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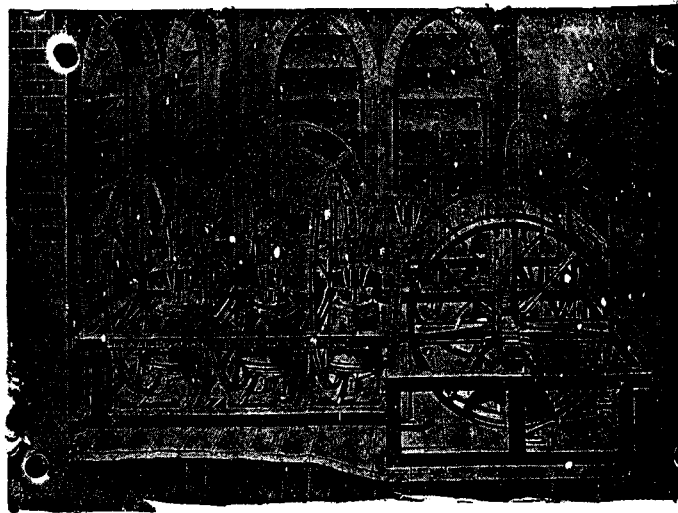
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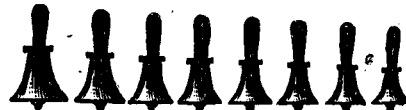
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Newham, 1700. No information as to the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, except that they old bells; 7th by Dobson, 1812. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. by Pack, 1774. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. No repairs, except by local smith, during the past fifty years. No steps have been taken to put the ring in order, partly from indifference, and partly from lack of funds. Ropes bad. No ringing of any kind for the past two-and-a-half years.

KETTERING (Northants). No dedication given. Central Northants. Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 4th by Saunders, 1714; 3rd by Taylor, 1890; 5th by Norris, 1630; the rest by Eayre, 1832. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were completely rehung by Taylor in 1900. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing at present. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Saturday, uncertain.

KEYNSHAM (Somerset). No dedication given. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Bilbie, 1731; 3rd, 1654; 4th, 1613; 6th, 1607; 7th, 1602. Tenor 33 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in., 1669. No founders of the last five mentioned. Timber frame. Bells go fairly but want rehanging. Repairs by Llewellyns in 1896. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st in month. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

KDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire). St. Mary and All Saints. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. 7th by Taylor, 1867. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. by Mears, 1857; the rest by Rudhall, 1754. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were entirely rehung in a new frame by Taylor in 1895. No difficulty in getting repairs done. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob,

Double Norwich and Surprise methods. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

KIMBOLTON (Hunts). Eight bells. No return.

KINGSBRIDGE (Devon). Eight bells. No return.

KINGSTON (Dorset). St. James. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1880. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well, and all in perfect order. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: twenty minutes before morning and evening service. The Vicar is a ringer. Practice irregular.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The above Society held their half-yearly meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 9th, members being present from Eccles, Worsley, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Padiham, Bacup, Flixton, Prestwich, Newchurch, Haslingden, Helmshore, Manchester, Todmorden, Bury and Bolton. The bells were kept merrily going by mixed bands from 3.30 to 5.30, when a retirement was made to St. Mary's schools, where Mr. Walter Taylor had prepared one of his well known excellent teas. At the meeting following, the number was considerably augmented by ringers arriving who had been ringing at Newchurch and Waterfoot during the afternoon. Through the late arrival of the Vicar, the president of the Association (Rev. H. Elsee, of Bolton) presided, and in his opening remarks congratulated the Rossendale branch on their achievements in the art of bell-ringing, the branch in his opinion being second to none in the Association for its quality of ringing, both in striking and number of methods rung. Mr. J. Barratt (Eccles) proposed, and J. Ramsbottom (Bury) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and the Rev. D. S. Johnson, who had now arrived, replied.

The Rev. H. N. Ross, in the course of a short speech, incidentally remarked that bell-ringing in England was not so exciting as in South America, where revolutions are so very frequent, and the first place to be seized by either party would be the nearest church. He remembered an instance very well when living in Peru, a fine bell of four or five tons in one of the towers being smashed to atoms by a cannon ball.

After the meeting recourse was again made to the various towers, where many touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Oxford, Kent Treble, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung.

