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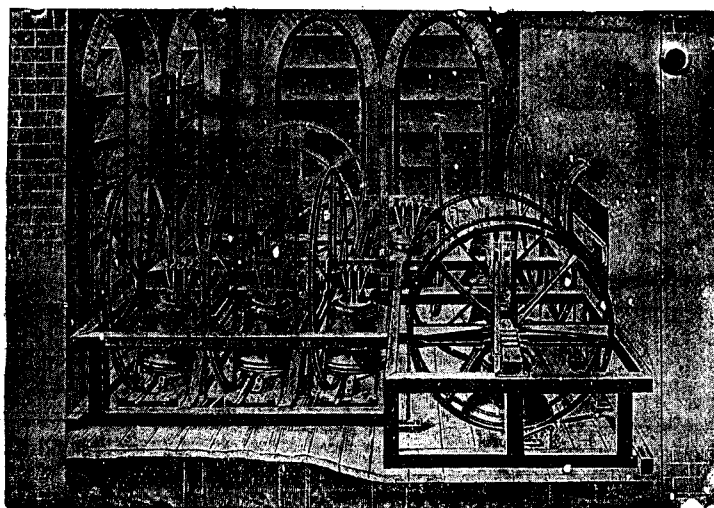
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BETCHWORTH (Surrey). St. Michael. Surrey Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1897; the rest by Blews, 1876. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Representations have been made as to lessening the noise in the ringing-chamber, but, owing to want of funds at the present time, nothing has been done. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 5.30.

BEVERLEY (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Gillett, 1884; 3rd and tenor by Smith, of York, 1700; 4th, 1599; 6th, 1631; 7th, 1760. No date given of 5th, and no founder's name of these latter four bells mentioned. Tenor 19 cwt. Timber frame, bells go well. No repairs of importance since 1884. Ropes, bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, 2.30 to 3, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BEVERLEY (Yorks). The Minster. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th by Taylor, 1896; 4th, 1663 (no founder given); 7th by Lester, 1747; tenor (no date as to founder mentioned) 29 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All rehung by Taylor with new fittings, 1896, and new in good order. There is also a heavy hour bell in S. tower. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, 2.45 to 2.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

BEXHILL (Sussex). St. Peter. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1892; 5th and tenor 1869; 6th, 1867; 7th, 1865. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All rehung by Mears, 1892, and in good con-

dition. Ropes fair; renewed as required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.20, and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BICESTER (Oxon). St. Edburg. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears; no date given. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung 1870 by White. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 7.

BIDDENDEN (Kent). All Saints. Eight bells. All by Lester and Pack. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Slight repairs by Bourne, 1899. Repairs postponed for lack of funds. Ropes new 1891, bad. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 9 to 10.30. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8 summer, 7.30 winter. This ring is reputed a fine one, and requires attention.

BIDEFORD (Devon). St. Mary. No return.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex). St. Mary. No return.

BILSTON (Staffordshire). St. Leonard. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. Eight bells. No information as to founder. Treble and 2nd, 1826; the rest believed to be cast 1745; 6th and 7th are cracked. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. They were overhauled by Barwell in 1882. The peal was recommended to be recast about 1898, but no notice has been taken of the suggestion. Bells good. Sexton allows no change-ringing (!) No Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 8.

BINGLEY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1874; 2nd and 7th by the same, 1828; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th by Pack and Chapman, 1773. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Bells rehung in a new frame by Mears, 1874, and all in good condition. Ringing chamber lately refitted. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 31st, two new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby. Ringers were present from, Chesterfield, Staveley, Eckington, Norton, Bolsover, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Shirland, Ripley, Ashover, Wingerworth, North Wingfield, Pleasley, Clay Cross, and Pentrich.

Service was held in church at 4.15 p.m., when an excellent discourse was given by the Bishop from the inscriptions on the new bells, viz.: Psalm xcvi. 1—"O come, let us sing unto the Lord;" and Psalm ci. 1—"My song shall be of mercy and judgment;" which was listened to by the

large congregation with wrapt attention. After the sermon the hymn, "Let our bells ring from the steeple," was sung with vigour.

The Bishop and clergy then preceeded under the tower and the dedicated prayers were read, Mr. Hays (churchwarden), handed the ropes to his lordship, who in turn handed them to the Rector, with appropriate prayers. The new bells were then chimed for a short period by Mr. T. Allibone. After his Lordship had pronounced the Benediction the recessional hymn (A.&M.) No. 379 was sung. The bells were then rung for a short time by the local band, who then handed them over to the visitors. Tea was served in the school at 5.30 p.m., to which over 150 sat down. Votes of thanks were given to the Bishop, also to Mr. J. W. Taylor for the splendid splice and go of the bells. Both suitably replied.

Great praise is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way in which the work has been carried out. The old six have been re-tuned, and erected on a new iron frame. The masonry in the tower has received due attention and everything done to make the tower worthy of eight bells. The work includes a lead floor under the bells to deaden the sound, and also to keep snow and wet from getting down the tower.

