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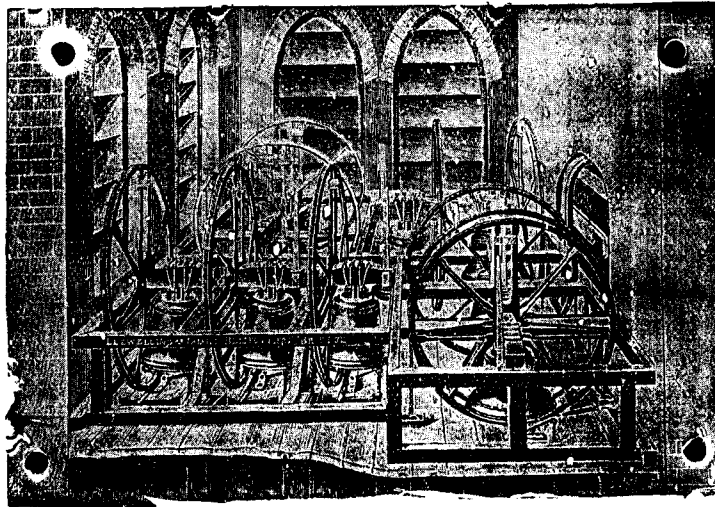
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

DERBY (continued). St. Peter. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. 6th, 1738; 7th, 1636. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in., 1769; no founders stated; the rest by Taylor, 1900. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1900, two trebles being added, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th recast. Ropes new 1902, good. Half-pull ringing commencing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

All Saints. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. Treble and 4th by Newcombe, 1678; 2nd, 1687; 3rd, 1693; 5th by Oldfield, 1620; 6th, 1607; 7th, 1629; 8th, 1632; 9th by Oldfield, 1655. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Neither date nor founder stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor with new fittings, 1887. Ropes fair. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Mondays, 7.30.

St. Werburgh. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. 6th, 1601; 7th, no date or founder stated; the rest recast by Mears, 1848. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Condemned as unsafe owing to state of frame, 1898. Want of funds prevents repair. Ropes new 1896, good. No further information.

DEREHAM, EAST (Norfolk). St. Nicholas. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 1804: 2nd, 1785; 4th, 1834; 5th, 1804; 7th, 1864; all by Mears; 3rd, 6th, and tenor by Lester, 1753. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. General repairs by Day, 1884. Church authorities always ready to undertake repairs. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 8.

DEVONPORT (Devon). H.M. Dockyard. No dedication mentioned. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. The two

trebles by Banister, 1867; the rest by Pennington, 1770. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Aggett, 1900. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: for 20 minutes before evening service. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 for young hands; Saturday, 6, for old hands.

DEVIZES (Wilts). St. John. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Burrough, 1747: 3rd, 1677; 4th, 1610; 5th, no date; 6th, 1697; 7th and tenor, 1677; no founders mentioned. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Llewellyns, 1880. Now under consideration to add two trebles and rehang the whole ring. Ropes, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30 when enough ringers. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

DEWSBURY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1875. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 10 ft. 6 in. (sic)! Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw, 1899. Ropes good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

DIBDEN (Hants). All Saints. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1887. Tenor 10 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes bad. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.45 and 3.15. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

DIDSBURY (Lancashire). Christ Church. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 18 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs of importance have been done lately. Small matters attended at once. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. No practice.

DISS (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Dobson. No date given. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Day, 1894. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 10.45, and 2.30 to 3. Practice: Tuesday, winter 7.30, summer 8. Visitors are welcome.

DEDICATION OF A NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT LEAMINGTON.

Thursday, October 30th, was a red-letter day in the annals of "Leafy Leamington," for it was the day set apart for the dedication of the new tower and peal of eight bells at the parish church of All Saints. Originally the church possessed a peal of six, housed in a wooden tower. Some years ago this tower was demolished with the view of eventually erecting a substantial stone tower, and the powers that be also grasped the opportunity to increase their bells to the octave. However, though it is well on the way for twenty years since the scheme was just put

under weigh, it was not until the present Vicar, the Rev. Cecil Hook, took up his position in 1896, that it took any definite form. The tower, which is from the design of the late Sir Arthur Blomfield, is on the south-west corner of the church, and rises to an height of 145 feet to the top of the pinnacles, and is 26 feet square.

