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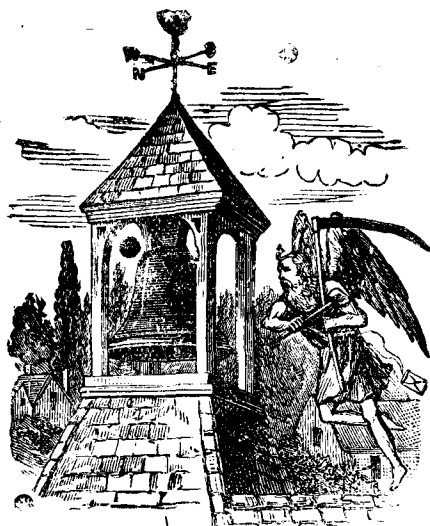
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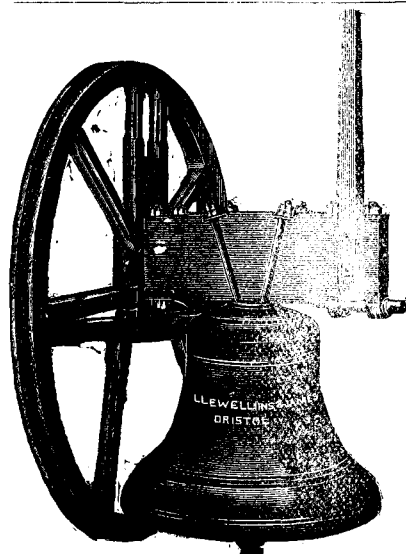
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Northumberland). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

The Cathedral. Durham and Newcastle Association. Ten bells. All by Taylor, 1892. Tenor 37 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 11 in. Frame partly iron. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Taylor recently. Ropes new 1892 good. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 6.40 to 7. Practice: Wednesday or Thursday, 7.30.

St. John. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Warner; 4th unknown. The rest 1706, founder not stated. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing, but no hours stated. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

St. Matthew. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1895. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1896, good. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.40 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

St. Stephen. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1880. Tenor "29 tons 3 cwt. 21 lbs." (*sic*), diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1898. Ropes new 1893, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.45, and 6.15 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

St. George. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1889. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1889. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. except in summer.

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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS 'AT BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

By the welcome gifts of three new bells recently received, a long-felt want has happily been supplied, and the parish church has now a complete ring of eight bells, and the new bell-frame, which it was found necessary to place in the tower last year has not long remained without its full compliment of bells. One of the new bells was subscribed for last year by the parishioners to form a permanent memorial of the King's Coronation, and the other two are the generous gifts of Mr. and Mrs. H. Collett, of Yew House, Hoddesdon, in memory of Mr. Collett's mother (who for some years resided in Broxbourne) and in memory of Mrs. Collett's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Christie, of Hoddesdon. One of the original five bells, being out of tune, has been recast, and the cost of this has been defrayed by subscriptions. The eight bells form a very fine ring, worthy of the fine old church in which they are placed, and it is believed that no better ring can be found in the county. The work was entrusted to Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough, and carried out by that firm in a satisfactory manner.

For some time past great interest has been taken in the bells and the ringers by Mr. F. T. Collins (Broxbourne), who is the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild of Ringers of St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, the formation of which is mainly due to his efforts, and he has done much to promote the efficiency of the Guild, which comprises the following ringers: C. Gouldsmith (captain), W. Gouldsmith, H. Gouldsmith, A. Hersey, C. Rainbird, F. Fish, W. Paddick, and F. T. Collins.

A special service for the dedication of the new bells was held by the Bishop of Colchester on Tuesday afternoon at 3.15. The Bishop was attended by the following clergy: Rev. J. Salwey (Vicar, Broxbourne); Rev. P. E. S. Holland (Vicar, Hoddesdon); Rev. W. H. Wood and Rev. W. A. Wright (curates, Hoddesdon); Rev. F. W. Greenstreet (Rector of Wormley); Rev. G. H. Preston (Vicar of Fleet, Hants.); Rev. H. D. Griffiths, and by the churchwardens (Mr. G. J. Newbery and Mr. J. S. Vaizey). His Lordship commenced the service by reading in the tower porch the dedication collects. As the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the chancel a few rounds were rung on the bells. The service included the special Psalms (84 and 122), and the special lessons—first, 1 Chron. xxix, 10-20 (read by the Rev. P. E. S. Holland), and the second, Rev. xxi. 22-29 (read by the Rev. F. W. Greenstreet). After the prayers a special hymn was sung, and the Bishop gave a brief but appropriate address from the texts Proverbs xviii. 10, and 1 Cor. ix. 16. The hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music" (tune Carillon) was afterwards sung, and the service concluded with the Benediction. The offertory, which amounted to £6 8s. 5d., was given towards defraying the debt incurred in re-flooring the bell tower. There was a good congregation present at the service. After the congregation had dispersed, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association, which has been recorded in its proper place. Through the hospitality of Mr.