The Westminster Abbey bellringers, J. R. Haworth, A. Hayward, R. French, W. Weatherstone, H. Flower, D. Lovett, and J. Miller were recently summoned to attend in the Jerusalem Chamber before the Dean of Westminster to be presented with medals for the Coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, for services rendered in the Abbey. Sir Robert Hobart represented the Earl Marshal.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., at the Church House, on the same morning.

I am glad to state that all subscriptions have now been paid, and that therefore the way is happily open for the Council to meet in full force.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at the Westminster Palace hotel at 9 o'clock, at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in meeting members and ringing friends.

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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)

AGENDA.

(1.) Election of President and Secretary for the triennial period commencing this year.

Nominations received :—

For President; SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart.

For Secretary: Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

- (2.) Election of Hon. Members.
- (3.) Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.
- (4.) Secretary's Report as to sale of publications, etc.
- (5.) Appointment of Standing and other Committees.
- (6.) To receive Report of the Peal Collection Committee.
- (7.) To receive Report of Committee on Legitimate Methods.
- (8.) To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

(9.) To decide upon the next place of meeting.

(10.) To consider the desirability of publishing a pamphlet containing the Rules of the Council, and a connected statement of the decisions arrived at since its formation.

(11.) To consider the desirability of forwarding to the Secretaries of the Associations a copy of the pronouncements of the Council in regard to the ringing of peals, together with a letter inviting them to endeavour to give effect, within their respective districts, to the regulations upon which the Council have agreed.

(12.) To consider whether some attempt should be made to induce the leading Church papers to take regular notice of ringing matters.

(13.) To consider whether the Council should publish a book explaining ringing in a popular way to the outside public.

(14.) To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently-proved compositions, and of worthless methods sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

(15.) To consider whether it is possible to move Associations to adopt more uniform rules in regard to the election of members and booking of peals.

(16.) To decide as to the qualification of single-handed peals on handbells to rank with other peals in the records.

* * Some particulars of ringing arrangements will be found on page 115.

AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

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Correspondence.

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

SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—I cannot quite agree with your leader of Saturday last re single-handed handbell performances. I belong to a band which has rung single-handed handbell peals, and we are of opinion that to ring one handbell through a peal of either London Marvel or Cambridge Surprise is a much harder task than ringing a peal on the tower bells in the same methods. I would much rather ring a peal on the tower bells than ring one handbell through a peal. Of course a double-handed peal of Superlative or Cambridge surpasses all other performances, and deserves more recognition. In the easier methods, for instance Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, I say it is easier to ring a peal double-handed than to ring one handbell. And again, if a 6-bell band wishes to practice Major methods, and no tower bells are available, I think they deserve more credit than an 8-bell band, and their single-handed handbell peal is really a better performance. Sir, if your suggestion is carried, that a single-handed handbell peal ought not to rank with a peal on the tower bells, it will put a stumbling-block in the way of 6-bell bands anxious to ring peals of Major (and no tower bells available) and will have a tendency to hinder than to promote change-ringing. I hope the members of the Council will weigh this matter over, and rather postpone the last item on the Agenda (till the Council meeting of 1904) than to lower the value of a single-handed handbell peal, and in the meantime we could get the opinions of ringers through your valuable paper.

CHARLES MEE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol branch of this Association was held at Wooton-under-Edge on Saturday, the 16th instant, when only a small number attended, which can be accounted for owing to the very wet weather. A short service was held at 5 p.m., after which a business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. H. A. Cockey (chairman of the branch). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Westbury-on-Trym during June. Two new performing members were elected. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening.

Obituary.

ROBERT HAWES.

We are sorry in having to announce the death of our old friend Robert Hawes, who quietly passed away on the morning of Ascension-Day, at 5 o'clock, aged sixty-six. He had been in failing health for some time. For fifty-one years he had been connected with the St. Mary-le-Tower society, and was a very popular member. The members of the above-named society after the interment, which took place at Ipswich cemetery on the 25th instant, assembled at St. Margaret's and rang various touches with the bells muffled, with the usual whole pull and stand, in memory of their departed brother.

