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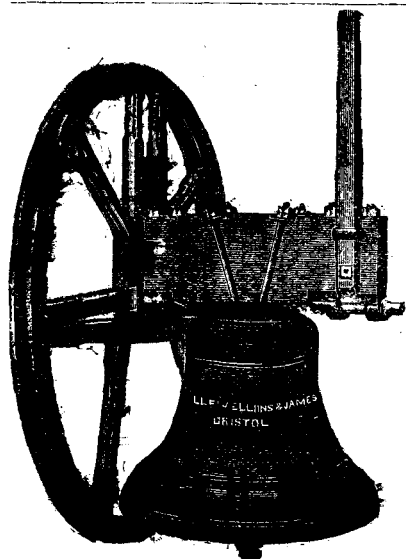
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire). SS. Peter and Paul. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. Founder and date not given. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells do not at all go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1881. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Union. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday 7.45, in winter only.

OSPRINGE (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1891. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. A new ring hung 1891. Ropes new 1891, worn. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month; no time stated. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

OSSETT (Yorks). Holy Trinity. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1865. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw 1889. Ropes new 1896. No statement as to what methods, if any, are rung. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. No practice.

OSWESTRY (Salop). St. Oswald. Eight bells. Treble by Taylor 1880; 5th by Mears 1846; the rest by Rudhall 1717, except 7th, 1747. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fixed. Rehung by Taylor 1880. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday.

OTLEY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Chapman 1781, except 6th by Shaw 1888. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung in old frame by Shaw 1888. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5 to 6. Practice: Thursday, 8.15. Chiming apparatus fixed.

OTTERY (Devon). St. Mary. Devonshire Guild. Eight

bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner 1887; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th by Pennington, 1670, 1680, 1652, and 1671 respectively; 7th by Bilbie 1790. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. by Wroth, 1727. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Stokes, 1887. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing for evening service. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

OUNDLIE (Northants). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

OXFORD. Christ Church. Twelve bells. No return.
St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30th, a quarterly meeting of the above was held at Kidderminster, most of the companies in union being represented. Services were held in the grand old church of St. Mary and All Saints, which was well-attended. The Rev. F. F. Monahan, curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Phillips, the much-respected Vicar, through illness, delivered a suitable address from the words, Psalm cxliv. 1. Service being over, tea was served in the school, about 80 members partaking of the good things with which the tables were laden. After satisfying the wants of the inner man an adjournment was made to another portion of the school, where the business meeting was held, presided over by the above rev. gentleman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read by the Secretary from the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, resigning the office of Hon. Clerical Secretary, owing to an appointment he had accepted in Devonshire. A resolution was passed accepting the same with regret, the secretary being authorized to forward the same to him, and at the same time thanking him heartily for the kind interest he had always taken in the work of the Association.

The Rev. Arthur H. Phillips (Worcester Cathedral), was elected an hon. member, and about twenty performing members, including the Curate from Oldswinford, who is a practical ringer. The draft annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The annual meeting was fixed to take place at Worcester on Easter Monday. Two instructors were appointed, one for Sedgley, Staffordshire and the other for Upton-on-Severn, Worcester.

Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. gentleman for his practical address at the service in church and for presiding over the business meeting, to the Vicar for so kindly allowing them the use of the school-room, tower and bells and a hope expressed for a speedy recovery from his illness, which was detaining him from his duties in his parish, also to those kind friends who had undertaken to get such a bountiful tea provided, much to the enjoyment of those present, and for which they were deeply thankful. During the afternoon and evening ringing was indulged in on the beautiful peal of bells, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob being accomplished.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Ripley, on Saturday afternoon, January 23rd, when representatives were present from Alfreton, Chesterfield, Colston-Bassett, Cotgrove, Darley Dale, Derby, Duffield, Heanor, Ilkerton, South Wingfield, Wirksworth and Ripley.

Tea was provided in the church lads' brigade room, by the following ladies:—Mrs. Pegg, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Parker, Miss Moore, Miss R. Moore and Miss Goodwin.

At the subsequent meeting Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ilkeston, Rev. G. Irvine, curate in charge of St. John's, Mr. J. W. Taylor, junr., Mr. E. D. Taylor, of Loughborough, and others.

The Vicar welcomed the Association, whilst Mr. Chas. Ellson (churchwarden) also spoke, making particular reference to the interest and hard work displayed in campanology in Ripley by Mr. Henry George.