It is to be hoped this peal will get patronised, and that many 5000's may be rung on them, as they are well situated for peal-ringing, very few houses being in the vicinity. The local ringers intend trying their best for once, but do not wish to excluded others who can already do so. The bells were kept merrily going till nearly 10 p.m., when train time compelled the visitors to say good-night, one and all having spent a very enjoyable day.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT MARKET HARBORO, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Thursday, May 26th, will live long in the memories of the inhabitants of the above place, for on that date a new illuminated clock and a ring of eight bells were opened. Originally there were six heavy bells at the church of the black saint Dionysius, but owing to their bad condition it was considered advisable to send them on a journey to the Loughborough foundry, from whence they returned as a ring of eight, with a tenor of 19 cwt.

The dedication was fixed for "Oak Day," May 29, and a band of Leicester men was engaged for special change-ringing. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the local ringers rang a short touch of rounds, etc., and then handed them over to the Midland Counties' band, whose anticipated peal was advertised on posters! After a plain course of Major a start was made for Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was brought home in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Such ringing was, of course, an entirely new thing, and when the bells ceased, a dense crowd of between one and two thousand inhabitants had gathered round the church—which stands in the Market place—and manifested their delight by applause and cheering, such as we never had heard before. On leaving the tower it was necessary for the police to line a pathway for us from the church-door to—The Talbot Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was prepared through the kind thoughtfulness of the Vicar and churchwardens, to which full justice was done. The clergy and wardens, with the local ringers, made an excellent party, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The bells are fine-toned ring in the key of F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

A very successful meeting was held at Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 10th. Members were present from All Saints, and Christ Church Eastbourne, Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Clements Hastings, Christ Church St. Leonards, Southover, Brighton, Pevensey, and Rye, and some good practice was had at All Saints and St. Saviours, in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held at All Saints, and the vicar gave an address to the ringers, taking for his text Psalm 100. The Vicar provided a most excellent tea in the school-room adjoining the church, to which 29 members sat down. In addition to the Vicar and his curate, were Mr. G. F. Attree, Master, Mr. A. B. Bennett, General Secretary, and Messrs. G. Williams and S. Saker, Divisional Secretaries.

The Secretary (Mr. Saker), read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, and in the course of his remarks said that twenty-five peals had been rung by the Association since the last meeting in his division, viz., fourteen by the Central, seven by the Western, and four by the Eastern. He also referred to the sad death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and spoke of the great loss the Exercise in general would suffer from his death.

Two new members were elected as probationers, viz., Mr. W. W. Stevenson, of St. Clement's, Hastings, and Mr. W. J. Job, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

Mr. Howse proposed, and Mr. Penfold seconded, that the next quarterly peal be Treble Bob, and that it should be rung at Christ Church, Eastbourne.

This was carried. The band was made up of the members at the meeting, with Mr. Goldsmith as conductor; any further arrangements necessary were left in the hands of Mr. Howse and Mr. Saker.

Mr. Williams proposed, and Mr. Goldsmith seconded, "That the Association accord a vote of condolence and sincere sympathy with the relatives of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer." This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Saker was asked to communicate the same to Mrs. Bulwer.

Mr. A. B. Bennett, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and so kindly meeting the Association, said that this was the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at an Eastern Division meeting, but hoped that this visit would be the forerunner of many more. Continuing, he referred to the decision arrived at at the annual meeting not to elect clergy on the committee of the Association. He remarked upon the kind way in which the clergy met the Association, and their willingness to grant permission to use the bells on all occasions, and it was undoubtedly due to this that the Sussex Association had for several years held the premier place in England, and was now standing as high as 3rds place in Mr. Attree's analysis. It was one great object of the Association to increase, not diminish the interest the clergy took in them. The clergy get about, and frequently discuss the various organisations in their parish, and one says to the other "Are your bells rung by change-ringers," and thus the work of the Association gets to be known, and if we were to elect clergy on the committee we should establish a firmer friendship with them and increase their interest in the Association. At the annual meeting it was stated that the clergy did not show sufficient interest in ringing to serve on the committee, but this he did not agree with. How could a better way be found of interesting them than by electing them on the

committee. He would like to mention that he had two clergymen who would be pleased to serve on the committee of the Central and Western Division, and it grieved him very much indeed to hear some of the remarks made by one or two members at the annual meeting.