Collett the visiting ringers and the Broxbourne ringers were entertained to supper at 8.30 at The White Bear, Broxbourne, when a capital repast was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HASTINGS.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

On a recent Tuesday afternoon the five bells at the above church, which had been sent to Messrs. Warner to be tuned (one being recast), together with the new bell lately purchased, were dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon of Lewes (Archdeacon Sutton), in the presence of a considerable congregation, which included Mr. H. C. Richards, K.C., M.P. Mr. A. A. Hart (churchwarden), was also present.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sutton conducted the service, which opened with the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell. Dr. Abram presided at the organ. Psalms cxxii. and cl. were chanted. The Rev. G. A. Foyster read the lesson (Numbers x, 1-11). The Rev. W. Molesworth Edwards also took part in the service. The clergy and choir proceeded to the tower at the western end of the church, where the Archdeacon offered the dedicatory prayers. A few rounds were then rung, and the clergy and choir returned to the chancel. The special hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted" was sung.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sutton in an appropriate address said the one thought he would offer was: Let their bells remind them whenever they heard them speaking, of how religion played its part—as their church bells often did—in all the chief and notable circumstances and crises in their lives. He offered a word of cordial congratulation to the Rector and his people on that fresh acquisition to the property and equipment of their noble parish church, an acquisition that encouraged not alone their own bellringers in their sacred office, but the bellringers throughout their county. The improvement which he himself had seen in the ministry of bellringers in over forty years, during which he had been a clergyman in that diocese, had been marvellous. He supposed that what was once common—the ringing others into church for worship and not coming in themselves—was so evidently a mockery, that it was seldom or never heard of now, owing he believed, in a great measure, to the efforts and influence of their admirable Sussex County Association, which he commended to their support.

The hymn "We love the place O God," was sung, and a collection was taken towards reducing the balance still outstanding in reference to the renovation of the bells.

The recessional hymn "Brightly gleams our banner" was sung to a spiritual choral march by Dr. Abram, who also played as a voluntary "Let their celestial concerts" (Samson). The arrangements with regard to the ringing were in the hands of Mr. Sydney Saker, who secured the attendance of representatives of the Sussex County Association, viz., Christ Church, Blacklands, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Rye and All Saints were represented. The following rang the rounds during the service in the order given: Messrs. Saker, Muggridge, Barrow, Lock, Baker, and Barden.

After the service and during the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Much satisfaction was expressed in regard to the tone of the bells. It is hoped that funds may be forthcoming at no distant date to obtain the two bells required

to complete a ring of eight. The framework for these is already provided, and the cost would be about £100.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

On Christmas Eve a new treble bell given in memory of our late Queen, a new 2nd given in memory of Evelyn S. Fellows, the Rector's second surviving son, who died in Buluwayo two years ago, and the recast old 2nd were dedicated by the Rector. These with the old five make a very pleasing ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., and have been hung in an iron frame with new fittings by Messrs. Warner, for the sum of—including carriage of the bells to and from London for tuning—£200. Before and after supper, very kindly given by the Rector, touches of Oxford and Treble Bob Major were rung by the local company. On Boxing Day the tower was open for ringing, and about 40 ringing friends came from Norwich, Clare, Bungay, Eye, Aylsham, Pulham Mary, Alburgh, Starston, Mendham, St. Cross, Saxmundham, Brockdish, Tasburgh, Stowmarket and Tibenham, and rang touches of Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Kington tower was held at the Grammar School on Tuesday evening, December 15th, Rev. R. H. Jeffrey presiding. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. C. E. Craigie; Captain, Mr. Geo. Phillips; Vice-Captain and Treasurer, Rev. Russell H. Jeffrey. The balance sheet shewed a balance in hand of £10, which was considered satisfactory. It was decided to purchase a clock for the ringing chamber.

