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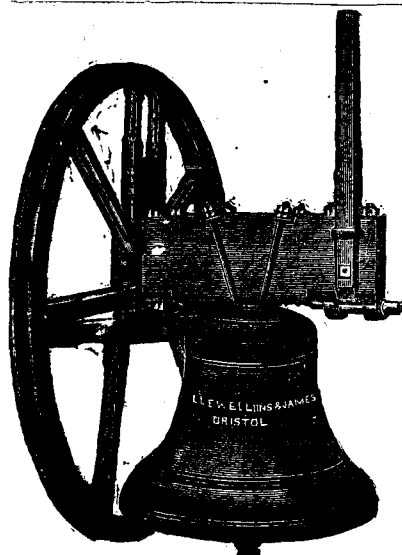
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

PONTEFRAC (Yorks). St. Giles. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1835; treble by the same, 1850. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mallaby, 1887. Repairs promptly attended to. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, October to March inclusive, 7.30.

POOLE (Dorset). St. James. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Dobson, 1821. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs for at least fifty years. Soundbows much worn. Quarter-turning has been recommended, but owing to lack of funds no steps have been taken. Ropes new 1897, fair. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Saturday, 7.30.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset). Dedication unknown. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor, 1897; the rest by Bilbie, 1772. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Clocking permitted. Back six require rehanging, but there is no interest. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 2nd in month, 10 to 11, and 5 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

PORTMADOC (Carnarvon). St. John. North Wales Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, the two trebles 1902, the rest 1900. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fixed. Ropes new 1902. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing; 9.30 to 10, 2.45 to 3.15, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

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DEDICATION OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Sunday, February 7th, in the presence of a crowded congregation, many being glad to stand in the aisles and outside in the churchyard, the Bishop of Worcester dedicated to the memory of the late Miss Ryland a ring of eight bells, presented by her father, Mr. Thomas Ryland, of Gravelly Hill. The Bishop's opening allusions to the late Miss Ryland were apt and felicitous, especially the two verses of her poem on "Bells," which he read out with such emphasis and beauty. Joyous thanksgiving, the Bishop truly said, was the keynote of Miss Ryland's life, and this, in the face of much suffering; so the keynote of the bells would be a call to sacrifice and praise and worship.

After the Blessing by the Bishop a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and when the congregation were dispersing five courses of Stedman Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by T. Russam. The bells, which are a nice ring, are by Taylor, tenor about 15 cwt. in F, and the "go" leaves nothing to be desired. There is rather too much noise at present, but no doubt that will be altered. The following members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, took part in the ringing: T. Russam, T. Reynolds, T. Pigott, H. Withers, W. Ellis, A. Pegler, W. C. Hunt, A. P. Smith, S. Jessop.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting of this district was held at Bromley, on Saturday, January 23rd, when about twenty-five members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced about 4.30 p.m. At 6 p.m. the business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. W. J. Aldridge occupying the chair. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting held at Chislehurst were read and confirmed. On the proposition of Mr. R. Brett, seconded by Mr. J. H. Preston, E. D. Till, Esq., Eynsford Priory, was elected an Honorary Member of the Association. Messrs. J. W. Wells and A. Poole (Bromley), and S. Styles (Hayes), were elected practising members. Mr. J. Town proposed, and Mr. W. Smith seconded, that Woolwich be the place of the next quarterly meeting. Eynsford was proposed by Mr. R. Brett, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Preston; Crayford was proposed by Mr. H. S. Humphrey, and seconded by Mr. R. J. Carter. On being put to the vote, Eynsford was carried for the last Saturday in April. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Aldridge for so ably presiding. Various touches were rung till 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Dunster Deanery branch of the Diocesan Guild recently held their annual meeting at Cutcombe, and it was well attended, there being about forty-five members and friends present. The society, as a local branch, has only been a short time in existence, and holds its meetings in various parts of the district, Cutcombe being chosen on the present occasion for the reason that a new treble bell has just been placed in the church tower, this completing a ring of six bells, and it was arranged by the Rector (Rev. R. T. de Carteret), that the dedication of the new bell should take place on the day of meeting. Mr. J. Sully, of Zinch, Stogumber, undertook all the arrangements for the supply and the hanging of the bell. The bell was cast by Messrs. Taylor, and weighs a little over 4½ cwt. The bells were formerly five in number, cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1761, and were a similar ring to those cast by the same maker in the town of Selworthy, dated 1757, and of Luccombe, 1759, the last-named being rather heavier bells. The Cutcombe bells were rehung by Mr. Sully between six and seven years ago, when preparations were made for the addition of another bell.