Mr. Attree, in seconding this vote of thanks to the Vicar, said that no person do more for the cause of ringing than the clergy, and if they were to give ringers the cold shoulder where would change-ringing be. He would like to see this division do more real good work, there was not quite that spirit he would like to see amongst the members. Stedman was heard of and Plain Bob and Grandsire was done to death, and he thought it quite time that these methods were put on one side and something fresh was practised, and he was sure this could be accomplished if they would only pull together. Referring to the proposition to move the annual meeting from Brighton, and hold it there only once in three years he was certainly guilty of opposing that motion, for he did not see how this was going to answer. It would mean that when the meeting was held in this division those of the west would not be able to attend, and, consequently, the Association would be governed from year to year by the division in which the meeting was held. As he said at the annual meeting he himself would rather the meeting be held out of Brighton as it would give him an opportunity to get out of the town for a days' outing, but they must give him credit for having voted for what he considered best for the whole of the Association. He did not see how the meeting could be made a success if held away from Brighton as that was a centre which all could reach, whereas, if it was held at Hastings or Chichester it would be available only to those living in these divisions and a few in the centre. He hoped that the Association as a whole, not any division only, with the help of our friends the clergy, would have many more years of success.

The Rev. Woodward, in responding, said that this was the first time during the seventeen years he had been in the parish he had had the pleasure of having a meeting of this Association at his church, and he assured them of his hearty welcome and good wishes, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again, and whenever they felt inclined to come he would do all in his power to make them welcome.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Attree and Mr. Bennett for their attendance, brought the meeting to a close.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The place fixed for the Whit-Monday meeting was Sunderland, and it is veritably an ideal place to hold a ringers' gathering. The three belfries, St. Michael's, Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius are all in close accord with the Association, and the bells are all in excellent order, the ringing chambers are models of cleanliness and order, and last, but not least, the clergy and several of the churchwardens are members, and interested members too.

The bells were kept going from early morning till late evening, with an interval for dinner, by members from Whitley, North Shields, Gosforth, Chester-le-Street, Bishop Wearmouth, Winlaton, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Sunderland (Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius), Newcastle Cathedral, South Shields and Wylam. Later in the evening Mr. Henry White, of

Basingstoke, turned up and joined in touches at the eight-bell towers.

The committee meeting was held at 11.30 a.m. in The Grand hotel, and among the many subjects discussed the following resolutions were passed and should have been announced at the general meeting afterwards, but were unfortunately omitted from the agenda: (1) That all peals of 5000 changes and upwards rung between the dates June 26th and July 3rd inclusive shall rank as coronation peals, and have a special illuminated entry in the Association's peal-book; (2) That those members in towers short-handed for peal-ringing be recommended to apply to the Secretary or to any neighbouring peal-ringer for assistance to attempt peals of 5000 changes.

An excellent dinner was served at The Grand hotel at one o'clock, about fifty-five sitting down. After clearing the tables the general meeting was proceeded with, the President, R. S. Story, Esq., taking the chair, with Messrs. Hudson and Ferry (vice-presidents) supporting him in the vice-chair.

After the toast of "The King," the Secretary read letters of regret for absence from some of the clergy.

The President proposed that the Secretary be empowered to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and to the President of the Norwich Association. He (Mr. Story) would undertake to announce to the Central Council in person next day the feelings of regret expressed by the members of the Association at the severe loss the Council had suffered in the loss of so eminent and successful a Secretary. These motions were carried in silence.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth and Sunderland parish churches, and to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Ignatius for the use of their bells during the day. An interesting feature of this meeting was the frequent opportunities given to the junior members to handle the ropes during the day.

BELLS ON PEACE.

Once more our bells are in demand,
Their notes they sound throughout the land;
And o'er the sea, and far away
Men listen to their gladsome lay.

For do they not make known that peace
Is now proclaimed, and war has ceased;
That foes are friends, content to dwell
In peace and love together now.

Our bells they ever take their part,
Their music thrills through all our hearts
As 'mid the earth and sky they swing,
Let each one loud their praises sing.

Then ring ye bells, ye joyful bells,
Till hill and dell with music swells;
For fighting's o'er, and conflict's past,
And peace has truly come at last.

Abingdon, June 2nd, 1902.

KATE HOLIFIELD.

CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your Central report last week, under "Legitimate and Record Peals," I am reported to have supported Clause 7 as it stood. This is an error. What I said was—"I thought if this clause was passed as it stood, all peals would require an umpire, or who was to decide if any four or more bells clashed together at any change." I therefore voted for Mr. Robinson's proposition.

GEO. WILLIAMS.

Obituary.

JOHN DAY.

As mentioned in our last issue, there passed away quietly in the early morning of Monday, June 2nd last, the spirit of John Day, the late presiding ringing master of the St. Martin's Guild of change-ringers for Birmingham, Aston, and the surrounding district.

Mr. Day was not only very widely known in the district around Birmingham, but was generally well known to all prominent ringers of the country as the nephew of the late Thomas Day, the celebrated Treble Bob composer; as the writer of some chatty and very interesting reminiscences which appeared in our columns in 1894; and as the contemporary of the late Henry Johnson, J. J. B. Lates, Wm. Chattell, James Burford, and other eminent ringers and composers.

Since the death of the late Henry Johnson, when he was elected as his successor in the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Day was to be found at the majority of the ringing and other meetings of that Guild, where he not only forwarded its interests by the wisdom of his counsels, but endeared himself to every one of its members by the urbanity of his manners and uprightness of conduct. We are convinced that every one of its members feels his death as a personal loss.

