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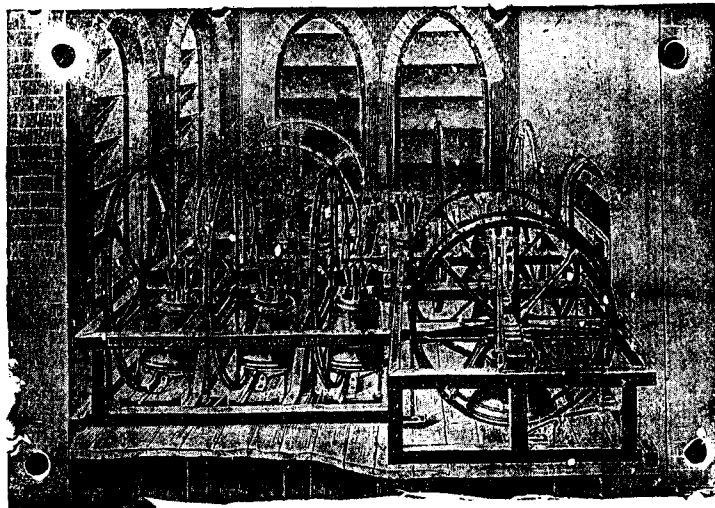
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

DONCASTER (Yorks). St. George. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1858. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1899, with new fittings. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.40 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.

DORCHESTER (Dorset). St. Peter. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 1750; 2nd, 1808; 3rd, 5th, and tenor, 1734, by Bilbie; 4th, 6th and 7th, by Warner, 1889. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go very well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1889. Ropes very good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.25 p.m. Practice: Tuesday, 7, except in Lent.

DORCHESTER (Oxon). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. No return.

DORKING (Surrey). St. Martin. Eight bells. No return.

DOVER (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Knight, 1724. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1898. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: usually Thursday, 7.

DOWNHAM MARKET (Norfolk). St. Edmund. Eight bells. No return.

DRAYTON (Somerset). St. Catherine. Eight bells. Five old bells, and three new ones by Taylor, 1891. No further information given as to dates and founders. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Taylor, 1891. Ropes new 1899.

Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday, 7.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorks). St. Paul. Eight bells. No return.

DROITWICH (Worcestershire). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire). St. Thomas. Worcester and District Association. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1819. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by local firm 1888. Ropes new 1893, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Monday, 7.45. Permission to ring willingly granted.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.

A specially interesting service, attended by a full congregation, was held in West Buckland parish church on Friday evening, November 7th, the occasion being the dedication and re-dedication of the bells by the Rural Dean (Rev. W. F. Eustace, Bishop's Lydeard), and the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The service opened with the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." Prayers were read by the Rev. A. C. Dyer (curate in charge); the special psalms chanted were the 122nd and the 150th; and the lesson was read by the Rev. W. W. Pulman (vicar of Wellington and West Buckland). After prayers the hymn "O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord," was sung during a procession to the belfry, the ringers leading the way, followed by the Clergy and the Churchwardens (Mr. F. Yeandle and Mr. T. T. Marke). Standing near the font the churchwardens, taking the ropes of the bells, requested the Rural Dean to dedicate the new bells and to re-dedicate the old ones. The Rural Dean receiving the ropes then said—"By virtue of my office I desire to solemnly dedicate and re-dedicate these bells to the glory of God and the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses." Then delivering the ropes to the Vicar, he said—"Receive again these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed Minister of Christ in this church; and take heed that they be for ever and only used in His service and for His Glory." After this the Rural Dean, addressing the Churchwardens and others, said—"You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese." Whilst the clergy were returning to their places the bells were raised in peal. Prayers were afterwards read by the Rural Dean, and a hymn was sung—"Hark, on high the joyful music! Hark, the concert of the bells."

The address was given by the Rural Dean from the

words, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord" (Psalm cxxii, i.)

The work in connection with the bells has been carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon. It has included taking down and recasting the treble bell, and making it heavier. This bell, which was recast in 1887, was too light for the other four. The weight has been increased from 5cwt. 1qr. to 6cwt. 3qr. 6lbs., and the bell is now the second in the peal. A new sixth bell (a treble) has been added, making a peal of six. The new bell weighs 5cwt. 3qr. 27lbs.