The dedication service was held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, and was conducted by the Rev. R. T. de Carteret, assisted by the Rev. F. M. Etherington, of Minehead, president of the Minehead branch of the Guild. It consisted of the shortened form of evening service, the prayers being said by the Rector, and the special lesson read by the Rev. F. M. Etherington. The choir were present, and the special psalms and hymns were very nicely sung, the organ being played by Mrs. de Carteret. After the third collect, the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," was sung, and the clergy then proceeded to the belfry, where the Cutcombe ringers were in readiness. The dedicatory prayers were said by the Rector, and the new bell was rung up, a few rounds on the whole of the bells being then given. The service was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," and the Rector pronounced the Benediction. Afterwards the Minehead and Dulverton ringers went into the belfry and rang several touches on the bells, and all agreed that not only was the splice a good one, the tone of the bell being in perfect accord with the rest, but that the "go" of all the bells was excellent.

The company then adjourned to the schoolroom at Wheddon Cross, where, under the presidency of the Rev. F. M. Etherington, supported by the Rev. R. T. de Carteret and Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, Hon. Secretary of the branch, they sat down to a high tea, provided by Mrs. Bryant, of Wheddon Cross, to whom all praise is due for the excellence of the provision and the way in which everything was carried out. The business meeting followed, representatives being present from the following towers: Minehead, Exton, Dunster, Carhampton, Dulverton, Winsford, Cutcombe, Stogumber, and Selworthy. Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from the Rev. J. U. Todd (Alcombe), and Mr. H. W. Todd (Old Cleeve).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the chairman said some people did not know that the branch started in September last when a meeting of the whole association was held at Minehead, after which the local branch was formed. Meetings had since been held at Dunster and Winsford, and the present meeting was the third. Considering the weather, they might safely say that the present was a record meeting,

and it showed that up to the present the branch was doing good work. It had been suggested that as subscriptions were now due, the meeting should be considered the annual meeting, it being the first that had been held in the year.

This was agreed to, and the Secretary announced that any change in names in any of the towers should be sent to him at once, to be included in the annual report.

The chairman having stated that the first business would be the election of officers, Mr. W. Hawkins proposed the re-election of the Rev. F. M. Etherington as president, and of Mr. Stacey as hon. secretary.

Mr. S. Mason seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried, both officers expressing their willingness to do all they could for the branch.

Mr. Louis Phillips, of Exton, was, on the proposition of Mr. H. Phillips, seconded by Mr. S. Cornelius, elected a new member.

The Chairman observed that the Society had been made so very welcome at Cutcombe that they would like to express, as broadly as possible, their hope that the Cutcombe ringers would join the branch, the subscription being only 1s. a year.

The Cutcombe ringers having expressed their willingness to join, they were, on the proposition of Mr. G. Atkins, seconded by Mr. T. Newbury, elected as probationers, and the Rev. R. T. de Carteret was elected an honorary member.

The Chairman said he would like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. T. de Carteret and the other friends at Cutcombe for the very kind welcome they had extended to the ringers, and they would see by the grand number that had turned up that their kindness was appreciated.

The Rev. R. T. de Carteret acknowledged the compliment, and hoped that they might some time have the pleasure of another visit.

The Chairman having to leave, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him, and his place was taken by the Rev. R. T. de Carteret.

Mr. S. Mason proposed, and Mr. Cornelius seconded, that the next place of meeting should be Wiveliscombe.

Mr. Stacey proposed Old Cleeve, and pointed out that that place had been suggested on two previous occasions.

Mr. J. Grabham seconded, and on a vote being taken, there were 17 for Wiveliscombe and 15 for Old Cleeve, the former being therefore declared carried, the meeting to be, if possible, on the first Saturday in May.

A discussion arose as to the sending of instructors for the Cutcombe ringers, and ultimately representatives from Dulverton, Exton and Dunster promised to attend alternately.

Mr. Hawkins having congratulated the Carhampton ringers in their success in scoring two peals since the last meeting, the business was brought to a close, and many of the ringers returned to the church, where ringing was continued until about 8.30, mixed bands ringing touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

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On Saturday, February 27th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Crossens, when forty members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Halsall, Ormskirk, Southport, Upholland and Wigan. Several excellent touches were rung on the bells during the course of the afternoon, and a most hearty welcome accorded to each one by the genial Master of the Guild (Rev. W. T. Bulpit), who was far from well, but nevertheless was indefatigable in showing the visiting members through the church and institute, which were greatly admired by all, and by his kind invitation the members adjourned to the school, where an excellent tea was partaken of, and greatly enjoyed by all. The business was of a routine character, and greatly regretted the absence of Mr. J. Martin, who was unable to be present through unforeseen circumstances, and on the motion of Mr. J. Ascroft (Croston), seconded by Mr. Sholicar (Ormskirk), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for his kindness, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Three new performing members were elected.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