The president read a list of peals rung during the past quarter, numbering twenty-six, and remarked that this was a very satisfactory achievement, and he was pleased to see that a new method was included, viz.: Yorkshire Surprise. In addition four peals had been rung and published as Association peals which he was sorry to say could not be recorded, as they were not in accordance with Rule 3.

The Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford), and the Rev. M. H. Pimm (Colston-Bassett), were elected auditors.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, as well as compliments to the ladies for their kindness in providing tea, and to the chairman for presiding.

During the afternoon and evening numerous touches were rung on the parish church bells in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first successful meeting of the year in the Eastern Division was the one held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Saturday, January 16th. The Rector, Rev. Bernard Moultrie, entertained the visitors to a most excellent tea, very tastefully laid in the school room adjoining the church. Forty-one members accepted the invitations, representing the following towers: Christ Church Blacklands, St. Clement's and All Saints, Hastings, Christ Church and All Saints, Eastbourne, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, Brighton, St. Mary's, Battle, and Hellingby.

At the commencement of the usual short business meeting which followed the tea, the Rev. B. Moultrie, in a short appropriate address expressed a very hearty welcome to the Association, reminded the members of their privileges and duties as church workers, and related some of his early experiences in connection with church bells. The formal part of the business meeting was then gone through. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected. A lengthy discussion took place as to the next quarterly peal, and a resolution was eventually carried that the method should be Kent Treble Bob, to be rung at Christ Church, Blacklands, and conducted by G. Williams.

The members attended evensong at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, which preceded the tea. Some good prac-

tice was had at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, during the afternoon and evening, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The other towers were also visited in the evening, viz.: All Saints (6); Christ Church, Blacklands (8); and St. Clement's (8). Everyone seemed fully satisfied and greatly appreciated the arrangements which were made chiefly by Mr. George Watson, and carried out by other members of the Association and friends.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Hersham on Saturday, February 13th. At 3 o'clock several representatives had met at the tower from Hersham, Kingston, Weybridge, Yorktown, Farnborough, etc., and kept the bells in use until 5 o'clock, when they sat down to tea in the parish room. The business meeting was held immediately after tea, presided over by the Rev. W. F. Fagan, Vicar of Thorpe, supported by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (General Secretary of the Guild). The idea of splitting the district into two was again gone into, and adjourned until the next quarterly meeting. Sixteen performing and four hon. members were elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Hawley on Saturday, May 14th. Several well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble-Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, February 4th, there was held a dinner in Trinity College to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Guild, February 4th, 1879. The following non-resident members were present: Rev. W. W. C. Baker, H. E. Glover, Esq., Rev. H. J. Elsee, R. A. Daniell, Esq., Rev. W. W. Covey Crump, Rev. H. B. Woolley, Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Rev. H. E. Munby, C. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rev. R. J. Morrice.

Regret at inability to be present was expressed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson (founder of the Guild), Sir A. P. Heywood, Revs. H. Law James, E. B. James, J. H. Pilkington, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. W. Carpenter, C. A. Clements, G. E. Woodhouse, Esq., and many others.

The dinner was followed by the usual toasts and a few speeches, after which the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, on behalf of the Guild, presented to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey a small silver salver, inscribed as follows:—

C.U.G.C.R.—25th Anniversary, Feb. 4, 1904.—Presented to the Rev. A. H. Boughey, in recognition of his long and valuable services as President.

Mr. Boughey has been President from within six months of the foundation of the Guild, and is wholly responsible for its continued existence. Touches on handbells concluded the evening. It was intended to start for a tower peal earlier in the day, but owing to some of the band being unable to come at the last moment, a handbell peal of Bob Major was rung instead.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading, on Wednesday, February 23rd. During the afternoon a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Laurence's church, conducted by the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson).

At 6.30 p.m. a shortened service was held in St. Giles' church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt).

Tea was partaken of at the Old Abbey Restaurant, 56 members sitting down to an excellent spread. The company included among others, the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), Gen. Hon. Sec. (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Hon. A. Erskine, W. Newell, P. Hickey, A. E. Reeves (Branch Hon. Sec. &c.), and representatives from nearly all the towers in connection with the branch. Tea over, the business meeting commenced, the Master in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting together with the branch secretary's report and balance sheet for 1903 were duly read and passed.

The balance sheet showed nearly £5 in hand, and the report spoke of increased members, 131 names being registered, against 123 in 1902. There had been six peals scored during the year. J. M. Routh, Esq. was again elected chairman of the branch for the ensuing year.

Mr. Ambrose Osborne was unanimously elected to the post of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. in the place of Mr. A. Reeves, who resigned office on account of his increased work as assistant hon. sec. to the General Guild.