The tenor bell is about 17cwt. The fifth and the tenor bells date back to 1606. The old fittings and the frame and floor have been replaced with new oak beams and floor and an iron frame for the six bells. All the bells have been hung with new fittings.

The total cost of the work is about £225, and it is gratifying to be able to report that of this amount a little more than £200 has been promised.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (BRISTOL BRANCH).

A meeting of this branch was held at Mangotsfield, near Bristol, on Saturday, October 25th, 1902. This is the first time a meeting of this branch has been held at Mangotsfield, and it turned out in every way a most successful one. The Vicar (Rev. A. H. Sharpley), arranged a short service at St. James' Church at 4 p.m. at which between 30 and 40 attended. The Vicar gave a most appropriate address and heartily welcomed the association members there.

At the conclusion of the service a business meeting was held in the vestry, Rev. H. A. Cockey (Chairman of the branch) presiding. The next meeting was decided to be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 22nd next.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address and also for the use of the bells, etc.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rang during the evening. C. Downing, 1, A. Miller, 2, W. Sommerville, (conductor) 3, C. Beer, 4, G. Hiller, 5, Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6. Several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rang during the evening.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

The stand erected in St. Clement Danes is now demolished, and the ringing-chamber is once more like our beautiful abbey of St. Peter in its sacred religious atmosphere, and it is sincerely hoped that neither building will be again desecrated for any sightseeing at a service which is solemn and religious. The fortnightly meetings will be resumed, commencing on Monday, November 24th, at 8 p.m. sharp. The Master and officials would be delighted to meet all young hands who wish to practice on ten bells, especially those who forget that ten-bell practice is necessary to become a fairly good aspirant for the higher number—twelve-bell ringing.

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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Leek on Saturday, November 1st, about sixty members being present, the following towers being represented: Brown Edge, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Stoke and Tunstall. During the afternoon touches in various methods were rung by mixed bands. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was partaken of. The business meeting was afterwards held, over which Mr. H. Page (Stoke), presided. Mr. Twigg, Hon. Secretary, stated that he had received a letter from the leader of the ringers at Stone stating that eight of the members of that tower wished to be enrolled as members of the Association, and he had great pleasure in proposing that they be elected. This was seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried. A list of meetings for the year 1903 was drawn up and adopted by the meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the Leek ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for so kindly waiting at tea, and also to Mr. Page for so kindly presiding at the meeting. The members again made for the tower, and the bells were kept going until about nine o'clock, when they were lowered in peal, thus bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 18th, a ringers' festival was held at St. Mary's Church. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m., and ringers attended from Braintree, Bocking, Bardfield, Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Totham, and Writtle. Divine Service was held at 4 o'clock, when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. T. L. Papillon.

After the service the ringers, and a large number of parishoners, were entertained to a capital tea in the National School, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Clapton, presiding. The company numbered about 130. The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Papillon and Mr. Eyre, and the ringers for their visit to Stebbing.

Mr. Papillon made a few encouraging remarks to change-ringers, and said how very pleased he was that Stebbing had now got a ring of six bells.

Mr. F. Rudkin, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the kind way in which they all had been entertained, and this was received with applause.

RETFORD, NOTTS.

A large clock has just been erected at the Town Hall, Retford. It shows the time on four 6-ft. dials, chimes the Cambridge quarters, and strikes the hours. The clock has been made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are also making a large clock for Docking Church, Norfolk.

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Miscellaneous.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, October 28th, at the weekly practice, 629 Grandsire Caters. A. G. Lawson, R. M. Hogg, J. T. Hogg, J. E. Hern, J. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor, E. Hern, G. Dix, A. Tully, H. Thompson.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EXTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Hoyle, H. A. Phillips, E. H. Oxenham, W. Baker, W. Phillips, conductor, S. Wyatt.