Mr. Day, who died at the age of 76 (and not 75 as previously mentioned), had been ailing for some months past, but although his illness was complicated by a chill which he took some weeks ago, and which caused him almost completely to take to his bed, the nearness of his dissolution was hardly suspected by any of his ringing friends. From the nature of his illness he must necessarily have suffered very severely, but we are gratified in knowing that his last few hours were cheered by the news of peace from South Africa, which he had been anticipating with much interest.

He was interred in the family grave in the churchyard of Harborne, his parish church, not very far from where the remains of the late William Chattell lie. The service was very impressively conducted by the Vicar of Harborne (the Rev. W. J. Price, M.A.), the coffin being borne by six of the members of the St. Martin's Guild—Messrs Avery, Kent, S. Reeves, Godden, Gibbs, and W. H. Barber; while accompanying the members of his family as mourner was the old ringing friend of his youth, Mr. John Perks.

Although a safe conductor and accurate striker in the standard methods on all numbers of bells, Mr. Day was not celebrated so much for the quantity as the quality of his performances, often quoting his uncle's words: "Just a peal or two of a sort, and those good ones."

In one notable respect he was a model to ringers of every age, never allowing his ringing recreation to interfere with business, and actually giving it up for a considerable time when he found that it interfered with family ties.

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. JOHN DAY, Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham:—

At the funeral and after the usual whole pull and stand:—

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, June 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 3.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	WILLIAM KENT 6.
BERNARD WITCHELL 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4.	THOMAS GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 2.	JOHN NEAL 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition has the 6th eighteen times at home and twenty-four times wrong in the inverted titlums position.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, June 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 7.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	ALBERT WALKER 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	WILLIAM KENT 9.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

In the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions.

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."

THE MODEL BELFRY RULES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 7th June, in the report of the discussion of the above at the Central Council, I see it stated that "I did not think the rules relating to finance satisfactory. They ought not to be regarded as binding." Of course your report is necessarily condensed, but I ask room in your columns to say that I did not intend to convey that the financial rules were in themselves unsatisfactory, but that as it was in my opinion impossible by the same rules to prescribe financially for the circumstances of all belfries, from the smallest village to the largest town, these financial rules must be taken as a suggestion (which as they were approved by the other members of the rule committee, may be taken to be good fundamentally), entitled to careful consideration; but cannot be regarded as of universal application. I instanced London, where, to the best of my belief, they could not work.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—The account published of the annual meeting of the above Guild in your columns of May 10th, did not contain the exact wording of the resolutions and amendments proposed; this was rather unfortunate, as the impression thus conveyed was contrary to the actual events that then took place. Moreover, from the account it would seem as if the aspersions on my character which the Rev. C. E. Matthews made on April 9th, were justified. (I am sorry to see that Mr. Matthews has not withdrawn those statements he made, as they have caused considerable pain among the Hampshire towers concerned.)

I enclose extracts from the report of the *Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, which I have verified by comparison with the MS. copies which Earl Nelson read from when putting the resolutions, etc., to the meeting.

"That subject to his consent Mr. Palaret should be elected as Chairman, and Captain Acland as Master; otherwise that Mr. Palaret be re-elected"—it was ruled that notice was required, and so the proposition was postponed till next year.

"That the qualification for change-ringing members be as in

the Winchester Guild." Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake as an amendment to the official resolution. Both proposition and amendment were lost, but those who opposed the amendment said they would not do so another year.

[The following resolution was carried: That the rules be revised by the committee, so as to incorporate the alterations, and be presented for confirmation to the next annual meeting.

That all members subscribing 1s. 6d. and upwards, receive a special notice of meetings, if they desire to do so.]

"That no alteration should be made in the present arrangement." Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and seconded by the Rev. J. F. Welsh and carried almost unanimously. [The object of this was that the Hampshire towers be not turned out of the Guild, as some one had proposed: not that they should be "admitted," as stated in "THE BELL NEWS," May 10th. The latter, and the arguments mentioned, would stultify the whole position of those voting for the motion. Moreover when the Secretary said that it would be possible for him to defy this proposition, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS," he was told, with the applause of the whole meeting and the chairman, that he would not do so.]

After dinner, "the Rev. H. Drake . . . said he was glad of the opportunity of expressing his wish for the union of all the towers in the Guild, and of denying the report that had been published, that he had any sympathy with any efforts for starting rival associations."

I regret I have been obliged in self-defence to refer so much to myself.

H. DRAKE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of this now well-established association was held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. There was a good attendance of ringers, from Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond, Guisbrough, Stokesley, East Witton, Ripon, and Northallerton. The eight bells of the parish church—a very noble edifice—were swinging merrily before ten o'clock, and were kept going until noon, at which hour the special service had been arranged for. The Vicar of Northallerton (Rev. S. M. Thompson), had most kindly changed the hour of his own service for the convenience of the ringers, and being present at their service read the prayers for them, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. Thomas, Rector of Guisbrough, who came over very kindly and willingly specially for it. He took for his text St. John vi. 63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth," giving an excellent address on the great Whitsuntide subject, and closing with an earnest appeal to his hearers to be ready to do their part in God's work and God's service, helped and filled by the Holy Spirit.