Dedication day was opened with Holy Communion at 6, 7, and 8 a.m.; Matins at 8.30, and choral Eucharist at 11. At 1.30 there was a public luncheon in the Town Hall, presided over by the Vicar. Responding to the toast of "Prosperity to the Leamington Parish Church" the Rev. Cecil Hook expressed his pleasure at the support accorded him. He could not reply to all the good things said of him, but it rejoiced his heart that on every occasion of anything to do with the rev. chairman, its past Vicars were always with them. He rejoiced that Mr. Furneaux was with them, and also Dean Leigh—sitting between two bottles of champagne. Referring to the benefactions they had received, he mentioned that Mr. Badger had given them £100 and the new tenor, and had left them £1000 for decorative purposes; Mr. Hutchinson had given them £300 to hang the bells; the patron of the living (Rev. W. G. Wise) had given them £100 per year; the Misses Teulon had given them the treble; and, lastly, Mrs. Urquhart had given them £4060 towards the completion of the tower.

After the luncheon the Mayor and Corporation walked in procession to the parish church, where the dedication service was timed to commence at 3.30, the Bishop of Worcester officiating. The first portion of the service was performed inside the church, following which the procession reformed and marched to the front of the tower outside the church. The streets were lined with people, all vehicular traffic being stopped. The Bishop having dedicated the tower and bells, the "Old Hundredth" was sung, following which the bells were run round a few times on the Ellacombe apparatus. The Hallelujah Chorus and The Blessing concluded the ceremony. A public tea followed in the Winter Hall, to be succeeded by evensong at 8 p.m.

The tower is a fine structure of the Perpendicular style, and bears resemblance to Gloucester Cathedral. The old six bells (all by Mears, 1826), have had a treble and tenor added, and the old 4th recast, and are now a handy little eight with a tenor of 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have undoubtedly carried it out in the usual good way for which they are noted. By the architects' wish the bells will not be rung for some few months yet, to allow the tower to "settle." In the meantime, however, endeavours are being made to have a company of ringers ready for the opening day, in which the Rev. Cecil Hook, the Rev. J. D. Cranstoun, and Dr. Miles Atkinson (churchwarden), are taking a lively interest. For some few weeks the coming ringers have been endeavouring to master the "intricacies" of Plain Bob on handbells, and in neighbouring towers. The whole of the new tower, including the bell-chamber and staircase, is lit by electricity, and every encouragement being given to the young ringers to take that interest and pride in it and its contents of which it is so worthy. It should be added that Dr. Miles Atkinson has kindly added a new peal of handbells to the equipment of the ringing-chamber, and that a dumb apparatus is being fixed.

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The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, October 18th, and was fairly well attended. The day's proceedings were commenced by six members starting for a peal of Minor, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 50 mins. This was followed by several 720s of Minor and some 6-scores of Grandsire by mixed bands. Divine Service was held at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. Ward). The ringers were complimented by the Rector and others on the excellent striking, and received a cordial invitation to visit Raithby again. It was intended to visit Hagworthingham (eight bells), where permission to ring had been given by the Rector (Rev. G. Ekins), but this part of the programme had to be abandoned for want of time. An excellent tea was provided at The Shades at Spilsby by host Shaw, to which full justice was done by those assembled.

The members take this opportunity of returning thanks to the rev. gentleman for the use of the bells, and to all and every one who in any way contributed to make the meeting both enjoyable and successful.

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 GO-OFF IN STEDMAN."

SIR,—Mr. Carter's final reply seems to me singularly inconclusive, for although it be true that it would be puzzling to a ringer who had never practised any but one start to be suddenly told to start in any one of fifteen other ways, it by no means follows from this that no one ought to practise more than one mode of going-off. Mr. Carter tells us that to begin with a slow six has special advantages. Then by all means let these be made use of; but it surely cannot be seriously contended that if a performance of a peal so constructed takes place, Mr. Carter's peal of which we have just been hearing so much is never to be thereafter rung, and that the Rev. F. E. Robinson is to be thenceforward divorced from the composition which it gives him such intellectual pleasure to call. Believing that no more restrictions than those actually necessary should be imposed on the combinations of any scientific process, I respectfully differ from Mr. Carter, and agree with Mr. Lancashire.

I think that Mr. Rogers is hardly fair to the old ringers in attributing their adherence to Stedman's original pricking to a spirit of conservatism. The work of the seventeenth century may be said to have consisted of the invention of methods for five and six bells, and the work of the eighteenth was the extending these and other methods up to twelve-bell work, and a comparison of the "London Scholars' Book" at the beginning of the eighteenth century with "Shipway" in the early part of the nineteenth, shews us that between these periods there was a very active and remarkable progress; and it is not to be wondered at that composition had, so to speak, no time to develop all possible details. But every successive generation develops the application of every science in a progressive spirit, and I quite agree with Mr. Rogers that to adhere to any hard and fast line of go-off in Stedman now-a-days would be conservatism of an obstructive character. R. A. DANIELL.