The captain, Mr. Geo. Phillips, brought forward his motion, of which he gave notice at the previous quarterly meeting, "That it is desirable to add two treble bells to the existing ring of six, thus completing the octave." Also that the members of the Kington tower devote three guineas from their fund to start the subscription list. He thought this would show the parishioners that the members of the Guild would appreciate the augmentation.

After some discussion this was carried unanimously. The meeting was brought to a close with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

CHANGE-RINGING IN WEST WALES.

A well attended meeting of ringers was held at Sketty, near Swansea, on Saturday, December 12th, for the purpose of forming a ringers' Association in West Wales. Mr. Goode, churchwarden, kindly took the chair, and wished the ringers every success in their efforts to promote change-ringing in those parts. Mr. Jas. Hoare, Swansea, was elected Master, and C. H. Morse, Prospect Place, Sketty, was appointed Secretary. After the close of the meeting some wended their way to the tower, where some capital touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

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

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr. Daniell's letter on this subject, and quite agree with him. Nevertheless there is more to be said for your position than he would seem to allow. For in the first place the annoyance of peal-ringing, if the tower be at all noisy, may be, and probably will be, greater on Sunday; and moreover those who object will probably be able to do so in a much more telling way. A man may like to hear the bells ring when he is walking to church, but when trying to get forty winks after his Sunday dinner, they may not be either so grateful or comforting.

Again, no church that I have been connected with has been free long enough for a peal, from the beginning of the early Sunday service at 7 or 8, to the end of the last evening one at 8 or 9. Nor do I see how it could be, if it were used as ought to be the case. Thus peal-ringing could necessarily only take place in churches where the work is neglected, which we may hope will speedily be reduced to the smallest number. Now if Sunday peal-ringing become a custom anywhere, it may well be that ringers will find themselves at cross purposes with a new parson, the very man whom they ought to welcome. Therefore if peal-ringing on Sundays be practised, it should be considered to be done on sufferance, and in exceptional cases only.

The only objection to handbell peals on Sunday I can think of is that most ringers, of the kind who ring handbells, have other voluntary duties which they have undertaken on Sundays, and if these be neglected for handbells, the Church authorities may be inclined to view change-ringing with disfavour. Personally (though I consider handbells and chess the most ideal recreations for Sunday), I find I can never do much of either, having always tired out my brains in other ways.

Thus it would seem that Sunday, on the whole, is the least convenient day for peal-ringing. We need not go beyond that. *Christmas Day, 1903.*

H. DRAKE.

"INFORMATION WANTED."

SIR,—The correspondence now going on under the above heading must be interesting to all ringers, and I for one quite agree with Mr. Osborne. In my opinion the first thing to be considered is to get the bells rung properly for the Church services. If you have not got a proper company, get one, and we all know what this means—time and patience. It takes a long time to get men gifted to bells and bellringing, then, when you have got the required number, learn them to ring their bells by handling them in the right way, and to strike them to time, and what is better practice than calling out a few musical changes. I know this is monotonous to a good many ringers. On a practice-night learn them to hunt up and down, and the first step to change-ringing will soon be mastered. I can hardly agree with "Instructor" when he says that such men endeavoured to monopolise the ropes to the exclusion of others. Who, I should like to know, monopolise the ropes more than the peal-ringers? They write after the bells whenever they want to go, and sometimes grumble if they don't get them. Can we say this about the call-change ringers?

Then again, Rope-Sight might be the book, but what is the use of the book without we give the practice in the tower? I always recommend Troyte's book for beginners. J. JAGGAR.
[We have further letters on this subject, which will appear next week, if possible.—Ed.]

HOW TO TEACH HALF-PULL RINGING.

SIR,—While agreeing—as I suppose most ringers do—that call-changes are a hindrance rather than a help to rope-sight in the individual, it still seems difficult when instructing a whole band to get them to manage their bells without such changes.