Mr. H. Goodyer proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. sec. which was carried unanimously.

The following were selected to serve on the general committee of the Guild: Messrs. C. Chapman, A. Osborne, J. M. Routh and A. W. Pike.

Business concluded, and glasses charged, the chairman gave the toast of "The King;" duly honoured, and also that of "The Diocesan Oxford Guild." Mr. A. Pike gave "The Master," and Mr. A. E. Reeves gave the toast of the gen. hon. sec. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis responding gave some interesting statistics regarding the number of members, the finances, and list of peals rung, in 1903. Songs and handbell ringing brought another meeting to a close.

Obituary.

JOSEPH HENRY HARDCASTLE.

It is with regret that we report the death of Joseph Henry Hardcastle, which sad event took place at his residence, 29, Lady Lane, Bradford, on Friday week last. There is little need here to recapitulate Mr. Hardcastle's career as a ringer. He has been for many years past a prominent figure in the North, equally as composer, conductor, contest judge, and other capacities, while his predilection for good striking was proverbial. His portrait and biography appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" some years ago. Some time afterwards, a contraction of the nerves of two fingers compelled him to relinquish active ringing, much to his own regret, alike with that of so many others who had hoped to join with him in the circle for many years to come. Then he lost his life-partner, a blow which only those who have actually sustained it can realise its force. Mr. Hardcastle never seemed to recover from that blow; and in his bereavement clung all the closer to his many friends, who were never slow in reciprocating and respecting his lonesome grief. The ultimate came a few weeks ago in the shape of paralysis, which affected the whole of his left side. This left no uncertainty as to the final result, and he himself realised it, while uttering not a single word of repining, and so he passed away on Friday leaving the Exercise all the poorer by the loss of one of its brilliant exponents.

Mr. Hardcastle was a native of Halifax, where for generations the name had been a "household word" in ringing matters, and "Joe" fully maintained the traditions of his name. At fourteen years of age he was at his rope in the belfry of the grand old Parish Church of Halifax, where his grandfather had piloted the tenor through Treble Bob—Major, Royal, and Maximus—for so many years. He was a true Hardcastle, and even while

in his teens had won his spurs as a ringer, and made himself known throughout the counties of the white and red roses. He joined the Yorkshire Association in its early years. A dispute between his band and the committee with reference to the validity of a peal caused a secession. He was loyal to the men he rung with, and so bowed to the majority rule, and left the County Association. This, however, was a only for a short time, better counsels soon prevailed, and he led his men loyally back to the fold which he had so reluctantly left. And then, once back, he commenced making up lost time by increased activity. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree, in 1883, Mr. Hardcastle was elected on the committee, and on the retirement of Mr. W. Whittaker from the post of hon. sec. in 1889, and the appointment of Mr. B. T. Copley to that position, he replaced the latter as one of the stewards, a position the duties of which he faithfully and zealously performed for many years, until through continued ill-health he retired in favour of a younger man.

Leaving Halifax some thirty years ago, owing to the exigencies of work, he settled in Bradford, and at once attached himself to the Parish Church society. Needless to say that here his well-known abilities were fully recognised, and he was cordially welcomed. A little over a quarter of a century ago, he was appointed conductor, a position he held till compelled to retire from active ringing last year, owing to physical infirmity, and, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, last October, his services in this direction were recognised by a number of presentations in the belfry where he had served so long.

His remains were interred in the family vault at Scholemans Cemetery on the following Monday, amid many marks of respect. On the previous Sunday the bells of the parish church told in their muffled tones of his departure. On Monday there came from far and near brother-strings to pay their last mark of respect. The firm of Millar, Dennis & Co., brass founders, where he had been foreman for so many years, closed at noon, and the men who had worked under "Joe" were prominent in the funeral procession. At the cemetery, the burial service was read by the Rev. J. Leighton, M.A., Vicar of Great Horton, at the close of which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by James Angus, 1-2, Joseph Broadley, 3-4, James Cotterell, 5-6, W. Cundall, 7-8. In the evening as recorded last week, a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the bells of St. James, Bolton. The reason of this peal being rung at Bolton, it should be explained, was in deference to a request from the churchwardens on behalf of the organ builders who were engaged from early morn till midnight, getting the new organ ready for dedication on the following Wednesday evening.

GEORGE GODFREY CUNNINGHAME.