THE THREE TOWNS BRANCH (Plymouth).—During the year ending December 31st last the above branch of the Guild experienced their most successful year in regard to change-ringing since their formation. Ten peals were rung as follows: March 11th, at St. George's church, Stonehouse, Bob Major; March 14th, at the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, Grandsire Triples; May 6th, Liskeard parish church, Cornwall, Grandsire Triples; October 3rd, the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, Grandsire Triples; October 12th, Totnes parish church, Grandsire Triples; October 14th, Charles Church, Plymouth, Bob Royal; October 17th, the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, Bob Major; November 18th, Charles Church, Plymouth, Bob Royal; December 2nd, Charles Church, Plymouth, Grandsire Caters; December 10th, the Dockyard Chapel, Grandsire Triples. A total of two Bob Royal, two Bob Major, one Grandsire Caters, and five Grandsire Triples. Up to the present this is the only local band in the Guild that has rung a peal of Royal. In addition to the above a half-peal and three quarter-peals of Grandsire Caters, six quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and four 6-scores of Kent Treble Bob Minor, besides numerous touches have been rung. On December 26th twelve of the band visited Exeter and started in the morning for a peal of Bob Royal at St. Sidwell's church, but after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. (3800 changes) broke down, partly through the organ being played by someone after getting through half the peal. In the afternoon they visited the Cathedral and rang touches of Grandsire Caters on those beautiful bells. The branch now has four honorary and twenty-two performing members.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.—A meeting of the above took place at West Ham on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing commenced at 3.30, some Grandsire Triples and Caters being rung. Tea was held in the Mission Hall, to which thirty-seven members sat down, amongst whom were the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (General Secretary), Hon. A. P. Erskine and Messrs. Dean and Jackson (the Secretary and assistant secretary of the Surrey Association). A business meeting was held after tea, at which the Master, Mr. S. Hayes, presided. Twelve new members were elected, and after some discussion it was decided if possible to hold the next meeting at Bobbingworth, a ring of six, lately rehung, the Master expressing a hope that the members having selected that place would endeavour to make a success of the meeting, which would perhaps awaken an interest in change-ringing and the Association around that part of the county. The Master having proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Ham and to the Rev. —, Morrow for his kindness

in making arrangements for the meeting, the members again went to the tower and rang some Double Norwich Major, Treble Bob Royal, and a good touch of Stedman Caters (conducted by A. J. Perkins). The tower of Holy Trinity was open to the members in the evening, some of whom made use of the opportunity.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, January 21st, a most successful supper was held at Church House, Greenwich. The Rev. E. Lionel Gedge was in the chair and ably supported by the Rev. C. Graham, Churchwarden Croft, Mr. Howard Moss, organist, J. H. Cheesman, W. Harper, L. Silver, and the whole of the St. George's Society and friends from Milton. A most excellent spread was put on the table and ample justice done to every course. After the table was cleared many friends came in to spend a happy hour with the ringers. The chairman gave the toast of "The King," which was duly honoured, all singing the National Anthem. Mr. R. Tall, the Secretary of the Society, in thanking the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in coming among them that evening, said how very gratifying it was to have such a man as Mr. Croft to take such an interest in the Society. He did everything he could for the benefit of the Society and bells, no trouble was too much, and he had always found him a thorough gentleman and was treated with the utmost courtesy from all the officers of the church. Mr. Croft, in responding to the toast of his health, said how pleased he was to be with them that evening. He took a great interest in the ringers, and hoped this would be the first of a long list of annual suppers in connection with the Society. He was pleased and willing to do whatever he could for the ringers. He found this was the first supper of the Society after a lapse of over fifty years. He congratulated them on their improved ringing and hoped they would go on and learn more of the Art. Other toasts were duly honoured, and a capital concert had been arranged by Mr. Croft. Some excellent songs were rendered, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

NOTES TO PEALS.

Mr. J. W. GOLDING'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 3, Caters 3; Stedman Triples 9 conducted 1, Caters 5, Cinques 2; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 2, Royal 3, Maximus 2; Double Norwich Major 3, Royal 4; Westminster Surprise 2, St. Stephen's 1, Superlative 12, Cambridge 9 (1 silent), London 23 conducted 3 (1 silent). On Handbells: Grandsire Triples 2, Caters 1; Stedman Triples 2, Caters 1, Cinques 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 2; Superlative Surprise 2. Total 100, conducted 4.