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Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—The Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Ryle received a cordial welcome to Farnham on Friday evening, April 24th, when they came into residence at the Castle. Dr. and Mrs. Ryle reached Farnham by the 6.27 train from Waterloo, and one of the first sounds which greeted their ears upon alighting was the ringing of the parish church bells, where a 546 of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, sen. conductor, A. Baigent, A. LeClercq, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber. Afterwards, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Kimber, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 47 mins., standing as before, composed and conducted by H. Garfath, sen. It was Mr. Kimber's first quarter-peal. On Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 46 mins. A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, jun., A. LeClercq, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, sen., conductor, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 53 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, F. W. Ford, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, February 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. Miller, W. Pickworth, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, H. W. Newby, S. Wade conductor, C. Bale.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, February 3rd, at All Saints church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Allen, G. Heasman, H. Rainbow, S. Lawrence, A. Hensman, H. Blundell, W. Farey conductor, A. Stewart.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILGHURST.—On Wednesday, February 4th, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Haines, E. Osborne, T. Hatherwell, C. Chapman, R. Chapman first 504 as conductor, F. Haines, H. Goodger, M. Waite. First 504 by the local band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.—On Tuesday, February 3rd, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Billenness conductor, J. W. Burgess, J. Livermore, jun., T. Hunnisett, J. Beale, G. Penfold, S. F. C. Saker, W. Burt, 8. The band were attempting a peal, but owing to a continuous knocking at the door it was decided to bring the bells round at half-way. Upon opening the door it was much to the ringers' annoyance found to be a man with a small clock which he wanted to put in the vestry of the church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEARSTED.—On February 10th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles, G. Burbridge, W. Cheeseman, G. Pound, W. Hope, J. Shorter, F. Feakins. 180 Bob Minor. G. Wratten, W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, G. Pound, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter. 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Cheeseman, W. Hope, G. Pound, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, E. Pollard. 120 Bob Doubles. G. Wratten, G. Apps, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, F. Feakins. On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, 180 Bob Minor. G. Wratten, W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, E. Pollard, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter conductor.

ERTH.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. D. Barnes, W. Axell, J. Lowery, E. Wightman conductor, J. Garard, C. Wilkins. First 720 Bob Minor by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, S. J. Smith, B. Wilson, A. Brightman, F. Bonner conductor, A. Sharpe, M. Smith, H. Shaw. 224 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, S. J. Smith, B. Wilson, A. Brightman, F. Bonner, M. Smith conductor, J. Rookwood, A. Sharpe. On May 7th, for practice, 224 Grandsire Triples. B. Gutteridge, S. J. Smith, M. Smith conductor, A. Brightman, F. Bonner, A. Sharpe, J. Rookwood, A. King. On May 10th, on handbells, a touch of Bob Major. A. Brightman, S. J. Smith, M. Smith, F. Bonner, J. Rookwood, W. Finedon, J. W. Barker. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. J. Smith,

F. Bonner, W. Finedon, M. Smith, J. W. Barker. Two courses of Oxford Bob. B. Gutteridge, S. J. Smith, J. W. Barker, W. Finedon, M. Smith. First touches of Bob Major, Kent Minor and Oxford Bob by all except Messrs. M. Smith, W. Finedon and J. W. Barker. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Brightman, J. W. Barker, B. Wilson, W. Finedon, F. Bonner, J. Rookwood, M. Smith conductor, B. Gutteridge. First quarter-peal by all except M. Smith, W. Finedon and J. W. Barker, and M. Smith's first as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GESTINGTHORPE.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, A. Shufflebotham, W. Steel, H. Collins, F. Rudkin conductor, G. Sentance. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Rudkin, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard, A. Shufflebotham conductor, H. Collins, W. Steel. And 144 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Sentance, F. Rudkin, A. Shufflebotham, H. Collins, W. Steel, C. H. Howard conductor.

FOXEARH.—On Sunday afternoon, May 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 288 Kent Treble Bob. A. Shufflebotham, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Rudkin, F. Wells, S. Slater, G. Sentance, W. Steel, H. Collins. Also touches of Bob Major with the local company.

SUDBURY.—On Sunday evening, May 24th, at St. Peter's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Sentance, J. Campin, A. Shufflebotham, F. Rudkin, A. Scott, jun., H. Harper, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Steel.

BOXLEY.—On Sunday afternoon, February 15th, 720 Plain Bob E. Lambert, G. Pound, F. Sharp, H. Brown, G. Hadaway, H. Sone, conductor. Another 720 in the same method. H. Sone conductor, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, J. Shorter, H. Brown, E. Lambert. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Hadaway, G. Pound, F. Sharp, H. Brown, E. Lambert, H. Sone conductor. The Vicar kindly provided tea at the Vicarage, which was very much enjoyed.