B.A. OXON, Advocate.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, which took place on 6th February, at his residence, Liberton House, Midlothian. To many of our readers his name no doubt, was not familiar, but to those who have had the privilege of visiting the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, if they have not come personally in contact with him, will have had the opportunity of admiring much of his work. For many years he took the keenest interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Cathedral, and especially was this so in connection with the tower. The magnificent casts of some of the important bells in Scotland which form such a striking feature in the ringing chamber were mainly the result of his labours. The room also bears many other examples of his skill and generosity. For years he was a most regular attendant at all times when ringing took place and though he never scored a peal, no man had a more thorough interest in and few a better knowledge of the theory of change-ringing, while his acquaintance with the historical and antiquarian side of campanology was unique.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., prior to the interment of the body on the following day in the family burial ground at Windermere, a touch of 917 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the following: W. R. Fyfe, N. C. Wilson, J. G. Thom, W. H. Barber (conductor), W. C. S. Heathcote, C. C. Ellis, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, J. R. Robinson, J. H. Kerr,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the South and West district of the above was held at All Saints church, Isleworth, on Saturday, January 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), the tower being open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Soon after that time members began to arrive, and among the first were the Hon. Secretary of the North and East district and several members of the young band of ringers from St. George's-in-the-East, whom we were pleased to welcome. The bells were soon going, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung.

At 5.30 an adjournment was made to the Mission Room when by the kindness of the Vicar an excellent tea had been provided, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. Tea being over the business meeting was held, the Vicar being elected chairman, supported by Mr. J. J. Pratt, Hon. Secretary of the South and West district; Mr. J. Basden, Master of the Association; and A. T. King, Esq. In opening the meeting the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome them all, and expressed his pleasure that so many had attended to test the newly-rung bells. He also spoke on the advantages of change-ringing.

Mr. King, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, referred to the great improvement he found in the tone of the Isleworth bells, and the ease in ringing them. They were, he declared, second to none in Middlesex, and were indeed excellent.

Five new members were elected, the tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 9 o'clock, thus ending a most enjoyable gathering.

T. B.

BELL-RINGING AT BENFLEET, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, some of the Prittwell ringers journeyed to Benfleet to meet the local men for a friendly pull. *Pull* is the word; they wanted it (the bells, not the ringers). The tenor is quoted a ton in the Essex Association list, but perhaps 14 cwt. is nearer the mark; diameter 3 ft. 5 in., note G. What with enormous wheels, short ropes, and various fearsome lubricants, about ten tons is the pulling weight. The tower is said by antiquarians to be much about the same as at the Reformation. Perhaps the bells are also. Net result of the excursion—two 6-scores of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob. The ringers were W. Hunt, W. Dudley, the brothers Wilson, and W. H. Judd. Thanking the local men for their courtesy, and after spending a pleasant hour with them and the Mayor of Benfleet (Alderman G. Land), they arrived safely home, tired.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell's terms are a great improvement on any previous suggestion. If he can improve "Huntful" he will have hit the mark. So long as he gets a term short and readily understood of the people, he may treat the correct etymology as Mr. Mantilini did the odd half-penny. J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—The hunting course course is certainly a "method" according to all rules, Mr. Daniell notwithstanding.

SIR,—Though without any intention of entering into a con-

troversy as to the merits of the term "Treble-dominated" as applied to the large class of methods having a treble hunt, may I record the impressions received by a mere ringer with no pretensions as composer or method-builder, from the correspondence proceeding between Messrs. Daniell and Trollope, more particularly from the former's last letter. In method classification the first evident fact is that all methods at present known group themselves naturally into two main divisions (1) those having the characteristic distinction of a treble hunt, and (2) those having no such regularity in the treble's work. This peculiarity of group (1) should be recognised by the inclusion of the word "treble" in its designation. Can the word "dominated" be justly attached to "treble" as satisfactorily emphasising the property possessed by group 1? I think it can. In composing a new method to fall into this group, the composer takes the treble work as his foundation, and the place-making which constitutes the individuality of the method must conform to the treble's regular path. The treble is the only bell invariably in the same position when a call is made. Again, in practical ringing, the treble is supreme as a guide to the other bells, more especially perhaps in the most intricate methods. These reasons are strongly in favour of granting the dominating influence of the treble in methods of group 1. Mr. Daniell's argument to the contrary in last week's issue are hardly convincing. He is particularly unhappy in his first metaphor, as he apparently loses sight of the fact that the foundation is generally considered a necessity for "all" houses, and were the treble hunt equally necessary to "all" methods, it would be absolutely valueless as a means of classification. In his second argument it may be allowed that the place-making is certainly characteristic of any particular method as contrasted with another, but that is equally true of methods with a treble hunt and those without, so cannot possibly be used as a characteristic of either group.