THE PEAL AT COLCHESTER.—Mr. L. W. Wiffen's 50 Peals.—Bob Triples 1; Grandsire Triples 3, Caters 1; Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Royal 2, Maximus 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3; Stedman Triples 4, Caters 4, Cinques 2; Double Norwich Major 8 (including a 10,080), Royal 2; Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge 3, New Cambridge 1, London 6.

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A well attended meeting of the above Association was held at Longton on Saturday, March 5th, about fifty members being present from the following towers, viz., Longton, Fenton, Stoke, Stone, Hanley, Tunstall, Uttoxeter and Leek. Touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung from 4 o'clock to 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a capital tea had been provided by the local ringers. A short meeting followed, when the Rev. H. C. Frith, Hon. Clerical Secretary and Treasurer, who is leaving the neighbourhood, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret. Mr. Frith has held office five years, and carries with him the best wishes of the Association.

On the motion of Mr. G. Smith, seconded by Mr. H. Page, the Rev. H. P. Barchard, of Tunstall, was elected to succeed Mr. Frith.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, and to the Longton ringers for their hospitality.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. W. Twigg (Hon. Lay Secretary), who is seriously ill. Ringing was continued in various methods till about 9 o'clock.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

A very pleasant little ceremony took place in the belfry of this church on Tuesday evening, March 8th, when the members of the above Society invited Mr. Churchwarden E. A. Davies, their vice-president, to meet them for the purpose of making him a small present as a marriage gift, which consisted of a beautiful bell, cast and silver-plated by Mears and Stainbank, mounted upon an oak frame so as to form a dinner gong for the hall table. The members present were Messrs. T. Faulkner, A. Hardy, C. Fenn, A. Carter, F. Faulkner, J. Cottis, H. Parker, and the South Western Divisional Master, Mr. S. Hayes.

Mr. Thos. Faulkner, in making the presentation on behalf of the ringers, said they all knew the great interest Mr. Davies had always taken in their Society to bring it to its present state of efficiency, for without his sympathy and encouragement, not alone with his advice but with his purse, he was afraid that Barking would not have made that stride in the noble science of change-ringing it had, for it was entirely due to him that St. Margaret's is what it is—a model belfry—and without his guidance their best endeavours would have fallen very flat. They asked him to accept their little present not merely as a souvenir of his marriage, but more particularly as a token of the warm affection and esteem with which they regarded him.

Mr. S. Hayes endorsed all that Mr. Faulkner had said in reference to Mr. Davies, saying that no ringers could ever have a better leader. His influence was not only felt in that belfry, but permeated the whole county of Essex, and he (Mr. Hayes) hoped that many years would pass ere Mr. Davies would set his bell and say "That's all."

Mr. Davies said that whatever he had done for the bells and ringers of St. Margaret's had been a labour of love. He had been connected with the Society since the year 1871; indeed, with the late Mr. Robert Sewell, he could claim to have been one of its founders. He had been a ringer all his life, and he was still second to none in his love of ringing and ringers. He would still continue to be not only their vice-president, but an active ringer amongst them, and whenever they wanted his help and advice, they could always command it. He felt that work in the belfry for thirty years had not been wasted when he saw around him such a good band of ringers. He would take their present in the affectionate spirit in which it was given, and it would always remind him of the happy hours they had spent together in that belfry and elsewhere. He thanked them most heartily.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT ST. MARY'S, BOCKING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 19th, a peal tablet was unveiled in this church by Colonel Saville. It has been the custom on former occasions to put up what is called a peal-board when anything

interesting in the ringing world has been accomplished, but on this occasion the ringers thought they would like something more substantial, so with generous help they have been able to erect a beautifully designed and executed marble tablet in the Decorated Period of Gothic Architecture, setting forth the date of the peal and by whom it was rung, and which was the first peal since the bells were rehung at the sole expense of the Dean and Mrs. Carrington. After a few introductory remarks, by the Rev. —. Casson as to why the ringers had assembled, the Colonel unveiled the tablet precisely at 5 o'clock, and commented on the design and workmanship, hoping it would be an incentive to ringers to go forward and pursue the noble Art, and also hoped that it would be a lasting memorial for all time. This ceremony ended the company repaired to The Black Boy hotel, where the Rev. —. Casson expressed the pleasure he felt at being amongst church workers, and every one agreed that the best thanks were due to the Dean and Mrs. Carrington for their repeated acts of kindness, and for the splendid tea which had been provided for them. Mr. Dunlop, who has executed many beautiful works of art in the county, was present at the tea, and it is needless to say that his work with regard to the tablet was very much admired. It is to be hoped, in the near future, that the parishioners of Bocking will see their way to accede to a long cherished wish of ringers far and near, viz., that two more bells be added to complete the octave which would then be one of the best peals in the county.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27th, a peal-board was unveiled by the Rev. T. T. Papillon, Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Norris also being present, to commemorate the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung here on January 6th, 1904. The Vicar read some prayers from the form used at the annual meetings of the Essex Association. He then unveiled the board, congratulating the ringers on their success and hoped they would stick together as in the past and ring more peals. A date touch in the same method was then rung by the band who rang the peal, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. Wood, T. Lincoln, E. J. Runter, F. G. Radley, H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Head. The local band have now rang peals of Grandsire Triples, Union Triples, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob, Court Bob, Plain Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The board is black, lettered in gold.