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, February 22nd, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Holden conductor, F. Pollard, H. Tomlinson, A. Riley, J. Pollard, J. Pollard, J. R. Eastwood, W. Dale.

LLANDUDNO.—On February 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, A. Fairlie, E. Hughes, J. Gillett, W. T. Pegler conductor, J. Cole, S. A. Cullington, S. Swain.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service at St. Mary's, Islington, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. H. May, C. Potheary, J. Barry, H. Stubbs conductor, H. Franks, A. Cook.

MORTIMER.—On Tuesday, February 17th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Moulden, T. Neville, H. Austin, N. Cox, J. Tucker, W. Ford, C. Cox, G. Eatwell.

SPALDING.—On Tuesday, February 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. S. Wright, H. Eley, J. T. Brown, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, J. W. Jarvis, J. Facer.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—On Tuesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Avery, A. A. Waite, G. Hopkins, J. A. Waite, W. Smith, W. Staite, T. Clissold, H. Newman. Composed by W. Shipway, and conducted by A. A. Waite. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Edwards, of Holy Trinity, Liverpool, and Miss Miles, of Upton St. Leonards. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. A. Waite, the rest as before.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. R. Sandiford, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill conductor, A. Phillips, G. Carter, H. S. Humphery, W. J. Aldridge, A. Bangay first quarter-peal.

WEDNESBURY.—On Thursday evening, February 20th, for practice at St. Paul's, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Major, 1420 changes. C. Tyler, E. J. Tyler, O. Brown, A. Harber, J. Appleby, H. H. Somerville, W. Johnson conductor, J. Malpass. First quarter-peal of Major by all except 5, 6 and 7. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of the 6th.

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Position, 1902.	Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	T.B.M.M.	T.B.M.M.	T.B.M.M.	Grandshire.	Minor Mths.	Plain Mths.	Stedman.	Surprise.	Total value in points.	Value in points per peal.																								
VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL																																						
1 Middlesex City Assn	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1878	20.193																								
2 Norfolk Dio. Assn...	122	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1679	13.762																								
3 Oxford Diocn. Guild...	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1328	16.600																								
4 Kent County Assn...	90	2	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1268	14.088																								
5 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	48	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1193	24.854																								
6 Glos. & Bristol Assn.	70	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1080	15.428																								
7 Sussex County Assn...	69	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1073	15.550																								
8 Hertford City Assn...	58	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	869	16.172																								
9 Essex City Association	59	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	869	14.278																								
10 Durham & Newtle Ass.	45	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	671	14.911																								
11 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	628	19.030																								
12 Yorkshire Association.	52	3	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	568	10.923																								
13 Midland Cities Assn...	47	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	509	10.829																								
14 Lancashire Assn...	45	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	492	10.933																								
15 Bedford Association...	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	480	11.712																								
16 Winchester Guild....	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	419	14.448																								
17 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	369	10.542																								
18 Surrey Association...	29	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	328	10.574																								
19 Chester Dio. Guild....	31	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	288	15.684																								
20 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	19	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	281	10.400																								
21 Worcs. & Dist. Assn.	27	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	219	11.526																								
22 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	210	16.153																								
23 Waterloo Soc. London	13	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	203	13.533																								
24 Devonshire Guild....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	170	6.538																								
25 Bath & Wells Assn...	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	166	8.736																								
26 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	19	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	138	10.615																								
27 Cleveland & N. York...	13	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	98	8.166																								
28 Ely Diocesan Assn...	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	63	12.600																								
29 North Notts. Assn....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	7																								
30 Salisbury Dio. Guild...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	13.250																								
31 Stoke Achdl. Assn....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	24																								
32 St. James' Soc. Ldn...	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	5.400																								
33 Llandaff Dio. Assn....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	11.500																								
34 East Derbyshire Assn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5.666																								
35 Hereford Dio. Guild...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	7																								
36 Irish Association.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12																								
37 Old East Derby Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7																								
38 Liverpool Dio. Guild...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	408	9.951																								
Independent Societies...	41	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14176	14.176																								
Totals	1313	4	28	140	1	15	2	37	3	287	32	4	17	18	16	3	66	1	1	1	2	66	2	12	90	31	36	12	11	5	50	1	9	16	59	239	18614	14.176