WINSFORD (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Wyatt, E. H. Oxenham, W. Hoyle, H. A. Phillips, W. Phillips conductor, G. Boaden, sen. It speaks well for the advance of change-ringing that it has at last reached these isolated villages, on the borders of Exmoor, where from time immemorial call-changes have held sway. It is mainly due to the efforts of Mr. William Hoyle, all the band being taught by him except E. H. Oxenham, of the College Youths, London. Winsford is generally acknowledged to be the prettiest village in England.

BATH.—On Monday, October 27th, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins, in commemoration of the thanksgiving for the recovery to health of King Edward. A. Hudd, G. Temple, H. Wotton, W. Eamos, C. Bell, C. Goodenough, W. Lanham, T. King, H. Brown conductor, J. N. Wake and G. Crisp.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 14th, at St. John's church, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor, 25 mins. T. Hunter, T. Hosker, jun., R. Gregson, T. Ball, R. Gregson, J. Brookfield conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH.—On Sunday, September 29th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Pickin, J. Woods, H. Bird, J. Parr first quarter-peal, T. Hughes, E. Griffiths, J. Dillon conductor, R. Grindley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, October 9th, at the Cathedral, 1272 Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Canon Rawlinson. F. G. Brett, J. Steddy, E. Bursden, P. Paine, C. H. Saxby, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, C. Luey, H. G. Fairbrass, P. H. Pierce conductor, G. G. Jenkins. Longest touch of Stedman Caters by a local band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH.—On Sunday, September 14th, for evening service at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering, in 26 mins. T. Lever, E. Lever, H. Hodgkiss, T. Lever, F. Morris, W. Lever conductor, W. Smethurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Saturday, October 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor, E. Gibbs, C. Young, T. Allen, W. Hook. On Sunday, October 26th, 2520 Doubles, being eight 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, four 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, and nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Godfrey, E. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor, G. Dolphin, C. Annis, F. Godfrey. This is the longest length ever rung by all except the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of Lieutenant Shelmerdine, of the Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. G. T. Miller, H. G. Miles conductor, W. E. Garrard, A. F. Harris, A. E. Bradley, A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, G. Woodiss, W. Fox, J. Judd. Composed by C. Charge, On October 5th, 1248 Double Norwich. G. Brush, J. T. Kentish, W. E. Moss first in the method, T. G. Miller, E. G. Stibbons, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard conductor. Composed by F. Dench. On Sunday, October 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1040

Treble Bob Royal. A. Cntmore, W. E. Judd, W. Moss, T. G. Miller, T. H. Taffender, J. T. Kentish, E. G. Stibbons, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, October 11th, at St. Philip's church, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Job Joynes, tower-keeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. W. F. Webb, C. Mackenzie, G. Hitchman, W. G. Ellis, J. Porter, T. Pigott, J. Pigott, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Neal, A. E. Ford.

MONKS KIRBY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 4th, a band of ringers from Coventry journeyed by brake to the above place to have a pull on the fine-toned ring of six bells, but owing to the bad go of them only a few plain courses of Grandsire Doubles could be rung. W. H. Rees, S. Hope, W. Mannd, H. Horwood, J. H. White, E. Johnson. Also several touches with A. Flowers and G. Burton standing in. It is a great pity that such a fine ring of bells should hang in such a bad condition, it being impossible to ring for any length of time.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Jaggar conductor, G. Piggott, J. Piggott, R. Hall, J. Tilley, J. W. Parish. On Sunday, October 5th, being the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after evening service, in 45 mins. T. Piggott, J. Key, R. Hall, J. W. Parish, G. Piggott, J. Tilley, J. Jaggar conductor, F. Harris.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Bull, C. Valentine, W. Beal, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, R. Tucker.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, F. Sear. After evening service, 742 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. A. Coleman, J. F. Sear conductor, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George, J. B. Fenton. This was rung to commemorate the 61st birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 24th, 240 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor, S. Smith. On Sunday, August 31st, 120 Bob Minor. A. Clarke conductor, G. Valentine, sen., R. Valentine, W. Bonham, H. Sear, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday evening, September 7th, 720 Bob Minor was rung for service at which the Bishop of Oxford preached. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, September 21st, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, W. Yates, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, October 12th, 240 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, C. Valentine, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, E. Yates, W. Tucker conductor.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday, August 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Read, jun., J. Read, sen., C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, R. Taylor. On Saturday, August 16th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, W. Tucker conductor. On Saturday, October 4th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Sear, F. Sear, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, W. Tucker conductor.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal of Minor rang at Stedham, Sussex, and published in our last issue, the ringer of the 2nd should have appeared as first peal with a bob bell not first peal.—The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at St. Albans on November 4th was Herbert Martin not Herbert Baker; the weight of the tenor was 30 cwt.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Epsom was Alfred H. Winch, not John Wynch.