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CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Visitors to the Silver Jubilee bagun to arrive on the Friday previous, and Newcastle and District was kept warm with touches and peals from then till late on Tuesday night. Early on Monday morning, the 27th ult, a peal was attempted at St. George's, Jesmond, by eight original members of the Association, Kent Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after an hours ringing. R. Alcock; Joel Hern; Johnson E. Hern; W. Patton; R. Moncastor; D. Shipp; W. Newton; and T. Stephenson, (conductor). Committee business was disposed of between 12 and 1 o'clock and at 1.30. Divine service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. The chapel was well filled and some twenty of the clergy, visitors and members attended in their robes. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Drummond, curate of Blagden, Canon Gough, Vicar of Newcastle, (Dr. Jacob) gave the address from the 150th Psalm, 5th verse "Praise him upon the Loud Cymbals; praise him upon his sounding cymbals."

At the Hotel Metropole, 140 sat down to dinner at three o'clock, the Bishop of Newcastle taking the chair. He was supported by Canon Gough, the President (Mr. Story), Mr. C. C. Ellis of Edinburgh, Canons Duncan, Ross-Lewin, Southwell, Dr. Barrow, the Rectors of Hexham, Winlaton, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, the Vicars of St. George's Jesmond, Lynmouth, Cramlington, St. Ann's and St. Cabriel's Newcastle, Wylam, and Whitby; Messrs B. R. Blackburn, Whitby, W. Story, J. L. Browne, Sunderland, Johnson Hern of Reading and C. L. Routledge, secretary, N. Ferguson, Scarborough; also the Revs. J. M. E. Cooke, E. W. Dunn, G. W. Froggatt, E. G. Drummond, E. Hudson, G. L. Givilliam, R. D. Edwards, C. O. Brutton, P. Duckworth, etc, Messrs Hudson and S. O. Ferry occupied the vice-chairs. All round the tables were to be seen faces familiar to the association meetings, since the very commencement: an interesting momemto, in the shape of a reprint of the 1st annual report was given out to those present.

The chairman gave the toast of "The King and Royal Family." He said that His Majesty had returned thanks to God in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon for his wonderful recovery. Meeting as they did, the day after the event, it was their desire to associate themselves with all those who were present at the ceremony and to say with all their hearts and souls "God Save the King." The toast was enthusiastically received, all rising and singing the National Anthem.

Mr. R. S. Story, (the President) in giving the toast of "the Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses said that he had some little experience of their own little meetings, composed of about 50 or 60 personal and intimate friends; but on this occasion though perhaps they had not such intimate friends, they had as hearty and as honest friends in the persons of the Bishop and the Clergy. The members extended to the Bishops and Clergy their very heartiest welcome and even then he was very feebly expressing all they wished. He would point out to the Bishops and Clergy the keen anxiety of all the members to meet and see more of them at these meetings. The time was when only one or two of the clergy could be counted amongst their friends—those days were now past and ringers now held a very different position both in the church and in society. They, as the Bishop had said in his address, were now admitted as church-workers, which was a honorable and proud position and one to be lived up to. He coupled the toast with the names of the Right Rev. the chairman, and the Rector of Chester-le-Street (Mr. D. Moleynes) in the diocese of Durham.

The Bishop replied and acknowledged the kind manner in which the toast had been received. Continuing he said I assure you, it is with very great pleasure that I feel able to come and take some humble part in your twenty-fifth Anniversary today. I wish to express my very hearty God-speed to the Guild to which you belong. The whole aspect of bell-ringing is now different and you are now associated with all the other church-workers in your several parishes. Bell-ringing is a science which may be like any other gift, dedicated to God, and as I

ventured to say in Church to-day—we all of us, on behalf of the clergy, wish god speed in your career of service.

The Rev. A. B. de Moleynes, replied on behalf of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese of Durham. He congratulated the association on attaining its silver jubilee because the ringers as a body were most earnest church-workers—they for the most part came down and joined in the service to Almighty God, after ringing the bells upstairs. The association had a great deal to do with this present state of things in contrast to what it was in the past.

At this stage of the proceedings the Bishop departed and the President took the chair.

The committee's annual report and balance sheet, drawn up by the secretary (Mr. Routledge) was then read by Mr. S. O. Ferry. It dwelt at some length on the history of the past, mentioning that the society was founded in 1877 on the initiation of Messrs. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, W. Reed, of North Shields and Johnson Hern, of Hurworth, (now of Reading). Some very interesting statistics were given of the 325 peals scored by the Association, and the numbers of new peals of bells, peals rehung, augmented, recast, etc., etc. Reference was made to the good work done in the past by the late Mr. Francis Lees and the Rev. W. E. Houldey of St. John's Newcastle. The past years balance sheet showed that £6 13 8. to the good—the donor of Gosforth bells, Cecil Cochran Esq. had given £5 to the funds. Thirty-eight peals had been scored during the year in 12 methods, total points 538, averaging 14.15 per peal. Twenty-four members had rung their first peal, and 86 members in all had taken part. The only peal of Royal rung throughout the Empire on Coronation Day was rung at Newcastle Cathedral. The reports from the individual belfries were much above the average. The membership had increased to 436.