The peals in Plain Methods comprise:—Bob Royal, 12; Bob Major, 90; Bob Triples, 22; Oxford Bob Triples, 8; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1. The peals of Doubles, *1 method; 4, three 1 and one 4 methods; 6, one 1 and one 3 methods; 6, one 2, one 3, one 6, and one eight methods; 4, one 1 and two 2 methods; 2, 3 methods; 7, 7 methods; 8, 2 methods; 1, one 1, one 2, and one 4 methods. The 41 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Buckinghamshire, 1; Gloucestershire, 6; Hampshire, 1; Hertfordshire, 2; Ireland, 2; Kent, 2; Lancashire, 6; Leicestershire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Norfolk, 1; Northamptonshire, 3; North Wales, 2; Nottinghamshire, 1; Oxford, 3; Staffordshire, 2; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 4; Worcestershire, 1. The greatest number of

The time occupied in ringing the 1313 peals was 3,962 hrs. 59 mins., or 165 1/4 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 1.005 mins.

Conductors of four peals and upwards: W. Pye, 82; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 57; G. Williams, 33; C. R. Lilley, 23; J. Motts, 22; F. G. May and E. Wightman, 18; F. Bennett, 17; G. N. Price and W. Short, 16; W. Holmes, 15; Rev. H. L. James and C. F. Winney, 14; W. H. Barber, 13; J. Austin, 12; W. H. L. Buckingham, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Goldsmith, S. Reeves, S. Wade, 10; G. Cartmole, W. A. Cave, J. H. Cheesman, E. E. Huntley, A. Scott, W. H. B. Wilkins, 9; C. W. Clarke, T. J. Elton, 8; W. Billenness, G. T. Daltry, T. T. Gofton, F. Rolfe, F. Willford, 7; W. Grimes, F. T.

changes in one peal was the 10,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association, one peal containing over 7000 changes, three peals contained over 6000 changes, under 6000, 1308. Among the records made during the year the following are the most noteworthy. The Essex Association claims the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells conducted by W. Pye, and the first silent peal of Superlative Surprise Major on handbells. The Ancient Society of College Youths rang silent on handbells Lates's one-part peal of Stedman Triples. The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, rang Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, conducted by W. H. Barber. The Yorkshire Association rang a silent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on church bells.

The 172 peals of Treble Bob Maximus Royal and Major were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation, 144; in the Oxford Variation, 28; the 287 peals of Grandfire Triples: Holt's ten-part, 83; Holt's Original, 55; Holt's six-part, 6; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 29; Parker's twelve-part, 24; Parker's six-part, 13; Hollis's five-part, 12; Carter's twelve-part, 10; Rev. E. B. James' ten-part, 10; Vicars' six-part, 8; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part, 5; Penning's one-part, 4; Lindoff's 5; Thursians' four-part and Variations, 167; Thursians' one-part, 34; Thursians' five-part, 4; Lates' one-part, 20; Washbrook's, 4; Carter's odd-bob-one-part, 3; Heywood's No. 6, 3; other peals, 4.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
1 Middlesex County Association	..	..	25	18	9	4	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	..	3	4	5	9	5	6	2
3 Oxford Diocesan Guild	..	..	2	1	3	2	1	2
4 Kent County Association	..	..	5	7	7	8	3	4
5 Ancient Society of College Youths	..	..	7	5	2	4	2	5
6 Gloucester and Bristol Association	..	10	13	12	7	11	11	9
7 Sussex County Association	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	5
8 Hertford County Association	..	..	29	25	19	13	18	20
9 Essex County Association	..	..	16	16	11	10	12	9
10 Durham and Newcastle Association	..	9	8	18	19	31	18	16

The following table gives the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
1881	..	156	188	..	156	188	..	156	188	..	156	188	..	156
1882	..	244	189	..	244	189	..	244	189	..	244	189	..	244
1883	..	334	190	..	334	190	..	334	190	..	334	190	..	334
1884	..	419	191	..	419	191	..	419	191	..	419	191	..	419
1885	..	500	192	..	500	192	..	500	192	..	500	192	..	500
1886	..	556	193	..	556	193	..	556	193	..	556	193	..	556
1887	..	646	194	..	646	194	..	646	194	..	646	194	..	646