As a great admirer of Mr. Daniell's many interesting contributions to "THE BELL NEWS," I hope he will pardon me if I say that his second metaphor is hardly a valid argument. The frying pan is obviously subject to a limitation as regards shaving power, from which the razor is free, similarly the working bell is subject to limitation in method compiling, from which the treble is free.

F. S. BAYLEY.

TREBLE DOMINATED v. DOMINATED TREBLE. (1902)

SIR,—Mr. Daniell has in his last letter suggested to my mind the above heading. The two titles he gives us under which to classify methods are excellent, especially the one for Stedman and kindred methods—huntless. But I should prefer hunting for huntful. From hunting we get plain hunt, dodging hunt mixed hunt, and none hunt if you will, and so I submit for species A hunting, and species B huntless, remain of course.

I admire the elaborate references to building methods and otherwise, and I am sure he will allow me to point out the fact that there is a little difference between house and method building. It is in the super structure which dominates the foundation of a church, be it of Gothic or Classic design. In fact the foundations are made to suit the building. Now in method building the foundation as Mr. Daniell terms the path of the hunt, is already laid, and the method builder or architect has to design and construct accordingly, and if the treble or hunt do not dominate she at least demands a clear passage. Consequently the builder has to resort to dodging, snapping, place-making, etc., as best he knows how, and within the specified conditions.

H. DAINS.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I can but express my deep regret at the unfortunate circumstances regarding the three peals pointed out by Mr. Dench in a previous issue, and offer each ringer my sincere apology.

G. LINDOFF.

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The compositions of Superlative Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by myself at Tottenham on January 24th, 1903, Southgate on April 30th, 1903, and Lewisham on June 20th, 1903, all being false, I withdraw all claim to them, and apologise to the unfortunate persons who took part in them.

WILLIAM PYE.

Date Touches.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

LIVERSEDGE.—On Sunday, January 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Knott, J. Knott, J. W. Lang, S. Goodall, H. Brook, W. Walker, F. Robinson composer and conductor, B. Robinson.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON.—On Wednesday, January 13th, a date touch of 1904 Grand-sire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 9 mins., C. W. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, J. H. Owens, R. Birchall, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, S. Moston. Arranged and conducted by G. R. Newton.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 464 Plain Bob. F. Pestell, W. A. Arnott, J. Godfrey, G. Orford conductor, E. R. Todd, D. Hayward.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 1120 Oxford. F. Borrett conductor, A. Roope, A. Smith, A. Wier, C. Roope, F. Roope, J. Allen, F. Surridge. On Sunday afternoon, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. F. Borrett, D. Ruth, jun., W. Roope, jun., F. Roope, A. Smith, E. Borrett. On Tuesday, February 9th, for practice, 1024 Oxford. F. Borrett, A. Smith, F. Surridge, W. Roope, jun., C. Baker, F. Roope, J. Allen, W. Roope. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 576 Oxford. F. Borrett, A. Roope, A. Smith, W. Roope, jun., C. Roope, F. Roope, E. Borrett, W. Roope.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Monday, February 15th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. E. Oldfield first 720, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, A. Croft first 720, J. R. Pritchard conductor, M. Oldfield. And 360 in the same method, E. Stubbs, E. Oldfield, the rest as before.

MILES PLATTING (Lancashire).—On January 12th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Hall, W. G. Hargreaves conductor, R. Morris, H. Barlow, first 720, H. Hall, J. E. Gilchrist. First 720 by a local band. On February 16th, another 720 (twenty-six singles), by the same band.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK.—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 26 mins. T. Taylor, J. Taylor, J. Snolicar, G. Prescott, J. Pilkington, W. Fairclough, W. Bentham conductor, J. Watts.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday, February 1st, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, in 29 mins. F. Sear, A. Newman, A. J. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Monday, February 15th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, three 6-stores of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Stedman Doubles. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, P. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury, T. Allen.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, January 10th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. R. Chamberlain, W. Davies, J. G. Buchanan, J. J. Jones, A. Williams, W. Short, T. Lewis conductor, W. Greenleaf.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Wednesday, January 20th, a 1008 Bob Major. C. J. Watson, F. Costar, W. Ward, S. Smith, T. Barber, W. Lobley, J. H. Blakiston conductor, G. Hicks. Rung in honour of the

birth of a son to Sid Smith, his brother-strings wishing him much joy. This is the longest touch of Major by the local band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON EAST (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Peddle, J. J. Pratt, W. Odell, H. Gosden, H. H. Chandler, E. Hancox conductor, W. Honor, F. Weeden.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

"KELLY HOUSE BAND."