The Rev. J. M. E. Cooke (Gosforth), moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. He said in the course of a crisp speech, that although in the report he noticed some sly hits at the clergy, the fact that there were thirty or more present that day, entirely wiped out the stain on their character for not taking sufficient interest in bell-ringers in the past. They at Gosforth had most devoted ringers, and the ringers' pew was always full, and no doubt that state of things obtained elsewhere. The annual report, he said, was a real ovation and a real triumph for their worthy Secretary. He tendered his and also the members best thanks to the officers of the Association for their indefatigable work, and congratulated Mr. Routledge on the success of the meeting and on the presence of the Bishop and clergy.

Dr. Barrow, of Rotbury, suitably seconded the adoption which he said was most elaborate and satisfactory. He was one of the oldest members himself, but this was the first meeting he had ever attended, and he was more than delighted with the enthusiasm shown all round.

The President also paid a high tribute to the Secretary on the drafting of so exhaustive a report in regard to detail. He wished to say that letters of regret for absence had been received from the Bishop, and Dean of Durham, the Archdeacons of Auckland, Durham and Northumberland, Canons Tristram, Savage, Lipscombe, Blackett-Ord, Lister, Churchyard, Cooper, Brown and Bruce; the President and Secretary of the Central Council (Sir Arthur Heywood and Rev. C. D. P. Davies); the Master of the College Youths; the President and Secretary of the Norwich Association; the Presidents of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations; the Master of the Oxford Guild; the Secretary of the Cleveland Association; the Vicars of Auckland, St. John's and All Saints Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Brancepeth, Owslebury (Rev. C. Buston, late hon. sec. of the Association), Holy Trinity Darlington, Consett, Gainford, and Ashington; the Rectors of Hurworth, Gosferth, and Blaydon; also from Messrs. Musgrave, Ridley, A. J. Robinson, T. Clark (late vice-President), W. S. Hicks (ecclesiastical architect), J. F. Burnicle (Sunderland), J. H. Blakiston (late vice-President), Cecil Cochran, and Wm. Reed (first president), also the Revs C. Parkinson, W. M. Davidson, H. L. Whitley, etc.

Mr. Thomas Hudson proposed "Our Guests," coupled with Canons Southwell and Duncan. He was glad to welcome the friends who had come from greater distances, and was sorry that the churchwardens of his own church—Bishopwearmouth—could not be present on that grand occasion.

Canon Southwell said he had come from the diocese of Lichfield, and one of the happiest and most sacred of his memories was his connection with the bellringers' association there. He humorously explained how, once in the dim past, he had qualified in the Midlands as a practical ringer, and he hoped they would allow him to cease to be a guest and become a member of their Association. In the concluding words of the report he prayed that God would grant blessings in the future, as He had blessed the efforts of the Association in the past.

Canon Duncan also briefly responded.

The Secretary was instructed by the meeting to send to the Bishop their hearty feelings of thanks for his most interesting address, and for taking the chair in the early stages of that gathering.

The Rev. A. Boot, Vicar of St. George's, took the chair *pro tem.*, and then

Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis (Edinburgh), in very complimentary terms, proposed that the officers be reelected: Mr. Story as President; Messrs. Hudson and S. O. Ferry, vice-Presidents; Mr. C. L. Routledge Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and Mr. William Holmes as assistant-secretary. Carried unanimously.

Mr. R. S. Story, on behalf of the re-elected officers, thanked the members for their continued confidence in their efforts.

Mr. S. O. Ferry, in a eulogistic address on the past work of the President (Mr. R. S. Story), said that he had now been elected for twenty successive years to preside over their affairs, and the members had decided to mark their high appreciation of this long service to the Association in a tangible manner by presenting him with a solid silver tea and coffee service, which he was sure Mrs. Story, no less than their worthy President, would appreciate highly as coming from that Association. Mr. Ferry then handed over the gift on a tray, which was engraved with a suitable inscription, wishing the President long life to enjoy it. Mr. Hudson supported the junior vice-president's remarks, and the company in the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow." The gift was accompanied by an illuminated album, inscribed with the names of the subscribers to the presentation fund.

Mr. Story most feelingly replied, and thanked them for their high appreciation of his services. His first interest had always been and always would be their Association, and he would never forget the happy times spent in connection with it.

The President announced the meetings for the forthcoming year as arranged in Committee. February meeting at Newburn, Whit-Monday at Rothbury, August at Barnard Castle, and the annual at Durham.