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL.—On February 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, sen., G. Smith, J. Hilling, W. Chandler first 720, R. Hutton conductor. Also another 720 in the same method. F. Housego, J. Hilling, the rest standing as before.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, February 1st, at All Saints church, 350 Grandfire Triples. T. Charles, M. Lewis, B. Millard, C. Travis, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones, conductor, S. Baiss. First 350 by the All Saints band. On Thursday, February 5th, for practice, 504 Grandfire Triples. F. Charles, T. Ford, C. Travis, M. Lewis, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. First 504 by the All Saints band. On Sunday, February 8th, for service, 350 Grandfire Triples. J. Bullen, B. Millard, T. Ford, C. Travis, M. Lewis, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones, S. Baiss.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORTON-UNDER-EDGE.—On Sunday, May 17th, the day following the Association meeting at this place, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Hughes, F. E.

Hoad, sen., T. Langdon, T. Newman, H. R. Newton, E. Reader, T. J. Salter, T. H. Tatfender, A. G. Warren, G. Wightman, W. Wilson, 6; H. Baker, J. Cotterell, E. E. Ferry, T. Groombridge, H. P. Harman, W. H. Judd, W. Keeble, W. H. Lawrence, C. Mees, J. Parker, T. Rickets, W. Spice, B. W. Witchell, 5; A. W. Brighton, H. Chapman, C. Charge, I. Creed, W. G. Ellis, C. H. Fowler, J. A. Goffon, J. E. Groves, R. T. Holding, sen., J. Hunt, T. B. Kendall, A. Knights, W. Lincoln, J. Maynard, W. Mickelwright, J. Monk, Joseph Potter, G. R. Pye, T. Redman, F. Richardson, H. G. Rowe, I. G. Shade, F. Shepherd, T. Stroud, G. E. Symonds, W. Taylor, J. Thomas, H. Whittle, G. Willshire, 4. In addition to these there were 43 who conducted 3 peals; 86 who conducted 2 peals, and 223 who conducted 1 peal; also 3 silent peals, and five peals published without a conductor's name, making a total of 444 persons who acted as conductor's during the year.

Number of peals on church bells, 1271; on handbells, 42. They were rung as follows: January, 121; February, 100; March, 113; April, 101; May, 126; June, 76; July, 42; August, 106; September, 90; October, 115; November, 147; December, 176; total, 1313. Increase on previous year, 119. The 1313 peals is the greatest number of peals ever rung in one year. In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7000 changes count as two peals, over ten and under 12,000 changes, 3 peals. The following table gives the first twenty societies and their relative positions since 1895, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
11 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7
12 Yorkshire Association	..	..	4	6	9	11	8	12
13 Midland Counties Association	..	..	6	3	8	6	13	11
14 Lancashire Association	..	..	8	10	4	5	7	8
15 Bedford Association	..	..	15	17	15	25	25	17
16 Winchester Diocesan Guild	..	..	12	9	14	12	15	10
17 Society Archdeaconry Stafford	..	..	22	15	21	17	13	19
18 Surrey Association	..	..	13	14	20	16	17	12
19 Chester Diocesan Guild	..	..	..	27	19	24	22	21
20 Royal Cumberland Youths	..	..	..	11	11	17	23	24

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WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, May 25th, for morning service at St. Helen's church, 504 Grandfire Triples. A. Dunaway, W. Bright, C. Jones, jun., C. Jones, sen. A. Hill, W. Powell, H. F. Cooper conductor, E. Watkins.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 504 Stedman Triples. W. B. Sampson, N. C. Wilson, C. C. Ellis, J. R. Robertson, E. F. Price, R. Whiston, W. H. Barber conductor, J. H. Ker.

NEW ROMNEY.—On Saturday, May 9th, at the monthly meeting of the above for combined practice, 336 Bob Major. C. Slugsby, E. Jahndson, G. Billenness, W. E. Pitman. A. Vincett, C. Tribe, W. Billenness conductor. P. Hodgkin. Longest length of Bob Major by 1, 2, 3 and 5. And 447 Grandfire Triples. G. Billenness, C. Tribe, E. Johnson, W. E. Pitman, A. Vincett, E. Hutchinson, W. Billenness, G. B. Anderson.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1903.