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THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Harthill on Saturday, October 18th. "Plain Speaker," in a recent number pleaded for wit, novelty and originality in the reports of ringers' meetings. He has asked a hard thing, and the writer of this report does not pretend to meet the demand. Indeed, for the very reason of the eternal sameness of the proceedings at these meetings, the North Notts Association has not been reported at all for a year or more. The personal element, the prevailing good fellowship, the meeting of old friends and the making of new ones, which are the salt of these gatherings, cannot be reproduced in print; whilst the performances, owing to mixed bands and a desire to accommodate novices, is not generally of the highest order, and the routine is necessarily always much the same. Harthill is not a favourite place of meeting; the bells are heavy and the "go" bad, so that when its turn comes the members of the North Notts Association are always glad to let it pass if any other tower is available. We have heard traditions of the feasts of rich London City Companies at which a five pound note has been placed under the plate or in the serviette of each guest. Harthill cannot go one so good as that, but the rector, feeling that some compensation should be made for the toil of ringing his bells, always offers a free tea and conveyance from the station. But with this inducement to attend sometimes only six or seven members have turned up in addition to the local company. Like many other peals, the Harthill bells have suffered from lack of knowledge and misguided zeal on the part of the parishioners. In almost every parish where change-ringing is unknown, "our big bell" is supposed to weigh a ton, and the bell ("the finest in England") to be composed chiefly of silver. So it was here. The first local belief was by chance nearly right, for by measurement the tenor should be nineteen cwt, but, judging by tone, there is not as much silver in the whole six as would make a threepenny bit. However, when in 1887 it was decided to put the then existing five bells into ringing order, and it was proposed to recast them into a ring of six, the popular idea prevailed that if these silvery bells were sent away all the silver would be extracted from them and baser metal substituted. Therefore a sixth bell was added to the original five of quite a different tone and timbre from the rest, the second bell has no tone at all, the third is oddstruck and out of tune, the tenor also is oddstruck and the go of them all very poor. No wonder that the tower is not a popular resort of the North Notts Association or any other ringers. The present Rector would very much like to recast the six into a peal of eight with modern frame and fittings, but at present the money is not forthcoming. At the meeting on October 18th there was a better muster than usual, for thirty three members sat down to tea and attended the subsequent business meeting, the Rector presiding. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Worksop on Saturday, January 10th. Owing to the conditions above set forth only two 720s and a 360 were brought round during the afternoon, but in spite of difficulties there was some good striking, especially in a 720 of Kent by Anston and Shireoaks men.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting in the eastern division of the

above association was carried out at Salehurst on Saturday, 18th October. There were twenty five present, including the Rev. E. J. Sing, and Rev. Clarke, of Salehurst, and Rev. E. A. Sturgess Jones of Brightling. The following towers were also represented:—Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Clement's Hastings, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Battle, Pevensey, Eastbourne, and Brightling. The bells,—a pretty peal of eight, by Pack and Chapman—were raised at 3.30, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman until five o'clock, when the members adjourned to The Eight Bells for tea, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rev. E. J. Sing presiding.

The minutes of the meeting held at Hellingly on 26th July were read and confirmed. The Secretary, Mr. S. Saker, in the course of his remarks stated that he was pleased to be able to record that the quarterly peal of Kent Treble Bob had been successfully brought round since the last meeting, under the conductorship of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, it being the first peal in the method for no less than five of the ringers taking part therein. He was also pleased to mention the success of James Livermore, Jun., whom he believed was the youngest member of the association, being only fourteen years of age, and who had successfully rung the treble to two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was proud to say that Master Livermore was a member of his own tower i.e., Christ Church Blacklands. He heartily thanked the Rev. E. J. Sing for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in consenting to preside at the meeting. He was very pleased to see the members turn up in such numbers. The bells were a very good peal, but they wanted a little work, and sadly needed rehangings. He would like to see the local band go in for change-ringing.