In such circumstances I insist on the call-changes being rung in pairs (and so in half-pulls) from the first. Thus one would begin with 13254 at hand, and 12345 at back. Several practices should be spent on this till fairly perfect. Next would be

learned 35142 at hand, and 31524 at back, the bells being pulled off in the former change, and the second introduced when "go" is called, then these four rows in succession. 54321 and 53412 would be an easy pair, as they begin with the bells backwards way round. After these six rows can be rung together, two more pairs of rows give us the hunting course, and the rest is easy—it is simply applying on tower bells what has been learnt on handbells.

I think Doubles should always be attempted first: if it is an eight-bell tower the two extra bells should not be used as cover, but the spare men (making ten in all, if possible) should be put at each rope, one to ring and one to watch, till all have learned. Then when the hunting course of Doubles is once grasped, without delaying to perfect the striking, or to learn a method, the hunting course of Triples should be learnt in a similar way. This should be so drilled into the learners (each on different bells in turns) before another step is taken, that none of them will ever be likely to indulge in bad striking. It should be rung on every possible occasion; for every service; and kept on hand, when the band has become proficient, as a drill to put a learner through, instead of call-changes, or overmuch round ringing.

I have myself found this the quickest and best way when teaching a band from the start, but should be glad to hear of the experiences of others.

H. DRAKE.

Obituary.

THOMAS BARBER.

We record with regret the death of the above-named ringer, in his 66th year, which took place at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Tuesday, December 7th. He had been a ringer fifty years or more, and about twenty to thirty years ago was one of a good company of six-bell ringers. Though he had not rung many peals, he was none the less enthusiastic a ringer. Many a time he has gone miles to listen when he thought he would hear some good ringing. His chief desire was to assist young ringers and since the recent augmentation of the Clent bells to eight he had been occupied in teaching a company of young ladies, who have rung several 6-scores of Doubles. Such well-known ringers as his two sons—John and William H.—and W. Short, owe their success to his tuition and guidance.

He was buried on Friday, the 11th ult., when the bells were rung half-muffled by the Misses Thatcher (2), Misses Taylor (2), Miss M. Lawson, W. Boughton, G. Workman, C. Boughton.

On the following Saturday a peal was attempted with the bells still muffled, and lost after an hour's ringing.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT MARKET HARBOROUGH.—This peal was arranged for S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield, who is a native of Great Bowden, near to Market Harborough. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the local company at The Talbot hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE TWO PEALS AT NEWCASTLE.—The ringing of two 5000s in this difficult method on the same day, in the one town, by the same Association and yet by different companies, is perhaps unique in the history of ringing. This coincidence arose from a friendly challenge by Mr. Hillier to Mr. Gofton to score this long-wished-for peal, the stakes being the honour of putting the first in the method to the credit of the Association, each to get their own band and to stick to it throughout. Each met four times, Mr. Gofton's first being only a handbell practice, and both companies scored at the second attempt, but as the All Saints' peal was finished 2½ hours before that at St. John's, to Mr. Gofton's band remains the honour of winning the competition and scoring the first by the Association. The whole 16 men thus score their first peal in the method and the first in the method north of Lancashire and Yorkshire. James Gofton is only 17 years of age, and yet this can hardly be called his most difficult performance, for he has already rung two 5040s of Surprise Minor in Seven Methods. The All Saints' peal was a composition on the "in and 5ths" plan.

Handbell Peals.**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 14, 1903, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—F. Harlow, who ticked off the peal as rung. Quickest peal by all the band.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Thursday, December 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. WITCHELL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.*

CHARLES DICKENS 1-2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 5-6.
FRANK FAY 3-4.	*GEORGE F. SWANN .. 7-8.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Umpire—G. Parsons. *First peal on handbells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, December 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1).*

LEWIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—L. Watson and F. Harlow. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. R. Lilley.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, December 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.**

LEWIS L. WATSON 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT 3-4.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—H. Fields. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. C. Chasty.