PRESENTATION AT ST. GEORGE'S HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the ringers of the above church met to have a farewell ring with Mr. Edward Reader, the highly-esteemed conductor of the company, who is leaving Stockport to reside at Mellor, Derbyshire. A date touch of Stedman Caters, the composition of T. Marshall, one of the above company, was rung in 1 hr. 16 mins. After the ringing a very pleasing duty was undertaken by Mr. Jno. W. Bayley (tower-keeper, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar), who presented Mr. Reader with a handsome pipe and case and a silver-mounted walking stick, given by the ringers of St. George's.

Mr. Bayley in a short speech alluded to the great loss sustained by the St. George's company by the retirement of Mr. Reader, and said he spoke for all the members when he wished him long life, good health, and prosperity in his new sphere of labour.

Mr. T. Marshall said that in losing Mr. Reader they had lost a most excellent conductor, but trusted that one or more members would try very hard to reach the standard of Mr. Reader.

Mr. Barnes (Reddish), also spoke as to Mr. Reader's excellence both as a ringer and conductor, and said that he was sorry that Mr. Reader was leaving, but hoped he would as often as possible come amongst them, and he was sure he would always receive a hearty welcome.

Mr. Reader in a few words thanked the company for the beautiful present which had come as a surprise to him, and promised that whenever it was convenient he would pay his friends in St. George's belfry a visit.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—The ringers, choir and sidesmen of this church were entertained to supper by the Rector and churchwardens on New Year's Eve. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, and the eatables were very appetising. After supper the Rector (the Rev. E. Bromley-Kingston) said how pleased he was to meet such a splendid body of church workers as he had before him that evening, and he also wished to say how grateful he was to them for the work they so cheerfully gave to the Church, and for the very admirable manner in which it was executed. He wished them all a prosperous new year. The churchwardens (Messrs. S. Dall and J. Holdcroft) also testified to the harmony which prevailed amongst the churchworkers of Norton, which was due in a great measure to the tact and energy displayed by the Rector as the head of affairs, for without a good leader the interest and enthusiasm of any object would soon flag and fall short of what was required of it.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the ringers, said it was a great pleasure to work for the Rector and churchwardens, for whatever was done was always appreciated and encouraged, and whenever it was so it had a tendency to give an impetus to the work and helped to make it a success.

Mr. E. B. Wain showed some very interesting local views with his lantern, and also showed different sections of Whitfield Colliery, both on the surface and in the pit, which were explained in a versatile manner and held the attention of his hearers from start to finish. Songs were rendered by various members of the choir, after which the ringers rang the old year out and the new year in.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Tuesday, January 5th, the ringers and adult members of the choir of St. David's were entertained to supper by the Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Jones at the vicarage. Before supper many games were indulged in, including bagatelle, while others took the pipe that cheers. A most sumptuous repast was partaken of, the tables being most beautifully laid out by Mrs. Jones and many fair helpers, each part-end coming up in grand style. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs and recitations, and tunes on the handbells. Toasts were given during the evening and were responded to, including "The host and hostess," the performance of which must have been heard on Snowdon. The party broke up in the early hours of the morning by the singing of the National Anthem and Auld lang syne, all having enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent.

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."

UNIVERSITY COMPETITION.

SIR,—There are no doubt many members of the Exercise who have been interested from time to time in the doings of Oxford and Cambridge University Guilds, and more especially perhaps of that which appeared in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" of February 13th, viz.: a peal of Stedman Triples by the Oxford University Guild, and a peal of Minor by the Cambridge University Guild. It has often occurred to me that there may be a little more life—if I may so say—put into these two very important Guilds, and in order to obtain that object my idea is, if it could in any way be possibly done, to establish a friendly rivalry between the two Universities in the Art of change-ringing, and if it could be so arranged to have an annual contest on a very small scale similar to that of the boat race, or to that which used to exist, if not now, between the College and Cumberland Youths, I think it would lead to many more taking up the Art on behalf of the honour of the University; and many who are seeking holy orders would, when appointed to a church with a ring of bells, be able to take a rope with their ringers, and where the Art is not known would be able to teach it. The

advantages for good in this way are many, and our Associations would then be also honoured with many more ringing clergy. Having somewhat ventilated my ideas I must leave it in the hands of better men than myself, and that it may lead to success is the earnest wish of
T. DOBLE.

