter's Church, Burnley;

The Committee are desirous of making a good Benefit, and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. C. WORMWELL, Church Institute, Burnley,

"SCIENCE AND ART."

"I thought my last would readily explain
What my intentions were: and, yet again
Misunderstandings hang around me still!
Mr. Daniell wills to write with right good will,
And "T" with "file and tin" displays his skill,
Though Satan fails, and failing stands confest.
And "Speaker Plain," with yet far plainer jest,
Rolls in full glory o'er his "breakfast roll."
"Poetic fever" has not reached the goal
Of subsidence, so let me once again
Essay to explain—and hope still not in vain—
Lest, misunderstandings be misunderstood
And mysterious utterance do more harm than good.

Is ringing both a Science and an Art ?
Or does it not in either have a part—
Should it be said a peal has been produced—
Can compositions' claim be introduced—
Is it created, or invented, ascertained,
Discovered or contrived ? is it maintained

No one can claim what he has gained,
The qualities, extents, when first obtained ?
And shows before an admiring Exercise
What ne'er before had met their wondering eyes !
Yet, call it what you will, it is a peal !
It is his own—granted he did not steal—
And whether “discovered” or whatever term
May be applied to it—or if the germ
Lies undeveloped since the days of Noah
The merit still is his, not less, but more !
I wrote in joking mien—or meant it such—
Of course with just a slight sarcastic touch—
For Ringers and ringing admiration feel
Appealed to ringers to support a peal !

From H. to P. with compliments to R. A. and T.

P stands for Poet
Who, when but a colt,
Tied the 5040 changes together
With less string than Holt.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

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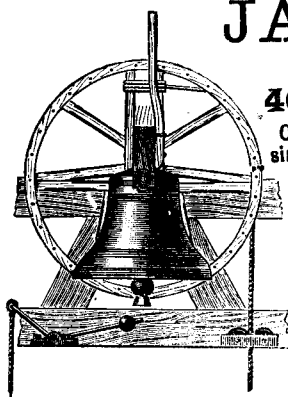
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