Miscellaneous.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****STRETFORD.**—On Monday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 46 mins. W. Birchall, J. J. Moss, C. Birchall, H. Chapman, W. J. Moss conductor, T. Birchall. Rung on the thirty-third anniversary of the opening of the bells.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).**—On Saturday, December 19th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal in the same method. C. Dickens, T. Reynolds, F. Fay, G. Swann, H. Withers, A. P. Smith, B. Witchell conductor, A. E. Pegier. Also a course of Duffield Major and a touch of Treble Bob Major by the same band, conducted by H. Withers.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****GREAT COMBERTON.**—On Friday, December 18th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs conductor, C. Young, T. Allen, W. Hook. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. M. Sheldermine, youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Sheldermine, the ringers wishing her many happy returns. On Sunday, December 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, G. Dolphin, C. Young, H. Salisbury conductor. First 720 in the method by all.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****MARLOW.**—On Thursday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 49 mins. L. E. Collins, J. C. Truss, F. O. Nicholls, J. S. Hawkins, E. W. Coster, C. Green, W. Ayres, G. Martin. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Green and Ayres after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.****TUNSTALL.**—On September 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smith conductor, F. Smith, A. A. Clay, A. Lathom, G. Woods, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, J. Darlington. On October 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Darlington, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson, F. Darlington, G. Woods, J. Johnson conductor, A. Lathom. On November 8th, 644 Grandsire Triples. J. Darlington, A. A. Clay, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, G. Smith conductor, W. Thompson, W. T. Jones. And 180 Stedman Triples, standing as before. On November 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Darlington, F. Smith, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Thompson conductor, W. T. Jones. On December 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Thompson, F. Smith, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, J. Johnson, H. Smith, G. Woods conductor, W. T. Jones.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****LLANGOLLEN.**—On Friday, November 13th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 90 mins. E. Rowland, J. Rogers, J. Davies, A. Lea, T. Davies, S. Meadows, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White.**EDINBURGH.**—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Cuthbert's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Holland, E. F. Price, J. Luck, J. Ballantine, W. C. S. Heathcote, R. J. G. Thom, A. Thomson, D. Stocks. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by all the band except Messrs. Price and Heathcote.**HARBORNE (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, 938 Grandsire Triples. H. Withers conductor, A. Beecham, H. Pratt, G. Hitchman, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway, G. Gibbs, S. Grove.**SURFLEET (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday, December 13th, 720 Bob Minor. Miss L. Richardson, Miss M. Richardson, Miss A. Richardson, W. Richardson, A. J. Farr, —. Richardson conductor.**WORCESTER.**—On Monday, September 28th, at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, J. H. Hill, A. Hill, W. Powell, W. Bright, C. Jones, jun., F. Dunaway, C. Jones, sen., F. Cooper conductor, W. H. Johnson. On October 12th, 809 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Powell conductor, J. Newman, W. Bright, A. Hill, F. Dunaway, F. Cooper, W. Johnson, E. Watkins. On October 31st, 528 Grandsire Cinques. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. Powell, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hill, F. Cooper, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 5th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Lane, F. Dunaway, J. Pardoe, A. Hill, C. Jones, F. Cooper conductor, E. Watkins, T. Malin. On November 9th, at the Cathedral, 836 Grandsire Cinques. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. Powell, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hill, H. Wilkes, F. Cooper, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 14th, 828 Grandsire Caters. J. Perry, B. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. C. Jones conductor, F. Cooper, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 29th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Lane, J. Pardoe, A. Hill, H. F. Cooper, W. H. Johnson, G. Checketts conductor. First 720 by T. Lane. Rung as a farewell to H. F. Cooper who left for Chelmsford the day following.**CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.***To be obtained, Post free, from BEMROSE & SONS, LTD., 4, Snow Hill, London, E.C.**(Remittance must accompany order)**Or through any Bookseller.***Special Terms to Association Secretaries for Quantities.**

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, January 2nd, 1904, at St. Peter's, Bramley (6 bells). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m. **FRED BARRACLOUGH, 29, Elsworth Place, Armley. Hon. Sec.**

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard this Saturday afternoon, January 2nd, 1904. **W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.**

Dunstable, Beds.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Newcastle to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, 1904. All members intending to be present please send word Mr. E. King, 22, Victoria Street, Newcastle, Staff. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on January 5th, as important matters will be brought up for discussion. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, January 9th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised at 3.30 p.m. and all members are cordially invited. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.**

18, Ravenscroft Park Rd., Barnet.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at Ring of Bells at 6 o'clock. **WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.**

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Poole on Saturday, January 9th, when a good attendance of members is requested. The arrangements are: Service 3.30 p.m., business meeting 3.45 p.m., tea 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Outstanding subscriptions will be gladly received. **A. F. MARTIN STEWART, Hon. Sec.**