OUR brief comment last week concerning single-handed handbell peals has drawn out a kind of protest from Mr. C. MEE. We think that very few ringers will be found who believe that the ringing of a single handbell through a peal is more difficult than ringing two. No one not blessed with an extraordinary stock of imagination could ever utter such a statement, we should say. Some ringers have been heard to say, it is true, that Forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles is a greater job than a peal of Grandsire Triples. A "greater job" it may be, in the sense which is meant. The constant iteration in ringing

"a peal" of Doubles is more than some can bear; its monotony has been described as "maddening." Ringing one handbell through a peal would, we imagine, inflict a similar horror, and therefore Mr. MEE is perhaps not far out when he asserts that it is "harder" to ring one handbell than two. But we repeat that he will find it "harder" to get intelligent ringers to agree with his much too confident assertions.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—TUESDAY'S RINGING.

The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing on Tuesday evening from 6.15 to 8.15.

The St. James Society has arranged for the tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, to be open for ringing from 6 p.m. on Tuesday next, following the meeting of the Council.

There will be no ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Whit-Tuesday after the Central Council meeting, the tenor being unringable.

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The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
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JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 8.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	ARTHUR JACOB 9.
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LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

LEONARD ALLEN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	*JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
FREDERICK DEXTER* .. 3.	FRED WILFORD 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

A peal of Superlative Surprise was arranged, but meeting short enabled the colts * to ring their first peal in the above method.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT HUGHES .. Treble.	*ERNEST BROWN 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
ERNEST F. ALLAWAY .. 4.	WILLIAM MURRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

HENRY BASKETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER 4.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE 3.	HENRY PUTTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

DOVER.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently, with 6-8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. SAUNDERS* .. Treble.	*CHARLES TURNER 5.
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS* .. 2.	*JOHN B. SAUNDERS .. 6.
EDMUND POTTER 3.	HENRY WOOD 7.
HERBERT C. SAYWELL* .. 4.	*CHARLES SHEAFF .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WOOD.

*First peal. First peal ever rung by a Dover band.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 4.	HARRY DENMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the quarterly peal for the division, and was rung for the evening service on Ascension Eve.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY 5.
ROBERT HUTTON 2.	ERNEST POPPY 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD 7.
ARTHUR FULLER 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

EDWARD CURD Treble.	ERNEST S. REED 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	THOMAS A. VINGETT .. 6.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	WALTER TOMSETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation held at the above church by the Bishop of Chichester on that day.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

E. V. COX Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
HON. A. ERSKINE 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Little, College Single, Warnham Court, Plain Bob, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JAMES HALLWORTH .. Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY 4.
JAMES FERNLEY 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY 5.
JOSHUA DEAN 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL FERNLEY.

First peal in fourteen methods by the above Guild, the previous record in this direction being one in eleven methods by the same company on December 26th, 1902.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODISS† .. Treble.	*JAMES MARTIN 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† .. 2.	†JOHN EMERY 6.
ALFRED WOODROW* .. 3.	†JAMES HUNT 7.
CHARLES HAMBLIN* .. 4.	†BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. †First peal of Bob Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Robert Hawes.

WOOTTON, BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble.	LOUIS A. WILSON 5.
ROBERT W. HYNER .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	THOMAS RICKETTS 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	SAMUEL LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN MASSEY Treble.	LOUIS J. FLINT 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Reference next week.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY KEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LONG* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE 4.
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE* .. 2.	HARRY J. MEE 5.
JESSE J. ARBON 3.	HARRY G. WELHAM Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. MEE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	†FRANK HOLDEN 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	†WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEVER Treble.	HENRY MOSS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
JOHN POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL* Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
GEORGE PAICE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
IMAC CAVILL 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury.

GEORGE GILBERT* Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

E. HILLS* Treble.	G. LANCASTER 5.
G. A. ANDREWS† 2.	*S. ROPER 6.
W. J. NEVARD 3.	W. J. HAZELL 7.
P. ROPER* 4.	*G. MILES Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and by a local band.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS 5.
ALFRED TAWNEY 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
HARRY GOODWIN* 4.	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

*First peal in the method. For calling see Kent County Association Report for 1902, peal 757.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. SPOKES Treble.	J. PARSONS 4.
J. WEDGE 2.	J. ALEXANDER 5.
J. BOWER 3.	F. RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

Rung on the birthday of our late Queen Victoria, in whose honour it was rung. Further reference elsewhere.