Dinner took place at The Rose and Crown hotel, and was an excellent one in every way, the host and hostess of the house establishing a good record for themselves in the estimation of the ringers, and the ringers on their part did full justice to the dinner.

The Vicar very kindly gave the Association the benefit and pleasure of his company, and consented to occupy the chair, and a splendid chairman he made, which will be readily understood when it is stated that he announced (in giving the toast of "The King") that he was an Irishman.

On the chairman's right hand sat Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Association, looking much better than he did three or four weeks ago; and on his left the Rev. A. N. Thomas, the preacher at the service.

There was also present by special invitation, Mr. Castle, the organist, who had most kindly given his services at the organ, and had a number of his choir present to lead the singing.

Vice-President J. H. Blakiston and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, were also present. Vice-President J. Wrightson was unavoidably prevented from attending.

After the toast of "The King," Mr. Clarkson proposed the health of "The Bishops and Clergy," coupling with it the names of the Vicar and the preachers, each of whom suitably replied.

The Rev. W. P. Wright then proposed the health of "The Organist," and thanked him and his choir for their kind services. After his reply, the Rev. A. N. Thomas gave the toast

of "Success to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers," coupling the names of Vice-Presidents Blakiston and Wrightson. Mr. Blakiston replied.

The general business meeting then followed. The Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, read his annual report, which shewed the Association to be in a very satisfactory condition. There were only six peals to record for the year, but two of these came from a tower, Richmond by name, which had never rung a 5000 before; and thirty-one members had taken part in these peals as against twenty-five last year, and twelve had rung their first 5000 as against five last year. The membership had also increased by fifteen.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £16 19s. 0d., an increase of over £4 upon the year before. The reports from the various towers in the Association were in several instances of a very encouraging nature, and this specially referred to the six-bell towers.

On the motion of the President the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Secretary then moved the alteration of rule 8, so as to include three meetings per annum, instead of two, in addition to the annual meeting. This was unanimously agreed to.

When the time came to elect the officers for the ensuing year it transpired that the members unanimously desired to re-elect the whole of the retiring officers, a mark evidently of confidence in the exercise of their respective stewardships.

The places chosen for meetings in the coming year are: the last Saturday in September Middleham with East Wilton; first Saturday in February, Guisborough; Easter Monday, Saltburn and Shelton; Whit-Monday, annual meeting, Thirsk.

Ringling for the rest of the afternoon and evening brought a very pleasant—though very cold—annual meeting to a close.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Totnes on Whit-Monday. In the early part of the day bands visited various towers in the neighbourhood, namely, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Kingsteignton, Berry, Pomeroy and Dartington. At 4.30 a company numbering close on 100 sat down to tea in the Drill Hall, after which the meeting was held. The President of the Guild, the Rev. M. Kelly, occupied the chair, and there were also present the Revs. F. Molineux (Hon. Sec.), T. J. Ponting and W. Mallett, together with representatives from thirteen bands.

In opening the meeting, the President referred to the great loss which the ringing world had sustained in the recent death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, who was the main spring of the Central Council. The report of the Committee showed that the Guild was in a flourishing condition. Thirteen peals had been rung during the year, of which two were deserving of special notice. A peal of Caters by the Plymouth band, and a peal of Bob Major by the Heavitree band, being the first peals rung by local men. An advance had been made in even bell methods, and Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor had been diligently practised, while several peals of Stedman had been attempted. No less than seventy new members had been admitted, and four bands had joined during the year, which speaks well for the future prosperity of the Guild. A most successful ringing tour was made by a band in October, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Out of the eight peals attempted seven were brought round, namely, two of Double Norwich, one of Superlative, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Grandsire Triples. The Guild had been honoured with an invitation from the Dean and Chapter of Exeter to ring the Cathedral bells on the occasion of the re-opening on June 24th, and to this end the leading bands have been asked to select representatives in order to test the bells in Caters and Triples.

The officers were elected as in the previous year, the Rev. M. Kelly being again elected President, and the Rev. F. Molineux Hon. Secretary. Thanks were accorded the Vicar of Totnes for welcoming the Guild, and the other Vicars who had opened their towers for ringing. A service with an address by the Rev. D. Wells in the parish church concluded the proceedings. The fine ring of bells, tenor 30 cwt., were again set going.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1902.

THE interesting particulars entitled "Our Church Bells," now appearing week by week, amply shew that much labour and care has been exercised in their collection. In connection with them it is unpleasantly surprising to read of "no return," especially from places where well-known and prominent ringers are located. We have no authority to say so, but it is possible that some kind of addendum will be given which may embrace some of the towers where those concerned have neglected to cooperate in the work. But there ought not to be occasion for this, nor would there be if defaulters had done their duty. It is really painful to admit that the apathy of many ringers towards almost every movement which does not financially affect them, is immense. To dwell upon their supineness is temper-trying indeed.