Mr. S. O. Ferry then detailed his "scheme of points for Sunday service ringing," by which it is intended to promote a healthy and vigorous competition during the year for premier place among the different belfries in union with the Association. This is to be for service ringing alone, and as this is the main object of a ringer's work, it is hoped excellent results will accrue, by raising both the standard of striking and the excellence of methods rung. Full details will appear in the annual report when issued in book form, and a printed copy of the regulations of the scheme will be sent to each belfry. This was discussed and unanimously adopted.

The Rev. A. Boot moved, and Mr. J. Baxter seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Newcastle for the use of the cathedral lady chapel for service, for the use of the choir vestry for the committee's requirements and for the use of the bells during the day. Also to the Rev. E. G. Drummond for conducting the service, and to the Vicars and church-wardens of the churches whose bells had been so kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the day.

Mr. Wm Story proposed and Mr. Geo Atkinson seconded that the three retiring representatives on the Central Council be re-elected, and as they were now entitled to 4 representatives, that Mr. C. L. Routledge be also elected. Carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Thos. Clark (Hull) was elected, on the proposal of the President, to be an honorary life member in consideration of his distinguished services to the Association in years gone by.

Forty-two members were elected at the meeting, among these being Canon Southwell, the Revs. Horatio Spurrier, P. Duckworth, R. D. Edwards, W. F. Cullen, and Messrs. Knox and Crawford, of Shildon. Nine new members from Shildon's new belfry also joined. Also Mr. Johnson Hern, of Reading, who

once more joins the Association after twenty-two years of absence. In thanking the members for his election, he explained that he was one of the fathers of the Association, and its first vice-president with Mr. Lees.

Thus ended a most enthusiastic meeting, and one which will long live in the memory of those who attended it. The bells of the town churches were kept going until a late hour of the night.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

At the usual quarterly meeting held on Tuesday, the 28th, ult., Mr. S. Reeves, Vice President, being in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.L., be appointed presiding ringing Master to the Guild, the vacancy being caused by the death of the late Mr. John Day.

On the conclusion of the ordinary business a handsome marble clock bearing a suitable inscription was presented to Mr. W. H. Barber, to commemorate his wedding, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow members. In making the presentation the chairman spoke in happy terms of the qualities in Mr. Barber which were so much admired, and also congratulated the Steward, Mr. Painter, on his organising the scheme of presentation, and carrying it through so rapidly and successfully.

We join in the hope that Mr. Barber's new venture may be a happy and successful one, and that his wife and self may be cheered for many a year by the familiar tick at their own chimney side.

Obituary.

JOB JOYNES.

It has been probably already noticed in our "Notes to Peals" that the well-known tower-keeper at St. Martin's, Birmingham, passed away quite suddenly on the 7th ult. while engaged in ringing for a wedding at Edgbaston parish church.

About the year 1895 he had a severe stroke, from which he had never completely recovered. Alas poor man! only the night before at St. Martin's, when replying to an enquiry as to his health, he stated that he then felt so well that he really thought he was about to completely recover.

Joynes was only 56 years old, having been born in Birmingham in 1846. He commenced ringing at an early age as the pupil of the late celebrated William Chattell, at St. Philip's church, and rang his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Royal) at Aston in 1863, since when he has taken part in a large number of peals on eight, ten and twelve bells, ringing the 2nd in the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1881.

Generally recognised as a very reliable ringer and fine striker, especially on twelve bells, he was also at one time a very fair double-handed ringer in Stedman.

Many of our elder ringers who have visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, must have come in contact with him, and have noticed his quiet unassuming demeanour.

As a tower-keeper he was very painstaking in his many duties, especially in looking after the bells and the comfort of his fellow-ringers.

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THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Ward, H. Stubbs, W. Dixon, T. Langdon, M. Fensom, A. Jacob conductor. At St. Michael's, Wood Green, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Plumb, T. Langdon, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, M. Fensom, A. Jacob conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH)

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 800 Bob Major. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Taylor, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, August 10th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Taylor, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 14th, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, J. W. Stirk, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 28th, 720 Kent. W. Walton, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, October 9th, 704 Kent. T. Burrows, T. Redman conductor, W. Walton, D. Campbell, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, R. Hartley. On Sunday, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Walton, T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor. Also 704 Oxford. R. Hartley, D. Heys, W. Walton, D. Campbell, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.—For Divine Service on Sunday evening August 31st, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, G. Heward, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe, S. E. Palmer conductor. For practice on Thursday evening, September 4th, 1080 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, L. Berrisford, G. Heward, C. H. Lake conductor. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, September 14th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, C. H. Lake, L. Berrisford, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service in the evening 1080 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, S. F. Palmer, G. Heward. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, September 21st, 1260 Bob Minor, in 45 mins. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For practice on Thursday evening, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, A. Harvey, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, 1260 Bob Minor, in 45 mins. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe conductor, G. Heward, L. Berrisford, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe, G. Heward, C. H. Lake, S. F. Palmer conductor. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, October 26th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, S. F. Palmer, J. Thorpe, R. Renshaw, L. Berrisford, G. Heward.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Margaret's Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. A. Hardy, G. Symonds, J. Davis, W. Crockford, F. G. Perrin, H. Langdon, E. Brett, F. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd. Composed by C. Charge, and Conducted by F. Shepherd, who hails from Exeter.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening ser-