SOUTH HARTING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CALEB SOANE Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT 4.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	THOMAS STROUD 5.
EDWARD J. BOXALL 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 on the bells.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	JAMES KITCHENER 7.
T. RICKETTS 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Brighton, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, the 30th May, at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town, at 5 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. T. H. Russell. The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead (10), will also be available from 6.30 to 8.30, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman. All members and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at as early a date as possible.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Meeting, 5.30 p.m., at The Hunloke Arms. Members and friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at The Oak Inn, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The annual Eight Bell Contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, May 30th, this being the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The touch to be rung will be 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The contest will start at near 12.30 as possible. Earlsheaton Church is about ½ mile from Dewsbury Town Hall.
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. H. J. Dale, Rector of Hornchurch, at 11.30. Business meeting at the Vestry Hall at 12.15. Dinner at 2.0. The towers of the neighbourhood, with the exception of Springfield, will be open for ringing.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Rothbury. The bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be open for ringing all day. Morpeth bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) after 5 p.m. Committee meeting, 12 noon. Dinner at The Queen's Head, 1 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Margate on Whit-sun Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting, 11 a.m. Service at St. John's, 12 noon, with address by Rev. C. J. M. Shaw, Vicar of Margate. The offertory will be given to the Swanscombe Restoration Fund. Dinner at Marine Terrace Hotel, 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open: St. John's, Margate (8), St. Peter's, Thanet (8), St. Lawrence (8), Birchington (8), and Quex Park (12).
Canterbury. FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Herts Association.—A District meeting will be held at Hatfield on Whit-Monday, June 1st.
J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The fifth annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner, followed by general business meeting, at The Golden Lion Hotel at 1.0 (members 1s., others 2s.). Committee meeting same place at 11.0.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
Stokesley R.S.O.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will take place on Whit-Monday, June 1st, 1903, at Northampton. Usual arrangements.
T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. The bells of the Abbey, St. James, St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Andrew and Christ Church will be available. Dinner, 1s. each to members, at the Abbey Church house at 1.30. Business immediately following. Service at the Abbey, 3.30.
Bridgwater. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at High Wycombe on June 6th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m.
(Rev.) E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Sec.*
Boyne Hill.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The monthly practice at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, will be postponed till Monday, June 8th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford St., Dudley.

The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Penwortham on Whit-Saturday, June 6th.
JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
60, Church St., Blackrod.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday next, June 6th. Members intending to be present must give notice to J. Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton. The meeting at Kingsley will be held on June 27th instead of the 20th.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—All members are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of peal boards at Heston on Saturday, June 6th. Meet at 4 p.m. Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tea provided free to all visitors on the Vicarage lawn.
S. CARTER.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (2 miles from Smeeth station S.E.R.) on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing to commence at 3.0. Special Service at 5.0. and Tea at the Rectory (by the kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, June 10th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 13th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—W. H. Barber has removed to 250, Dalry Road, Edinburgh.—Arthur E. Pegler has removed to 54, Tiverton Road, Bournebrook, W. Birmingham.

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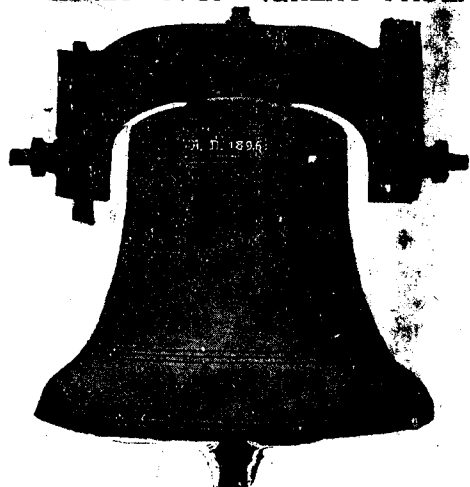
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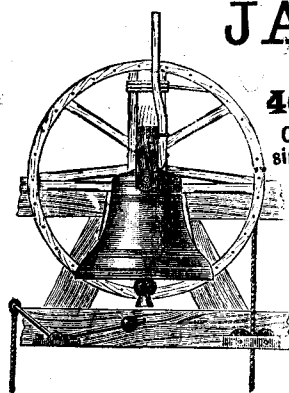
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