The Rev. E. J. Sing in reply said that it gave him great pleasure to preside at the meeting, and he was very pleased that the Association had come to his tower. He liked to see this co-operation on the part of ringers, as he always held that one single church was only part of a great whole, and as such should all work together.

Mr. Hyland, of Battle, said he desired on behalf of his own band, and those present, to thank the Secretary, to whom he thought great praise was due for the manner in which he kept the division together. He hoped the Salehurst band would see their way to join the Association, and also to have the "go" of the bells improved, and the belfry staircase repaired. They were always glad to see any strangers in their tower at Battle, and to help in the art of change-ringing.

Mr. Sing then said he intended to consult his ringers as to the best thing to be done in connection with the repairing of the bells.

The Secretary in returning thanks, said he was very fond of the Exercise, and what he did for the Association was a labour of love.

The question of the next quarterly peal was then discussed, and it was proposed by Mr. Howse (Eastbourne), and seconded by Mr. Stapley (Hastings), "That the next quarterly peal be one of Bob Major, to be rung at Bexhill." Those members wishing to take part, to send in their names to the Secretary, who will arrange the band, and obtain permission for the tower.

The meeting then concluded, and the members then attended a short service in the church, which was preceded by a touch of Grandsire Triples.

The Rev. E. J. Sing gave a short address, in which he spoke of the various occasions on which church bells were

rung. He always thought it was a ringer's duty to attend the services for which the bells were rung. While sending forth the Master's invitation, they must seek to share it themselves, for it would be mockery to ring the bells without attending any of the services.

After the service the tower was revisited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were brought round.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5th, several Devonians met the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was on a visit to London, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples with him at Putney parish church. A start was made at 6.45 p.m. and all went well for over two hours and a half, when the second rope broke, much to the disappointment of all, as the striking was excellent and another Devonshire peal in London seemed certain. The ringers stood as follows:—F. C. Gover, F. J. Shepherd (conductor), Rev. M. Kelly, S. H. Godfrey, J. Hoyle, W. Shepherd, J. H. B. Hesse, S. How,

FULMER, BUCKS.

On Saturday, October 18th, a very successful meeting for six bell practice was held at Fulmer. Eighteen ringers were present from Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, and the local company. Ringing commenced about five o'clock, and was continued until nine o'clock, the following methods being rung: Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Grandsire, Court Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. The Rector (Rev. S. T. Bridges), kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, after which Mr. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to him for the kind way in which he had received them that day; also for the use of the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

On Sunday evening, October 5th, eight members of the Surrey Association met at St. Peter's church with the intention of ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, before and after Divine Service. The service, which the ringers attended, was a continuation of the harvest festival held the previous Thursday. Before service the first quarter of Holt's Original was attempted but stand was called when about 1100 changes had been rung, owing to time being up. After service, the last 742 of Holt's Original was rung, inconvenient train service alone preventing a quarter peal being attempted. The band in each touch stood thus, J. Emery, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Friend, A. Last, E. Stacey, J. Howes, G. Woodiss conductor, J. Apps. The Hershams ringers wish through this medium to thank the visitors for kindly coming over, especially A. Friend, who acting as substitute at the last moment, rather than cause disappointment walked from Hampton Court, a distance of five miles.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, October 2nd, 1902, the Staveley branch of the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations held their thirty-sixth anniversary of the restoration of the Parish Church, when a good substantial supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bates, host and hostess of The Victoria hotel. After the cloth was drawn Mr. H. Madin, captain of the society, was voted to the chair. The usual loyal toasts being given, not forgetting "THE BELL NEWS," the chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be with them once more on such an occasion. He was proud to say that he had been a ringer at the Staveley parish church upwards of fifty-six years, and he did not think there was any society that was more amicable than they were, without unpleasantness—that was pleasing to say. Their host and hostess had provided a good repast for them, and he hoped they would be spared to meet again another year.