BRIGHTONIAN.—The matter is closed; why attempt to re-open it?

W. T. ELSON.—Correspondence on "Treble Dominated," is apparently finished, therefore your letter is unnecessary.

Obituary.

HENRY DANIELS.

The death of the above-named ringer took place on Sunday evening, February 21st, at Streatham, in his 78th year. He had been a ringer between fifty and sixty years, and has rung the Immanuel church (Streatham) bells since they were first hung thirty-nine years ago. A native, born in Streatham, he lived there all his life, and was closely identified with Immanuel church, both as a chorister and a ringer, and was also steeple-keeper and controller of the ringing there. Amid many evidences of the esteem in which he was held, and regret at his death, a beautiful memorial service was held at Immanuel church on the day of the funeral, Friday, February 26th, previous to the burial which took place at Norwood Cemetery the same afternoon. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Immanuel bells to his memory on Saturday evening, February 27th, by the Mitcham company.

WILLIAM CHARGE.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of the above named ringer, which took place on March 4th (his 23rd birthday) from consumption. He was buried in his native village, Little Hadham, Herts., on March 12th. He was a working member of the All Saints (Fulham) Society, and also belonged to the Essex and Middlesex Associations, the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and the Waterloo Society. Although his active ringing career had lasted only about eighteen months, he had rung thirteen peals, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Grandsire Triples, 2; Bob Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1. His last ringing effort was to arrange the "William peal" of Treble Ten at Fulham in April, 1902, which illness prevented him from ringing in. Since that time his health had gradually failed, and his death cut short a ringing career which had been full of promise.

WILLIAM MILLER.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. Miller, of Wolstanton, who died suddenly on Friday, March 4th, aged 55, took place on Tuesday, March 8th, at St. Margaret's church, amid many manifestations of regret. The deceased had been a bellringer at the above church for about forty years, and for thirty years of that time had been conductor. He had taken part in a number of peals, chiefly Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. He was a careful striker and safe conductor. On the following Sunday evening 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply-muffled. Just before the funeral a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by W. Fitchford, and at night, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. The ringers representing the Stoke Archidiaconal Association at the funeral were S. Churton and W. Rigby.

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THE suggestions made by a correspondent on another page relative to the formation of a recognised friendly rivalry between the change-ringing societies of the two universities may be thought somewhat novel. We don't think that any unpleasant features would accompany such a rivalry as our correspondent portrays. It would give a little more life to both bodies, perhaps, though it must

be said that within the past few years the two University Guilds have made greater progress than ever.

If such would tend to popularise change-ringing more and more among the undergraduates of Oxford and Cambridge, then good will ensue. Those gentlemen who are at present actual members of the Guilds will perhaps think upon the proposals; no harm can be done by talking about them. An increase of membership of the Guilds would be of great advantage to change-ringing, because, as our correspondent says: "Our Associations would then be honoured with more ringing clergy."

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths will attempt 20,000 Double Norwich at Erith on Easter Monday, starting at 7 a.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

A very enjoyable meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, March 12th, at Todmorden Unitarian Church, ringers being present from Rochdale, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey and Colne. Proceedings commenced with touches of Grandsire Triples, followed by Bob Major, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples, when the company adjourned for tea, after which the usual business meeting was held.

Secretary Bastow read the minutes of the last meeting which included the election of Mr. S. Brierly as a member of the committee owing to the Rochdale branch having increased their membership to over 100. The minutes being passed as read, five new performing members were elected.

Heywood and Leesfield near Oldham were proposed and seconded as the next place of meeting, Heywood being selected by a large majority. No other business being forthcoming, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having all in readiness. The bells were kept going in Stedman Triples till 8.30, when the members separated to catch their respective trains after another very successful meeting.

LAVENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A large chiming clock has been erected upon the parish church, and was formally started this week. It is a memorial to the late Robert Battams, Esq., who lived for fifty years in the locality.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON 5.
ALFRED B. PECK 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by N. J. Pittsow, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is J. W. Golding's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH* .. Treble,	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
SIDNEY WADE* 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal of London; also on the bells. First peal in the method rung by the Association in the county of Middlesex.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

MARK WOODCOCK Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	HERBERT LANGDON 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
FRANK SMITH 4.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung on the back eight (having met short), with bells half-muffled for the Duke of Cambridge.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	JAMES SCHOLES 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 6.
EDWARD WALLAGE 3.	EMANUEL HALL 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Duke of Cambridge.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

GEO. BESTER Treble.	W. PICKWORTH 5.
A. GLASSCOCK 2.	M. FENSOM 6.
F. A. MILNE 3.	*J. ARMSTRONG 7.
J. MILLER 4.	A. DODSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.