vice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 42 mins. H. L. Waddington, T. Coombes, J. Earwicker, W. H. L. Buckingham, R. Hammond, G. Wright, G. Whitbred, R. Chalkley. Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Wednesday, October 1st, at St. Andrew's church, after the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Chandler, Rev. H. G. Bird, E. T. Griffin, E. Hancox, H. Waite, W. Joiner, A. Finch conductor, W. Foster.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins. W. Tomlin, G. Tomlin, F. Hollingworth, L. Hollingworth, W. Earle, H. Hollingworth conductor, J. Warren, G. York. And 210 in the same method, with J. York at the treble.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Saturday, October 11th, at a combined practice meeting of the Maidstone District, 720 Plain Bob. E. Kelvi, G. Barham, W. Taylor, A. W. Tawney, R. Goodburn, J. W. Leonard conductor, P. Masters. And 504 Bob Triples. E. Kelvi, G. Barham, W. Taylor, A. W. Tawney, R. Goodburn, D. Hall, J. W. Leonard conductor, P. Masters.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 7th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, C. Oram. On Sunday, August 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, W. Heath, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, September 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, W. Heath, J. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. On Thursday, September 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, F. Rowley conductor, W. Miller, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, C. Oram. On Thursday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, F. Rowley, W. Miller, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, September 28th, 324 Grandsire Catere. H. Day, W. Biss, W. Northey, W. Miller, H. Wilkins, T. Stuart, F. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor C. Oram. And 216 in the same method, B. Tilley at the tenor.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL.—On Saturday, October 18th, 720 Kent. J. W. Moore, R. Smith, J. Fitzjohn, H. Stenton, S. Smith conductor, C. H. Fowler. Also 360 Oxford. C. Heeley, D. Bale, F. Hargreaves conductor, G. Clark, G. Watkinson, T. Thorpe. And 720 Violet. W. Platts, G. R. Winter, H. Stenton, H. Turner, S. Smith, C. F. Fowler.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, October 27th, at the parish church of St. Andrew, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Harris (Northampton), J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, A. Bramall first 504 in the method, A. Dubber, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian. On Sunday morning, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks (first in the method with a bob bell), A. J. Hessian; W. Maund (Bedworth), J. George, conductor, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Sunday evening, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part). A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian.

BLACKBURN.—On Monday, October 6th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Hundle, E. Dute, son, M. Kearney, J. Hargreaves, W. E. Wilson, J. Watson, J. Walker, E. Walmsley. Rung as a farewell peal to M. Duteson, who is leaving for America.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1902.

On another page some interesting particulars will be found of the "opening" of a tower and ring of bells at the parish church of that popular Warwickshire town known as "Royal Leamington." The vicissitudes which the structure of the church of All Saints has experienced, in years past would fill a bulky volume. Originally—as our correspondent states—the bells were located in a wooden tower, if a miserable close-box arrangement innocent of any light-giving aperture can be so dignified. In this box they remained for years. The attitude taken up by a former Vicar precluded all hope of anything being done towards bell restoration or tower-building, though a grand architectural scheme was announced, which alas!

came to nothing. Yet during the time of his immediate successor in the vicariate it was hoped something might have been effected. A favourable omen appeared when the Rev. CECIL HOOK—a son of the great Dean—was called to the incumbency. We see the result in the dedication performed on the 20th ultimo. A very satisfactory ceremony, and one, it is hoped, which portends the extension of good and skilful change-ringing throughout the district. We should liked to have read that the bells had reached the number of ten; perhaps that number may be reached by-and-by. It is hoped that not only the Vicar and churchwardens, but the general body of parishioners, and others who attend the services of the church, will do their utmost to encourage the young company of ringers to persevere in the direction of efficiency.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the branch for the Archdeaconry of Salisbury was held at Westbury on Saturday, October 18th. Ringers attended from Bratton, Orcheston St. Mary, Warminster, Westbury, Frome, Melksham, and Devizes. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening with but short intervals, and some 6-scores were rung, but so heavy are the bells, and the hanging so ancient, that ringing is not at all pleasurable. Tea was partaken of at 4.30, and a very sociable half-hour was spent. In the absence of the Vicar, who however most kindly furnished cigars and cigarettes, the Rev. A. J. Kitson was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. G. F. Doel, of Salisbury, was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary of branch. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of his bells, and the fragrant weed; and to the chairman for presiding. Evensong was held at 6, and the bells were soon in motion again.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.	ARTHUR R. JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.
Rung on the thirty-first anniversary of the formation of the Fulham society.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	STAFF-SERG. A. PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to start for Double Norwich, but time being limited the above was rung instead.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON† .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
HENRY S. REEVES 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. CHARGE, 16, SEATON STREET, CHELSEA,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 9-10.	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire—S. J. Collins.