He concluded by drinking the health of the host and hostess, with musical honours. Mr. Bates, replying, said he was very proud of the honour the society had done by drinking the toast. It would always be their desire to provide a good repast for them, as they were worthy of it. He had known them a many years, and always found them to be a very respectable and pleasant company, as the chairman had stated, and it would always be his best endeavour to make them happy and comfortable. He concluded by drinking the health of the Staveley society.

Mr. Baths, pianist at The Victoria hotel, said he was again proud of the invitation to dine with the company once more, as he never enjoyed himself better than he had done that evening with the Staveley society of ringers. He was always proud of them with being a good, respectable, and jovial company, always pleasant, as the chairman had stated, and he hoped all present would be spared to enjoy themselves together another year. During the evening Mr. Baths presided at the piano and rendered valuable service. Courses of changes and tune-ringing were rung on the handbells, and songs and glees were sung by Messrs. H. Madin, W. Worthington, H. Mottershall, S. Smedley, A. Worthington, S. Palmer, J. Worthington, and W. Daffin, all having enjoyed a comfortable and pleasant evening up to eleven o'clock.

Correspondence.

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Obituary.

JAMES BIGGIN,

DIED AT NORTON, SHEFFIELD, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1902, IN HIS FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

The above ringer commenced to ring at Norton in 1879, and continued until June, 1901, when he was taken ill and was confined to his bed for the greater part of seventeen months. On the Sunday previous to his death he expressed a wish to the writer of this notice that he should like to come amongst us once more and have a pull. He was also a member of the choir, and had attended the church from a child. He was buried in Norton Cemetery, being borne to his last resting-place by Messrs. Allen, Atkin, Butcher, James, Slater, Biggin, Cates and Goacher, of the Norton company, amid every token of respect, and who rung the bells muffled for morning and evening service on Sunday, November 9th. E. J.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1902.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 6.
FRANK W FORD† 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD† 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Bob Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD ELLIOTT Treble.	HARRY BOTTRILL 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN... 2.	WALLACE P. ABRAHAMS .. 6.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, JUN.* 3.	JOHN MOULE 7.
ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE* 4.	HERBERT F. HULL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.

*First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the 61st birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. This peal is on a two-course plan, and is now rung for the first time.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

I. GEORGE SHADE Treble.	HARRY WARNETT 5.
EDWARD PRICE 2.	HARRY HOSKINS 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Reference elsewhere.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARK WOODCOCK* Treble.	† WILLIAM STEGGALL 5.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	JAMES DURRANT 5.
FRANK SMITH 3.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal.

The Provinces.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores.

W. ELLIS Treble.	W. PRIDLING 4.
R. SPERRING 2.	E. BELLIS 5.
E. PHILLIPS 3.	W. CAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. Claimed to be the first peal of Doubles in Wales.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

RALPH W. ATKINS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	CHARLES GREEN 6.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
EDWARD J. BOREHAM .. 4.	GEORGE J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

†First peal. The thanks of the company are due to the steeplekeeper (W. Wilder), for preparing the bells, etc.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM LITTLECHILD .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE 2.	ALFRED PEARMAN 5.
JESSE PUPLETT 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

This is the conductor's 70th peal.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
CLEMENT HILL 2.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
SYDNEY SAKER 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	JOHN BURFORD 8.
WILLIAM STOWELL 4.	HENRY PORCH 9.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Rung on the anniversary of the formation of the St. Nicholas' Guild, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. J. Wilkins and C. H. Tomkins.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
JOHN E. WATERS† 3.	FREDERICK LEWIS 7.
ALBERT C. HARMER 4.	JAMES KITCHENER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

†First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, November 6, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. RIMMER Treble.	J. GARDNER 5.
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Conducted by THOMAS JENKINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 25th birthday.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM LOWERY .. Treble.	† JAMES FERNLEY 5.
WILLIAM WILDE 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
SAMUEL FERNLEY 3.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 7.
ALBERT FERNLEY† .. 4.	SAM RUTTER Tenor.