LIFTON (North Devon).—On Tuesday, February 16th, on hand-bells, a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Ursula Kelly, 1-2; Margaret C. Kelly, 3-4; Agnes M. Kelly, 5-6; Dorothea Kelly, 7-8; Rev Maitland Kelly, 9-10; Mary E. Kelly, 11-12. First course of Grandsire Cinques by all the band.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. Babbage, E. Munday, J. Grater, B. Grater, R. Grater, J. Elsworth conductor, J. Hart, H. Ware. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 24th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 503 Grandsire Cinques. F. G. Newman, E. Wagborn, E. Spiller, R. Simmonds, A. Tawney, J. Bonny, F. Willard, E. Elliott, T. Mannering conductor, A. Burridge.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, October 11th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, J. Heath, W. Granger, D. Wright conductor, H. Gilder. Also 1152 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Lewis, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, R. Stone, W. G. Granger, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, D. Wright conductor. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. H. J. Selby, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, J. Heath, W. G. Granger, D. Wright conductor, H. Gilder.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Howard, F. Whiteman, J. West, S. Goodall, A. Howard, F. V. Sinkins, W. H. Fussell, F. G. Healey.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Leader, W. Wilder, T. Leader, W. H. Fussell, E. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, R. Flaxman. The above is by an entirely local band.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Preston conductor, E. Leigh, J. Leigh, N. Jenner, J. Heasman, G. Malpass, A. Belton, H. Knight.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Floyd, W. H. Newell, W. Floyd, J. Floyd, H. Golding, C. Golding, G. Worner, G. Sells. First quarter-peal by H. Floyd.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Keates, H. Walker, G. King, A. C. Sharpe, T. G. Deal, H. Warnett, T. Taylor, T. Clews.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 14th, at St. Edward's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Vyse, A. J. Perkins, H. Holgate, B. Cousins, G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson, A. Sorrell.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A well attended quarterly meeting was held at South-over on Saturday, January 30th. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., the bells being kept going in short touches till service time at 5 p.m. The service, commencing with the well known "Old Hundredth," consisted of prayers and a short address by the Rector, the Rev. D. Lee-Elliott, from the words, "With goodwill doing service, as to the Lord and not unto men."

At 5.30 a company numbering 41 sat down to an excellent tea in the Mission Room, kindly provided by the Rector, who presided. The company included Mr. S. Saker, Mr. H. Evans and Mr. G. Williams, hon. secre-

taries of the Eastern, Western and Central Divisions respectively, Mr. Rickman, and representatives from the towers of Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Lindfield, East Grinstead, Steyning, Heene, Eastbourne (Christ Church and All Saints), Christ Church St. Leonard's, Christ Church Blacklands, Pevensey and Southover.

The Rector, in addressing the members at the tea table, gave them a most hearty welcome to Southover, remarking how pleased he was to be able to entertain them that evening, and hoping on the next visit of the Association for a quarterly meeting to be able to do so again in a more commodious room, as they were anticipating the building of a new church room this year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Five new names were then elected as additional members of the Association. Proposed by Mr. Tomsett, seconded by the Hon. Divisional Secretary, it was carried that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Southover, the method to be Bob Major. Mr. S. Saker, on behalf of the company present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his cordial welcome to Southover, and for the excellent spread they had just partaken of. He was sure the Divisional Secretary, Mr. Williams, must feel gratified at such a large muster. Speaking for himself, as a Divisional Secretary, he always felt much more encouraged when these meetings were as well attended as the present one.

The Rector having responded, the tower was again visited, and plenty of short touches in various methods from Bob Major to Bristol Surprise brought round till 9 p.m. The Secretary as well as other members of the Central Division were pleased to see such a strong muster from the Eastern as well as Mr. Evans (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. G. Gatland of the Western Division present, thus shewing that these meetings are quite as interesting and helpful for practising the various methods that one is not always able to do in their own tower.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,

ON THE ALEXANDRA RING OF BELLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 8.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 9.
HON. A. P. F. ERSKINE .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Princess Alice of Albany to Prince Alexander of Teck.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 6.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY .. Treble.	JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	JAMES SAXBY 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE PAICE 4.	† WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

† First peal as conductor in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE COTTIS* .. Treble.	* ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ALBERT C. HARDY 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
DENNIS CARRIER* 3.	CALEB FENN 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ROWLAND FENN.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th. Rang to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Eisdall.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CALEB FENN .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	J. R. SHARMAN 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK NORRIS .. Treble.	HARRY GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 2.	CHARLES GOLDING .. 6.
WILLIAM FLOYD* 3.	GEORGE WARNER 7.
JAMES FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal of Triples as conductor. It is fifty-nine years since a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in this tower, when it was rung by the College Youths in 1845.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