The Provinces.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT IMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	FRANK HULL 7.
STAFF-SERG. A. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	CHARLES TYLER 6.
GEORGE PAYNE 3.	ALBERT HEASMAN 7.
LAZARUS PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bob Minor, Oxford Single Bob, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, and two of Kent, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST G. PRESSLING .. Treble.	WILLIAM DANIELS 4.
WILLIAM MADGWICK† .. 2.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL 3.	THOMAS STROUD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

†First peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. ALPHEGE COMPANY.)

On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
CHARLES W. SAXBY .. 2.	ARTHUR H. SAXBY .. 6.
JOHN STEDDY .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
MORTON W. PIERCE .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman by 2, 6, 8. First peal of Triples by the company. Rung in honour of the return of the county regiment, the Buffs, after three years' service in South Africa.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR DEAN .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. 2.	EDWARD HULL .. 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE .. 7.
FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 4.	JOHN WYNCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOYLE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hull. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAYNARD CLOSS* .. Treble.	*ALBERT EDWARDS .. 4.
GILBERT NEWMAN* .. 2.	JAMES MORLEY .. 5.
GEORGE DANIELS† .. 3.	†THOMAS WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DANIELS.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours Forty-five and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 5.
JOHN J. JONES .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. .. 4.	†SIDNEY CLARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 777th peal. Further reference elsewhere.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST MADDOCK .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. 5.
HENRY J. POOLE .. 2.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. 6.
THOMAS DOBLE .. 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 7.
FRANK MILLARD .. 4.	HENRY BOSLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. POOLE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. TONKS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. 5.
BENJAMIN R. MEESON .. 2.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FRED WILFORD .. Treble.	*FRED HOPPER .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER* .. 2.	*ARTHUR MOORE .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	*SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS* .. 4.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

THOMAS COLLINS* .. Treble.	ALFRED GODDARD .. 5.
ALFRED WICKES .. 2.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 3.	GEORGE PHILLIPS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

This is the first peal on the bells and was rung at the first attempt, permission to make it being accorded by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hall, M.A. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, and also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. A. J. Redman, for making arrangements for the use of the bells, which are a new peal, the gift of Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., by Warner. *First peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. 6.
EDWARD MANKLOW .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS* .. 2.	*FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW* 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells. This peal was rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Wilton O. L'Estrange, a former member of the local company.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

NOAH DAVIS Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
HORACE F. STREET* .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Mr. William Wakeman who is on a visit home from Norristown, U.S. America, after an absence of 9½ years.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. BATE Treble.	C. WINNER 5.
W. EASTER 2.	J. TULLETT 6.
L. SILVER 3.	W. WALKER 7.
J. H. CHEESMAN 4.	W. HAIGH Tenor.

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

First peal of Bob Major on the bells, and first in the method by all except J. H. Cheesman.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. VINCETT .. 5.
EWART G. JOHNSON* .. 2.	JAMES LIVERMORE .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 7.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal. This is the youngest member of the Association, aged 14. Rung on the second anniversary of the augmentation to eight and rehanging of the bells.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE ELY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

G. D. COLEMAN Treble.	*L. J. FLINT 4.
C. R. LILLEY 2.	†H. FIELDS 5.
S. J. COLEMAN 3.	W. FINEDON Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
THOS. L. MOORHOUSE .. 2.	ALBERT SCOTT 6.
JOHN T. EASON 3.	FRED MOORHOUSE .. 7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 4.	DAVID WHITING Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung on the light eight.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED HOLT Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	*THOMAS ASHTON 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	WILLIAM MARSHALL .. 7.
SAMUEL FERNLEY 4.	*WILLIAM BROADHURST .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal.

ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HALLETT Treble.	ROBERT WELLS 5.
HERBERT BAKER 2.	†GEORGE WRIGHT 6.
JOSEPH EARWICKER 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
HARRY WALKER 4.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

†First peal of Major.