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

†First peal of Major.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	GEORGE WILSON 6.
WILLIAM DOWSETT 3.	JOSEPH SMITH 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

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NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS H. WISEMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. 5.
JOHN TAYLOR 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
PERCY PINDAR 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 4.	FREDERICK HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by FREDERICK HUNT.
Reference elsewhere.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

F. ISAAC FUTTER .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILBY .. 5.
EDWARD SMITH* .. 2.	WALTER E. AYERS .. 6.
CHARLES T. AYERS .. 3.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. 7.
FREDERICK FUTTER .. 4.	*HENRY BETTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

*First peal. H. Betts was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 9 lbs.

W. HOPKINSON, JUN.* .. Treble.	J. P. TARLTON .. 5.
J. MILNER 2.	T. CLOUGH 6.
R. HALL* 3.	W. HOPKINSON, SEN. .. 7.
W. BUTLER 4.	J. T. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

This is the first peal on the bells by the local band. *First peal in any method.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

B. MOORS Treble.	T. HEATHCOCK .. 5.
W. NEWMAN 2.	F. BRACE 6.
H. SKELDING 3.	A. J. SKELDING .. 7.
W. WHITEHOUSE .. 4.	J. G. ORFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

This is a one-part peal. First in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

C. HARDING† .. Treble.	E. R. TODD .. 4.
J. GODFREY 2.	D. HAYWARD .. 5.
H. D. ARNOTT† .. 3.	G. ORFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

†First peal.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEN .. 4.	HUGH D. DALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been rehung and quarter-turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COB BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.

FRANK KIRK .. Treble.	HENRY STUBBS .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	FREDERICK GILBERT .. 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT* .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of His Majesty's 61st birthday.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. 2.	FREDRICK G. LAMBERT .. 6.
CHARLES TRIBE .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK EDWARDS* .. Treble.	†GEORGE BADDELEY .. 5.
RICHARD LANGFORD .. 2.	*WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT* .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 4.	*JAMES EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII., and the above was rung in honour of his 61st birthday.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	HARRY BROOKS 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
F. P. POWELL 4	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung at the meeting of the Witney branch of the Guild.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' GUILD.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

REV. H. E. T. BASSETT .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3	GEORGE H. PRUEN 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4	HENRY BOSLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different 720s of Bob Minor, and three different 720s of Double Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LEVERTON† .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. 2.	FRED TOMLINSON 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung for the wedding of Mr. William Rowbottom and Miss Agnes Richardson, the sister of the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

WILLIAM MARRABLE† .. Treble.	*GEORGE RADLEY 5.
JESSE PUPLETT 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
CHARLES MATTHEWS 3	*WILLIAM CAVILL 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4	THOMAS MILES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the birthdays of His Majesty King Edward VII. and C. Matthews.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

THOMAS METCALFE* .. Treble.	WM. WILLIAMS 5.
WM. BRADSHAW* 2	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOHN MEALOR 3	WM. BRISCOE 7.
WM. WILCOX 4	THOMAS A. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, College Pleasure, Killamarsh, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

SILVESTER COUPE† .. Treble.	†FRANK WAGSTAFF 4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
FRANK GODBER* 3	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

†First peal of Treble Bob. *First peal. Reference elsewhere.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WALLAND .. Treble.	CHARLES HALL 5.
JOHN HALL 2	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
WILLIAM RUDD 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung as a compliment to Dr. John Hedley, who was elected 50th Mayor of Middlesbrough this day.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR T. WINTER .. Treble.	ROBERT MILES 6.
ERNEST COLLINGBOURN .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE 3.	HARRY WARBURTON 8.
GEORGE R. WINTER .. 4.	HERBERT HAIGH 9.
GEORGE SWANNACK .. 5.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all the band, and by the Association.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER 2	HARRY WITHERS 6.
THOMAS PIGOTT 3	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor. This composition has the 6th her extent home at nine course-ends.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 3.	WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4	THOMAS RICKETTS Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by THOS. RICKETTS.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Pendleton, to-day, 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. Hornchurch will be open at 2.30 p.m. Havering not available. 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, Horsedgate Street, Oldham.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Hebers, Middleton.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, on Saturday, November 22nd. Ringing to commence at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock, by kind permission of Rev. H. G. Bird.