*First peal as conductor.

Gandbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, March 17, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, "FRODINGHAM,"

ELMHURST STREET, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	HERBERT LANGDON 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday; also to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. W. H. Pasmore. Umpires—H. Pasmore and A. Hardy (Royal Cumberland Youth).

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On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. G. ORFORD Treble.	F. PLANT 5.
J. SMITH 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
J. BASS 3.	A. J. SKELDING 7.
F. BRACE 4.	R. MATHEWS Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY T. LAST Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	†ALFRED J. REDMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

†First peal, and was elected a member of the Association before starting. First peal in the method on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

FRANK YORK* Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.
THOMAS R. SCOTT* .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	†FREDERICK WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in seven methods and first attempt. †First peal in seven methods with a working bell.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 6-scores of Stedman, fourteen of Plain Bob, and fourteen of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

F. MASON Treble.	*C. GREEDY 4.
G. ATKINS 2.	H. MOORE 5.
C. SUMMERS 3.	†C. DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 16, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HAYES'S VARIATION OF REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM PHIPPS Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 5.
FRED HAYES 2.	†FREDERICK P. PAINTIN .. 6.
RALPH COLES* 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 7.
EDWARD MARKHAM† .. 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by RALPH COLES.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell. The 3rd has recently been rehung by Webb and Bennett, the "go" being excellent.

WORTLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT RUFFELL* .. Treble.	*CLIFF DRONFIELD .. 5.
THOMAS MCKEGG .. 2.	ARTHUR JOHN SAXBY .. 6.
GEO THIRKELL SAXBY* .. 3.	JOHN PARKIN 7.
JOHN DRONFIELD .. 4.	EDWARD ROBBINS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

*First peal in the method.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM* .. Treble.	ARTHUR HAGUE 4.
MARTIN SIMMONITE* .. 2.	JOE SMITH 5.
ALBERT KETTEL .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Rung on the light six.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5440 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. 4.	*WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the eleventh birthday of the Marquis of Titchfield, son and heir of the Duke of Portland, which occurred on Wednesday, March 16th.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	ALFRED JONES 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	*HARRY LAST 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH)

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

LEONARD ALLBN Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 2.	FREDK. W. HERBERT .. 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 8.
FREDK. DEXTER 4.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 9.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 5.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Royal on the bells, and first as conductor on ten bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 6.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	*HERBERT LITTLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. This makes the conductor's fiftieth peal rang in this tower.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES:

IN THE LONDON VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EZRA KEIGHLEY Treble.	CHARLES PRATT 5.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY* 2.	*ARTHUR WHEATER 6.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS 3.	*FRED PAGE 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL* 4.	WILLIAM DAVISON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SOTTANSTAL, and Conducted by WM. DAVISON.

*First peal in the method.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*— BUMSTEAD 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 2.	*EDWARD EVANS 6.
RICHARD W. STANNARD 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS* 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This was L. W. Wiffen's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

ELLAND, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
FRED CROSSLEY 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
JOHN T. PEARSON 3.	THOMAS POLLITT 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung in honour of the 78th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which took place on March 13th, 1826.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: TAYLOR'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble.	*JAMES BRETHERTON 5.
THOMAS CROOK 2.	EDWARD BANNISTER 6.
JOHN WATKINSON 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7.
SAMUEL WATKINSON 4.	JAMES HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WATKINSON.

*First peal. T. Crook was elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Stannog, late warden of the above church.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
FREDERICK MASTON 2.	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH .. 6.
THOMAS STOCKDALE 3.	JOHN NELSON 7.
ARTHUR SNOWBALL 4.	WILLIAM WADDINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. BUCKLEY Treble.	W. MARSDEN 5.
T. HARROP* 2.	E. GARSIDE 6.
T. JACKSON 3.	J. LAWTON 7.
G. SHAW 4.	J. MALONEY Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by J. BUCKLEY.

First peal as conductor. *First peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM HINTON 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY 2.	*EDWARD JONES 6.
FREDERICK BYWATER 3.	HORACE SMITH 7.
ALFRED DAVIES 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Cambridge.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE VICTORIA TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	LEWIS SILVER 6.
WILLIAM EASTER 3.	FREDERICK FRENCH 7.
JAMES TULETT 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10cwt. in G.

JOHN HARE Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	*WILLIAM J. MAYES 5.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 3.	FREDERICK WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in seven methods.

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GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 21, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARK STANWAY Treble.	MATTHEW DAVENPORT .. 4.
PERCY BAYLEY 2.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5.
SAMUEL ROBINSON 3.	EDWARD JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD JOHNSON.