A few days ago a correspondent suggested that rings of five and six bells should be dealt with in a similar manner. If this correspondent would like to undertake the task himself, he shall have all the help we can give him; but we think he would soon lose heart by reason of the want of response to his endeavours to elicit the required information.

The Metropolis.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES W. WARD.. ..Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 8.
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5.	ARTHUR JACOBTenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

It was intended to attempt a peal of Treble Ten, but one of the band not showing up, Mr. Ward kindly stood in, and the above was rung.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.*On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOHN N. OXBORROWTreble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	HARRY R. PASMORE 6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 3.	THOMAS LUNGLEY 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	JOHN W. GOLDINGTenor.

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

The Provinces.**ISLEWORTH.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS BEADLETreble.	JOHN BASDEN 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
WILLIAM ETHERINGTON 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 4.	ALBERT SHEARDTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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 9 cwt.

FREDERICK HOPPER.. ..Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4.
WALTER FINEDON 2.	FRED W. WILFORD 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	WILLIAM FREEMANTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN AVISTreble.	GORDON THOMPSON 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON.. .. 2.	HARRY THOMPSON 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	FENTON THOMPSON 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	WILLIAM FISHERTenor.

Conducted by W. FISHER.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE DEBENHAMTreble.	*HARRY SIMPSON.. .. 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	†GEORGE LILLEY 5.
HARRY BLAKE 3.	HARRY TURNERTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTSTreble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 8.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 4.	JOHN SOUTER 9.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.	ALBERT GILLINGHAMTenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALCY, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung on the occasion of the Suffolk Agricultural Show being held at Ipswich.

EVERSHOLT, BEDS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS* ..Treble.	FRED WILFORD 4.
CYRIL HERBERT* 2.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
ERNEST HERBERT* 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEYTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in seven methods.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST W. MENDAY ..Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
HARRY W. SMITH 4.	HARRY SIMMONDSTenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

First peal on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS PEERSTreble.	WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ROBERT SANDEKSON 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
EDWIN TIMBRELL 4.	JOSEPH POTTERTenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

CHARLES GRIGGS Treble.	JOHN ROBERTS 4.
HERBERT GATES 2.	ROLAND STILES 5.
EDWIN DENTON 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

First peal by all except the conductor.

The following peals were rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa:—

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAW Treble.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	ERNEST H. NIXON 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL 4.	†HARRY YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal and first attempt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
BRERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of J. Prewett, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WM. BOLTON† Treble.	F. G. POLLARD 5.
THOMAS DUXBURY 2.	C. PARKINSON 6.
E. A. POLLARD 3.	J. F. WAGNER 7.
WM. HOLGATE 4.	R. W. HARGREAVES Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. HARGREAVES.

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ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. LESTER 5.
JOSEPH BLACK 2.	ISAAC H. MYERS 6.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
ANDREW STUART 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

A. NUNNERLEY* .. Treble.	*BERNARD JEALOUS 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	ISAAC HILLS 7.
FRANK WEBB 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 9.
ALFRED BOWELL 5.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

*First peal of Royal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt

PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
FRED HAYES† 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	BENJAMIN PAGE 7.
RALPH COLES 4.	WILLIAM PHIPPS Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

†First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY SEAL Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS 5.
EDWARD BRIDGER 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
JAMES WALLIS† 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	JOHN RAY Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

†First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 750th peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN MOSCROP Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT 5.
WILLIAM PALTON 2.	THOMAS CLARK 6.
WILLIAM D. LISTER 3.	JAMES BAXTER 7.
WILLIAM H. PORTER 4.	MAURICE DALBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

Rung as a welcome home to the active service company of the local volunteers on their return to Darlington.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REV. H. C. BELL Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	HAROLD HUMFREY 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	FRANCIS P. POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 400th peal of Stedman Triples.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

OWEN W. LAYNG Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
LOUIS A. WILSON 4.	SAMUEL LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED LAWRENCE.

First peal as conductor. First peal and first attempt by the tenor-man, who was elected a member of the Association before starting.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CARD 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE 4.	HENRY REEVES 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN 5.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

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Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WATH-ON-DEANE.—On Tuesday, May 13th, 240 Violet. W. Allwood, A. Crossman, A. Wash, W. Lambert conductor, E. G. Nicholls J. F. Mallaby. Also 180 Plain Bob, 144 College Exercise, 240 each of College Treble and Arnolds Victory. J. F. Mallaby, A. Crossman, A. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. And 720 Duke of York. A. Nash, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood, J. F. Mallaby, W. Lambert conductor. Also 240 Oxford. W. Lambert conductor, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood, J. Panther, E. G. Nicholls, A. Nash.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, May 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. S. Goldsmith conductor, W. Felling, A. S. Langridge, C. Williams, A. B. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, A. J. Turner, J. F. Steadman.