C. EDWARDS.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley (8 bells), on Saturday, November 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting and ringing afterwards.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley St. Chad's on Saturday, November 29th. Eight bells. Business meeting will be held at The New Inn at 7 p.m. Bells at liberty from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 6th. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea at St. Chad's parish room at 6 at the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Salop.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual

Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

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

6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

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.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, October 17th, the election of officers of the above Society took place, when the following were unanimously elected: Master, R. A. Daniell, Esq.; Secretary, A. Jacob; Stewards, T. Langdon and A. Hardy; Treasurer, W. Barton.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, November 11th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. W. Golding; Treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; Trustees, Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime; Senior Steward, Mr. H. Langdon Junior Steward, Mr. C. S. Burden; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

ROMSEY.—On Tuesday, September 16th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. King, W. Fowler, Rev. H. Wheat, F. Paskins, B. Paskins, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—This is the first peal of Treble Bob by a local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. This will probably be the last peal on the bells before they are augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, the order having been given to Messrs. Taylor, and we hope by the end of the year to have a splendid peal of eight, the ringers having collected money for the trebles.

THE PEAL AT NEWMARKET.—This is the first peal ever rung in Newmarket. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th, who belong to the local company. First peal as conductor, and hails from Bury; Kempton, J. and G. Taylor hail from Cambridge; E. Dunk from Thetford. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

THE PEAL AT GREENWICH.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is Mr. W. Foreman's sixtieth peal, comprising Grandsire Triples, 17; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, 15; Caters, 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Oxford, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; total—60.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. T. Pegler has removed from Hempsted, Gloucestershire, to 25, Belmont Street, Euston Road, Bangor, North Wales.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, October 29th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. G. Leonard, W. Sadler, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins. On Sunday, October 26th, 864 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, E. Slade, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

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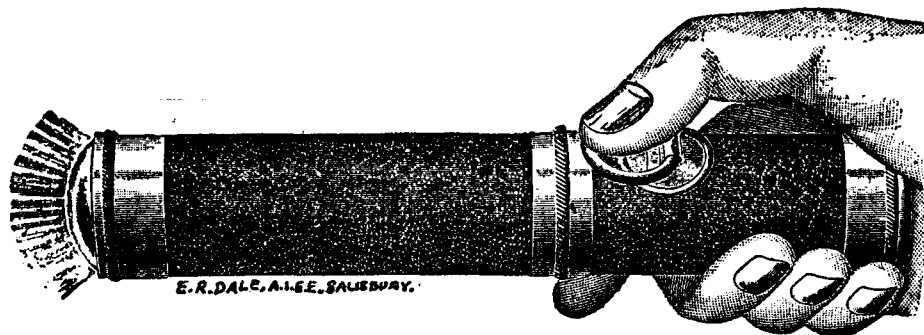
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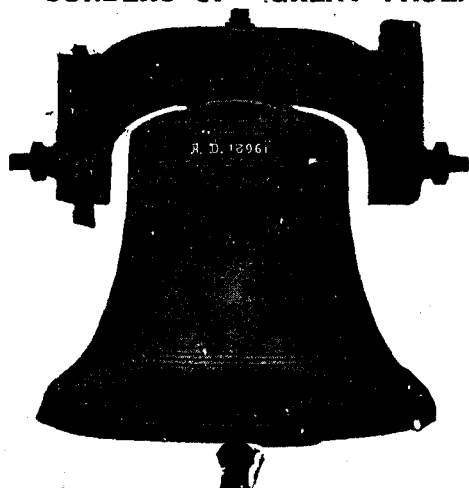
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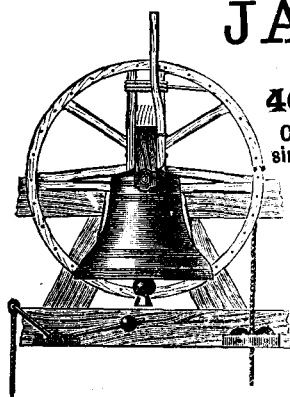
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