F. PESTELL .. Treble.	D. HAYWARD 4.
W. A. ARNOTT 2.	J. GODFREY 5.
E. R. TODD 3.	G. ORFORD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD LEIGH Treble.	JACK PRESTON 5.
ERNEST LEIGH 2.	GEORGE MALYAN 6.
JOHN LEIGH 3.	ALBERT BELTON 7.
WILLIAM LEIGH 4.	HENRY KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by J. PRESTON.

First peal by all except the conductor, and was rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rev. Walter John Nesbitt's induction as Vicar of this parish.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR FARRAR* Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
JOHN BUTTERY 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS TOWNSEND .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURROUGH .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 7.
WILLIAM YOULDEN* .. 4.	WILLIAM NETHERCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.

*First peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.—E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, KINGSTON.)

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

HARRY LAST Treble.	ALBERT STRUTT 6.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
JOHN HOWES 3.	GEORGE STRUTT 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER 9.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 5.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alice of Albany and H.S.H. Prince Alexander of Teck. Further reference elsewhere.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

THOMAS HORTON Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

COLSTON BASSET, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Treble.	REV. A. D. HILL 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	*WALTER WHITE 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 4.	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This the heaviest ring of bells upon which a peal of Double Norwich has been accomplished, and was rung at the second attempt. At the conclusion the band congratulated Mr. Knights on the superb way he had handled the tenor throughout the peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	†HENRY W. KIRTON 5.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON† .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	ROWLAND E. VYSE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
ROBERT W. HYNER 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	SIDNEY PALMER 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS 4.	*CHARLES J. GARDINER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Norman.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	CHARLES GORDON 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.	FRANK GOODING Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Evan Lewis, trustee of this church.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALLAN RHEAM Treble.	EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
EDWARD SEARLE 2.	JAMES HOARE 6.
WILLIAM GREENSLADE .. 3.	WILLIAM RICE 7.
CHARLES MORSE 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING* .. Treble.	FENTON THOMPSON 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON 2.	GEORGE BERRY 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	WILLIAM DREW Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

ARMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At Christ Church, Upper Armley,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN.* 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. 3.	JAMES BETTS 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.

REGINALD G. FURLAND Treble	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 4.
ERNEST J. FARTHING† .. 2.	SIDNEY M. LOXTON 5.
WALTER J. BOWDEN .. 3.	*JOHN WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER J. BOWDEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Challice, sister to the ringer of the 4th.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 5.
WILLIAM ALLEN 2.	JOHN F. FOSTER 6.
FRANK FURR 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FRANCIS R. BACON 4.	*WILLIAM EBBS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Warner.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
DANIEL REDHEAD 2.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 6.
FRANK KIRK 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
GEORGE LINES 4.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

First peal as conductor.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in the method by the Association on the bells, and in the county of Somerset.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3.	*FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Brame. First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Stedman.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD Treble.	HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. 5.
FRANK FAY 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN 6.
ALBERT E. WARD* 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	GEORGE PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the donor of the bells.

WALSALL STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN Treble.	*HENRY H. SOMERVILLE .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE 8.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
JOHN PERRY 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES NEAVEVERSON* .. Treble	*THOMAS BAINBRIDGE .. 4.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 2.	CHARLES NEWHAM 5.
NATHANIEL MOXON 3.	THOMAS MURRAY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

*First peal. The ringer of the treble had never rung a 720 before.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DOUGLAS HARRIS Treble.	SIDNEY AVIS 5.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 6.
WILLIAM BROWN* 3.	ERNEST HERBERT 7.
WALTER SMITH 4.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRIS.

*First peal on eight bells.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	RICHARD RYLANDS 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
THOMAS POLLITT 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD MANKELOW .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
SYDNEY C. F. SAKER .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
WILLIAM SPICE* 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Nevard and Brighton. The band wish to thank Mr. Nevard for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HORACE FLOYD* Treble.	HARRY GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 2.	CHARLES GOLDING 6.
WILLIAM FLOYD 3.	GEORGE WARNER 7.
JAMES FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NEWELL.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells by a local band.

(Several peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

Notices.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in All Saints' Belfry to-day, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards from 6 to 7. Members cordially invited.