RYE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, May 11th, for evening service, 1050 Grandsire Triples. E. Curd, G. Billenness conductor, J. Seers F. Vincett, A. Price, A. Vincett, E. Reed, W. Tomsett.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, May 3rd, at St. Lawrence's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins. A. Mussell, F. Healey, R. Applegath, H. Garfat'h, A. Evans, W. Perry, W. Bramley, T. Upshall.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, it being thirty years ago—Whit Monday, May 20th, 1872—since the first recorded peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the ringers on that date being J. Pettit, W. Jones, W. Tanner, W. Greenleaf, H. Booth, G. Tanner, J. M. Hayes, W. Elcombe. Conducted by J. Pettit. The quarter-peal was rung by R. White, W. Fowler, A. Paskins, F. Russen, J. Walker, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, Alice White, Dora White, C. Holdaway, J. Ward, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, A. White, C. Holdaway, F. Wilson, J. Ward, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. Both conducted by H. White.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Bowkett, H. Matthews, W. Rouse, W. Page, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton first quarter-peal as conductor, J. Oakley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Farleigh, T. T. Haywood, F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, F. S. Wilson, C. H. Shearn conductor, H. Kenten, J. Sperring.

TAUNTON.—On Saturday, May 24th, at St. James church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. F. Millard, J. Maddock, H. J. Poole, T. Doble, A. Doble, A. Evans, E. E. Burgess first quarter-peal as conductor, H. Bosley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Sunday, May 18th, 400 Doubles. S. Bowtell, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, F. Crick. All the above are bachelors.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Friday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Webb, F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom conductor, L. Copsey, T. Beadle, J. H. B. Hesse, H. Browning, J. Basden. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Hesse giving a peal-board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the 17th March, 1902. Mr. Hunt, of Guildford, supplied the board.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, May 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, A. J. Gillings, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, J. Coales. On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, 714 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, J. George conductor, F. Sear, A. Dubber, A. Coleman. On Monday, June 2nd, 503 Grandsire Triples. F. Sear conductor, R. Watson, A. J. Gillings, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George, A. J.

Hessian. On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, F. Sear, R. Watson, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES.—On Tuesday, April 29th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Hooper, G. H. Gutteridge, J. Bateman, C. Hartley, W. J. Bateman, W. Clarke. Rung after the induction service of the Rev. J. F. Hoyle.

CHALFONT ST. PETER.—On Saturday, May 3rd, 720 Doubles. E. Elderfield, J. Clarke, W. Clarke, G. Gutteridge, A. Jordan, J. Blackmore.

FULMER.—Recently, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, J. J. Parker, J. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. And 360 in the same method. F. Clarke, W. Clarke, J. Clarke, J. J. Parker conductor, A. Jordan, G. H. Gutteridge.

SLOUGH.—On Friday, May 16th, 240 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. F. Pursey, A. Leader, W. Wilder, G. H. Gutteridge, T. Wilder, W. Field.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 25th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, J. Rose, T. G. Deal, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes conductor, H. Young.

BEVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, May 17th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. C. G. Constable, A. Moody, J. Taylor, C. P. Bradley, W. A. Thompson, W. Gibson, F. Osgerby, H. Middleton.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 13th, at the Norman Tower a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Farrants, Rev. H. B. Woolley, H. Moore, A. W. King, H. Smith, E. Evans, G. Carter, R. Moore. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the Ven. Archdeacon Livingstone, who died on May 12th at Thurston Vicarage.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 27th, 120 each of Old, St. Mary, April Day, Plain, Antelope and Grandsire Doubles. J. Barber, W. G. Crickmer, J. W. Mallett, J. A. Read, A. J. Stagelman. Rung before a Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Thetford.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Tuesday, May 14th, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing 3615 changes, owing to the 2nd rope breaking. W. Hancock, F. Murphy, W. Burrough, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Netherett.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Hayes, P. W. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins conductor, J. Batting.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Hunt, W. Bedwell, C. Collin, W. Dudley, W. Dowsett, H. Willson, C. Anderson, J. Smith, W. H. Judd conductor, J. Perry.

RISLEY (Beds).—On Saturday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. H. Carrington, W. Stapleton, A. Partridge, G. Partridge, H. Carrington.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Atkins, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, G. Cowley, H. Sear conductor. On Sunday evening, April 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. First in the method by all. On Thursday, May 8th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Beal, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, G. Cawley conductor, W. Tucker. On Sunday, April 11th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Bonham, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Yates, W. Tucker, G. Cawley conductor. In the evening 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Yates, S. Smith, G. Cawley conductor.

WICKEN (Northants).—On a recent Saturday evening, 720 Bob Minor. J. Read, jun., W. Tucker, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, sen., G. Cawley conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Hobden, R. Eade, J. Burgess, P. Burgess, L. Gaston, E. Jennings, A. Reed, G. Scotcher.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, 240 Oxford. W. G. Crickmer, J. Creasy, C. F. Ling, W. Burgess, E. Collins, D. Collins.