Fern Down, Wimborne.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, January 9th. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 5th. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Bristol. A short service will be held at St. Michael's church, St. Michael's Hill, at 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 9th. Meeting house The Little

Saddle hotel, meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. It is requested that all members make an effort to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at All Saints' church, Higher Walton. Bells 3 p.m., meeting 5.30. **R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.0, meeting at 7.0. Reports now ready. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 4.0. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary on or before Wednesday, January 13th. **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on January 16th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Saturday, 16th January. Bells available 3 to 5.30, and for a short time in the evening. The tower of Christ Church, Blacklands, will also be open from 3 to 5, and be arranged at the business meeting the towers of All Saints' and St. Clement's can be visited in the evening. The Vicar of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, the Rev. Bernard Moultrie, hopes that all members will attend evensong at 5.30, and also accept his invitation to tea immediately following. To facilitate the necessary arrangements members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to me by Thursday morning, 14th January. Secretaries of branches and independent members are respectfully reminded that all outstanding subscriptions for 1903 should be paid at once. **S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.**

30, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Friday, January 29th, at Westminster, at 8 p.m. Members please attend. **JAMES E. DAVIS, Sec.**

65, Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Report is now ready. Will the following members send their correct addresses:—Messrs. John Buffery, A. Ingleby, E. Horrex, A. Tyler, F. E. Dawe, Ralph Ellis, Herbert Dickinson, J. W. Passman, J. Holmes, W. Thompson, Percy Hind, J. H. Shepherd, R. Dale, H. E. T. Glover, and the Revs. W. H. Deane, F. N. Thicknesse, W. Venables and R. Stevenson. **C. L. ROUTLEDGE, 62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Hon. Sec.**

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt.), by Warner and Sons, in St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, announced for Saturday, January 16th, is postponed. Date will be announced later. **C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.**

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers! As we write these words church bells all over the land are voicing the advent of the year of grace 1904. May it be a year of happiness and contentment for all of us. And may we throughout the new year read more and more of new bells being erected, and augmentations being carried out. Once more—A HAPPY NEW YEAR to our brethren of the Exercise all over the world.

THE COLLECTION OF PEALS.

I was much pleased to get the first part of this work, so speedily published: and to find it worthy to rank with the other remarkably valuable and useful publications of the Central Council.

I trust all readers of this paper will promptly make themselves Christmas or New Year's presents of a copy, and get their friends to do the same.

May I, however, enter an objection to the insertion in an official publication of the atrocious epithet of "treble dominated"; it is surely not necessary to point out how doubly wrong it is—the hunt bell need not be the treble, and it does not dominate the method—so far from doing so it is the slave of the method. Nor is the epithet any use. Treble Bob is by its very name evidently as much "treble-dominated" as any other. If the old and simple name of "plain method" will not do—I don't see why—and the word treble must be used, "plain treble" would be as good and true a term as any.

May we not ask the Central Council to give us headings to their pages and full indexes to every publication. Thus "Grandsire Triples" on the left page and "Five-part Peals" on the right—as the case may be—would be a great help; so would a list of names. I trust both these will be done in the reprint of The Glossary.

H. DRAKE.

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C. WINNEY and others.—Next week.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

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ALFRED PEARCE 4.	JOHN THOMAS 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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W. VARLEY* 4.	†W. KILLORAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Messrs. Watson and Varley were elected members of the above Association before starting *First peal in any method. †First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WM. G. COOPER Treble.	WM. DREW 4.
GEO. BARRY 2.	JOHN W. AVIS 5.
HARRY SMITH 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. G. Cooper.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER* Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
THOMAS MANNERING 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
EDWARD WAGHORN* 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
LEWIS SILVER 4.	*JAMES BONNY Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Joy, Vicar of Maidstone. *First peal.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	THOMAS POLLIT 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
JOHN F. PEARSON 3.	DAVID WHITING 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(WHITWICK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLSON'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MOORE Treble.	THOMAS BELCHER 5.
WALTER FERN 2.	LEVI PARTRIDGE 6.
ALBERT WHITMORE 3.	JOHN A. MOULT 7.
JOHN RAWSON 4.	FRED BOAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. MOULT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

TOM MARSHALL Treble.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 6.
GEORGE ASTBURY 2.	*ALLEN S. GORDON 7.
THOS. JACKSON 3.	†RICHARD RIDYARD 8.
GEO. D. WARBURTON* .. 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †Elected a member of the Guild.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKS. AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WALTER IDLE Treble.	WILLIE THOMAS 5.
JOHN JENKINSON 2.	WILLIE WALKER 6.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	BENJ. ROBINSON 7.
SIDNEY GOODALL 4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by BENJ. ROBINSON.