JOHN HICKMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham to-day, Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. *Holy Trinity, Barking Road, open at 7.* Meeting after tea. Members kindly note that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse Inn at 7.30 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The London County Association, late St. James' Society.—A meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. Tower open from 5 till 9. Members and others are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesdays, February 17th and March 2nd, and at St. Magnus on Thursday, February 25th. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Anniversary Commemoration Dinner.—This will be held as usual on the evening of Saturday, February 27th next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 prompt. Chair will be taken by R. A. Daniell, Esq. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application not later than Wednesday, Feb. 24th next. Subscribing members who are fully entitled to tickets are also requested to apply for same as early as possible. There will be ringing on the 12 bells at St. Martin's at 3.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 4. Tea kindly provided by the local band at 5.30. As a special favour the bells of St. Paul's, Hounslow, will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Members kindly note this is not for practice but to endeavour to interest the officials in change-ringing.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hillingdon.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULFITT, *Hon. Sec.*
W. BENTHAM

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, 27th February.
J. SHEPPARD, *Dist. Sec.*

CORRECTION.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Pickworth has removed to "Fairview," 12, Frobisher Road, Hornsey.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—This is the first peal of Royal by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 9th, and the first peal of Bob Royal by all except J. W. Driver, and was rung at first attempt. It is 100 years since a peal in this method has been rung upon these bells. The following is a copy of a peal board in the tower recording the performance:—"A Compleat Peal of Bob Magor Royal, was rung in this steeple on Tuesday, January 10th, 1804, in 3 hours, 30 minutes. Geo. Ivey Treble, Joh. Clark 2, Zeph. Puttock 3, Thos. Mofseuw 4, Thos. Emmerton 5, Richd. Laming 6, Thos. Wright 7, Edwd. Briggs 8, Robt. Collins 9, Wm. Cook Tenor. Called by Wm. Cook.

WRAGBY CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

The members of this band, with the adult members of the church choir and other officers of the church, to the number of 25, were entertained to a sumptuous supper, given by the Right Hon. Lord St. Oswald, of Nostell Priory, at The Spread Eagle inn, Wragby, on the evening of the 20th January.

The Vicar, Rev. G. E. Badeley, was at the head of the table with his workers, showing the good feeling existing amongst them. When all seemed to have satisfied the cravings of the inner man with the good things provided by the host, Mr. C. Hepworth, and before leaving the supper table, Lord St. Oswald's health was proposed, and he was thanked for his generosity in providing the needful for this feast of good things.

The company then retired to another apartment, reserved for the occasion. The Vicar taking the chair, Mr. H. Butterfield, the organist, was asked to preside at the piano, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in the singing of songs, duets, recitations, speeches and touches on the handbells.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. J. Haigh, choir master, proposed the health of the church workers, alluding to the bells and their ringers. He said he was very sorry to say that there did not seem to be the same enthusiasm and interest taken in the art of change-ringing to-day as there used to be some years ago, which he very much regretted, church bells being so keenly associated with our national rejoicings and local occasions. Their sounds seem to appeal emotionally to our better natures. What more pleasing sounds could be heard on a calm Sunday morning than the distant music of church bells pealing forth and calling worshippers to the House of God. He for one would be very sorry if the bells were silent.

Other speeches followed, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought this happy gathering to a close.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Horley Branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual supper at The Thorns inn on January 7th, when a good company of ringers and friends sat down to a capital tea, provided by host Cornwall. The Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Lewis, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, the

curate. Mr. F. E. Glover, people's church-warden, occupied the vice-chair.

The Vicar proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured. Mr. H. J. Swan then proposed the toast of the church officials. Mr. F. E. Glover, responding, said in spite of what they had heard he assured the bellringers that their services were thoroughly appreciated.

The Vicar, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Horley Bellringers," said they had a band of ringers who were exceedingly popular with the parishioners. Mr. W. Edwards, foreman of the ringers, heartily thanked the parishioners for their kind support during the year. Mr. A. Songhurst, also responding, said the Horley band had been very successful during the year, having completed three peals of 5040 with three recruits.

Songs by Messrs. Swan, W. Wood, Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, and Edwards, and tunes on the handbells by J. Kenward, D. Etheridge, A. Etheridge, A. Songhurst and S. Kenward brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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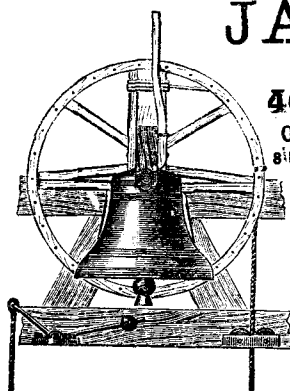
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