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

The following touches have been rung on account of the peace:—

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 8th, for the Thanksgiving Services for peace, 1008 Stedman Triples. I. G. Shade conductor, J. J. Lamb, E. E. Richards, W. Foreman, E. N. Price, H. Hoskins, W. Berry, W. Wickings. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. I. G. Shade, E. N. Price, E. E. Richards, J. J. Lamb, J. E. Sykes, H. Hoskins conductor, W. Derry, W. Wickings.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY

RUGBY.—On Sunday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. Coales, J. George, F. Sear, A. Dubber, A. J. Hessian. Composed and conducted by James George. This quarter-peal was rung immediately after Divine Service in the evening, at which the Rector had announced that peace had been concluded in South Africa.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Monday, June 2nd, at the church of St. Editha, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Windridge, A. Young, C. Pratt, J. George, J. H. Chapman, C. Chapman, R. P. Brindley, J. Pratt. Composed by the Editor and conducted by James George.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARTING.—On June 7th, one 720 of Bob Minor and two 720s of Woodbine, being an attempt for a peal. C. Best, W. R. Daniels, E. J. Boxall, A. B. Bennett conductor, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud.

MIDHURST.—On June 8th, 720 Woodbine. W. R. Madgwick, C. Best, T. E. Ellis conductor, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud, J. Lee.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON.—On Sunday, June 8th, at the parish church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. Rev. G. De Y. Aldridge, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Chapman, R. Chapman. This is the Rev. G. Aldridge's first half-peal, and he takes a keen interest in change-ringing.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Monday, June 2nd, 1257 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins., it being the first by the local band. B. A. Knights, W. J. Thyng, G. Hollis, G. W. Bemrose, G. Davies, S. Price, C. W. P. Clifton, J. Hunt, A. Knights conductor, D. Farthing. During the day 1296 Double Norwich and 672 Superlative Surprise and 1200 Bob Royal.

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Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

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Notices.

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Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne, to-day, Saturday, June 14. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided. Subscriptions due January 1st should be paid in at or before this meeting. Committee meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea at The Blue Bell inn at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, June 14. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. If convenient, the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 4 o'clock prompt.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Saturday, June 14th. Meeting-house—The Swan with Two Necks, Westgate. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, June 21st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. The meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow at 7 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Annual Meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, President of the Society. Tea at 5.30 in the Poole Walk Schoolroom. Tickets 6d each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry between the hours of 2 and 4. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 21st. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. Isaac Moreton, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Woolton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 4.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Lavenham (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 21st, the bells of the tower will be at the disposal of any visiting ringer during the day. Ringing to commence at 7 a.m. till 7.30 p.m.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

41, Market Lane.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Associations.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row.

R. HARRISON.

The Lancashire Association Meeting, May 31st.—Liverpool Branch.—Photographs

can be obtained by remitting 3s. 3d. to George Latimer, 262, Walton Road, Liverpool. Ringers will facilitate matters by ordering early, so that the photographer may know how many to prepare.

H. H. BARKER.

42, Iretton Street, Walton-on-the-Hill.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester on Saturday, June 28th. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m. and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members. A free tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to me not later than June 25th.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623—The Anniversary of the above Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th.

F. J. FITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st. C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

Harford, Ottery St. Mary.

Marriage.

HORNE.—PAGE.—On Wednesday, June 4th, at St. Paul's church, Wokingham, by the Rev. H. M. Walters, William, eldest son of Mr. E. Horne, of Cookham Dean, near Maidenhead, to Kate, third daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Page, of Wokingham.

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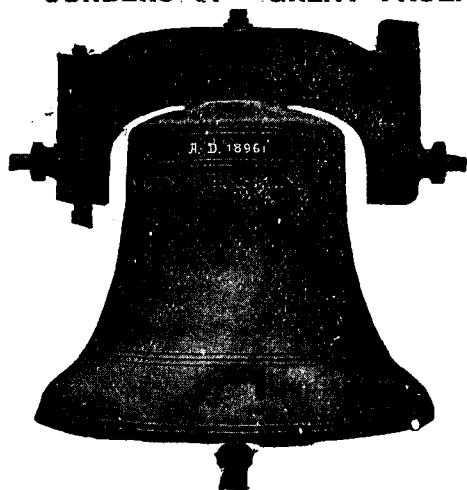
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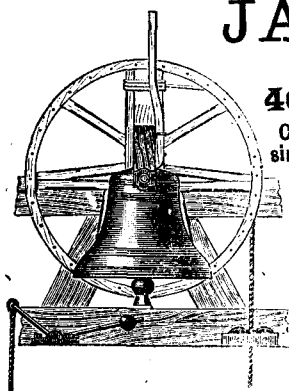
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