Willie Thomas was elected a member of the Yorks Association before starting.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs, 9 lbs. in G.

DANIEL REDHEAD* Treble.	FRANK KIRK 4.
JAMES NICKERSON* 2.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	*REGINALD LOVEDAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

*First peal in five methods.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	SYDNEY F. PALMER 5.
REGGIE DYSON 2.	GEORGE MERRIMAN 6.
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 3.	DAVID BREARLEY 7.
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. V. MOORE† Treble.	†A. PALMER 4.
H. F. MOORE 2.	*F. RUDD 5.
J. CHINERY 3.	A. E. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Manners Hervey for the use of the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT 3.	LEWIN C. FERIGE 7.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT J. SKELDING .. Treble.	RICHARD JAMES 5.
FRED PLANT 2.	JOSEPH SMITH 6.
RALPH MOORE 3.	FRED. BRACE 7.
WILLIAM HARFORD 4.	*JAMES NEWNAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SMITH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure. Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in 14 methods on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; [S]

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUMSEY 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
JAMES RUMSEY 4.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.	HENRY HODGETTS 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	HUBERT EDEN 6.
FRANK A. SMITH 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWINS Treble.	FRANK PERVIN 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 8.
WILLIAM PERVIN 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 9.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

BROXBORNE HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 2.	ALBERT LAWRENCE 6.
STEPHEN KNIGHT 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 4.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

This is the first peal on the bells, which was rung after the dedication service held the Bishop of Colchester.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PENNINGTON .. Treble.	EDWARD PENNINGTON .. 5.
THOMAS SISSON 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
RICHARD ATKINSON 3.	*HAROLD HARESNAPE .. 7.
JOHN E. SENOGLES 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. *First peal.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALBERT BROOKS† Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	*JESSE BROOKS 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal in any method away from the tenor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
JAMES BLYTHMAN 2.	*HENRY LARKINS 6.
ERNEST BURGESS* 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE 7.
JONATHAN DOORNE 4.	EDWARD GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Rang as a complimentary peal to W. Collison, of the Royal Horse Guards.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD* .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WHITLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN J. LEIGHTON Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method by all the above and first by the Association.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	HUGH D. DALL 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE.

A note to these peals will be found elsewhere.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours One and a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ALFRED W. TAWNEY 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
SYDNEY C. F. SAKER 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES (THE NORMAN TOWER),

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. in C♯.

DANIEL PRENTICE Treble.	CHARLES MEE 6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE* 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER 7.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 8.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 4.	FRANK ROLFE 9.
CHARLES W. PARKER* 5.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

*First peal of Royal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
FREDERICK HOLDEN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank Sir Edward Clarke, the donor of the church and bells, for his kind hospitality towards them after the peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
HERBERT J. JULIAN 4.	THOMAS R. HENSHER Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

Further reference elsewhere.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	JOSEPH E. GREYSTED Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. GREYSTED.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT W. CLARKE .. Treble.	JAMES RICHMOND 5.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 2.	FREDERICK COOPER 6.
STEPHEN THOMAS 3.	GEORGE JAYNE 7.
LEWIS H. MOORE 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The conductor has now called this composition from every bell.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM PEARSON 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JOHN M. BROOK* 4.	FRED MOODY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

It was intended to ring Stedman Triples, but meeting one short the above was rung. *First peal in the method.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, has been sent without any date.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bolney on December 5th, was conducted by Warden Walder.—The date of the peal rung at Mortimer, Berks., should have been November 26th.

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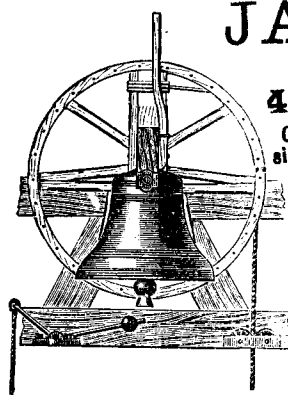
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