HATFIELD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RUMNEY* .. Treble.	*JOHN KENTISH 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	*RALPH SHEPHERD 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD* 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
JOSEPH J. POWERS* .. 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method and first attempt.

Gaudebell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.

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

On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	CHARLES GEORGE 7-8.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 9-10.	

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Frederick W. Brinklow. First peal of Royal by all except the ringer of 3-4.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The above was strictly a non-conducted peal, and was rung without the bobs being called, or the slightest intimation of them given whatever. It is the first peal in the method ever rung silent, and the first Surprise peal ever rung silent on handbells. It is a one-part composition, and was rung at the third attempt. Umpires—W. Watson and H. Catterwell.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Autumnal Meeting will be held at Kidlington, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Particulars by circular.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Grammar School, Witney.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, to-day, Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

"Frodingham," *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

Members and friends are earnestly requested to show their tickets to the stewards on entering the dining-room. The tower of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock, and that of St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the church of The Saviour, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at New Mill, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Duke of Leeds hotel. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are reminded that after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th inst., a meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, when officers will be elected for the coming year.

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

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Friday, November 14th, after the usual practice at St. Martins in the Fields, a special meeting will be held at Society's headquarters for transaction of very important business. Members are requested to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, *St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Pendleton, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Bells ready at 5; meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Romford, on Saturday, November 22nd. Application has been made for the use of the bells at Hornchurch (8) and Havering (6), but no reply has yet been received. Tea (6d. each) will be provided. Members intending to be present please let me know by the 19th. THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*
84, *Fisher Street, Barking.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, November 22nd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending a post card to W. B. Davey, sexton, Hurstpierpoint.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, *Grove Street Brighton.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social in connection with the above will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, in the Evangelist school, Lord St. Oldham. Meat tea, gents' 1s. 6d., ladies' 1s. 3d. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. All names must be sent in not later than Wednesday, November 19th, to the secretary, Mr. S. Elson, 173, Horsedown Street, Oldham.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Hebers, Middleton.

St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice. W. LATTER, *Captain.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BURNHAM.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung and two new trebles added by Mears and Stainbank of London, to whom great praise is due, the go of the bells being perfect. The band take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, the churchwardens for kindly supplying refreshments, and the local men for giving them such a hearty welcome. The last-named are now taking up change-ringing, and it is hoped they will put their shoulder to the wheel and make a good job of it.

JOHN J. JONES' 100 PEALS.—Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 7; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Bob Major, 14; Stedman Triples, 32; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 4; Grandsire Triples, 28; total 100.

R. FENN'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 8; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 7; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 6; Superlative Surprise, 6; Cambridge Surprise, 3; total on tower bells 43. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Major, 3 (including 8896); total on handbells, 7.

A LOCAL TOUR.

Mr. G. Williams (Brighton) writes:—"Members of the Sussex County Association are attempting peals from to-day, Saturday, November 8th, to the 18th, at the following towers: Steyning, Brighton, Henfield, Hurst, Heene, Southover (Lewes) Upper Beeding, and Lindfield."

THE APPEAL FOR W. W. STEEL.

Mr. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, writes:—"I am very sorry to say that the 10s. credited to Alsager company is a mistake,

it should be credited to Lawton instead. Thanking you to insert this."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has removed to Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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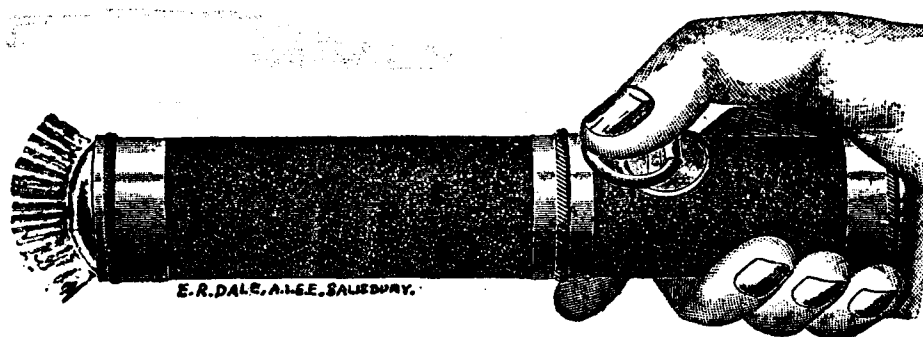
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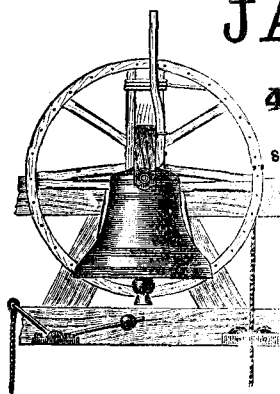
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