First peal by all except Messrs. Davenport and Mottershead. First peal on the bells.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

[On Tuesday, March 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. H. METCALFE Treble.	H. C. MAYNE 5.
F. G. METCALFE* 2.	G. W. PEVERELL 6.
H. PEVERELL 3.	W. KINGDON 7.
F. CHARLTON 4.	†J. PALLISTER Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by J. PALLISTER.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method and first peal as conductor.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 22, 1904, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
ERNEST SMITH 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
V. CAIN 3.	WILLIAM SCONCE 7.
H. W. WILDE 4.	JAMES MOULTON Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WELHAM Treble.	WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM G. MELBOURNE .. 2.	WILLIAM SOUTER 6.
EDWARD E. DIAPER 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
FREDERICK ALLAND 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by F. FLEMING, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Cambridge, who was interred that afternoon.

Handbell Peal.

EDINBURGH.—THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1904, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. CLEVELAND ELLIS, 14, COMISTON DRIVE, EDINBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

NORVAL C. WILSON* .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6.
WM. C. S. HEATHCOTE† 3-4.	†C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7-8.

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 17 mins. W. Welham, G. Melbourne, W. Souter, F. Allard, W. Seer longest length in any method, W. E. Tydeman, E. Diaper, W. Rouse. Composed by E. Bennett and conducted by W. Souter.

WATCHET (Somerset).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Organ, C. Binding, H. Organ, C. Greedy conductor, R. Chubb, F. Chidgey.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON.—On February 26th, for practice, 720 Double Court. G. Miles, P. Roper, G. Lancaster, S. Roper, G. Andrews conductor. R. George. On March 4th, 720 Double Oxford, standing as before. On March 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. Roper, P. Roper, G. Lancaster, W. Nevard, G. Andrews conductor, R. George.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On March 15th, for practice, 720 Single Court. W. Dines, W. Nevard, G. Lancaster, S. Roper, R. George, G. Andrews conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice at the Abbey, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Paskins, A. Paskins, J. Chard, W. Tucker, J. Elcombe, W. Fowler, W. H. George conductor, R. White. 224 Bob Major. R. White, J. Elcombe, F. Russen, W. Tucker, J. Walker, G. Newman, W. Fowler, W. H. George conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BROCKDISH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 28th, for Divine service, 720 of College Exercise. On Tuesday, March 1st, for practice, 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gillman, H. Hines, G. Whiting, E. Calver, F. Smith, R. Peake conductor.

CHISLEHURST.—On Monday, February 1st, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the Bishop of Worcester preaching the sermon at the morning service. A. W. Durling, G. French, R. Hims, T. Croombridge conductor, J. H. Preston, G. Durling, T. Harford, G. Dickens.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, at St. John's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, E. Richards, J. Law, S. A. Cullington, F. Davis, J. Davis, W. J. Jeffries, C. Litzer.

HANLEY (Staffs).—On February 24th, on the front six, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. H. Cordall, A. Latham conductor, J. Derbyshire, C. Mee, A. Nixon, T. Latham. Also 120 Bob Minor. J. Derbyshire, T. Latham, E. Landon, Y. Woodward, T. Rhodes, A. Latham conductor. Recently 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Nixon, C. Mee, W. Casey, B. Latham, J. Derbyshire, A. Latham conductor, G. Woods, T. Derbyshire.

NORTH SHOREHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, February 18th. 720 Bob Minor. E. Dumper. C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. On Wednesday, February 24th, 720 Bob Minor. W. H. George, C. Fray, W. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday evening, February 28th, 360 Minor. E. Dumper 1, the rest as before. On Wednesday, March 2nd, 720 of the same. E. Mundy, C. Fray, W. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. Tucker conductor. On March 9th, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. Mundy, W. Rowe, A. Marks, C. Fray conductor, W. Rowe, Walter Rowe.

SETTLE (Yorks).—At the church of Holy Ascension, on Saturday, February 20th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Middleton, J. L. Bulcock, Sidney James, C. J. Lord, John Parker, W. Fell conductor. On February 27th, for practice, 720 College Single. R. Whitehead, H. Graham, W. Middleton, S. James, J. Parker conductor, C. J. Lord.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Wednesday, March 30th, after ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill.
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting will be held at Leeds to-day, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (12) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Nag's Head hotel, Kirkgate, at 7.30 p.m. Election of officers for ensuing year.
F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tenterden to-day, Sat., March 26th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 5 and tea at 5.30. All ringers are heartily welcomed.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—The practice and meeting is cancelled for Monday, March 28th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The next will be held on Monday, April 11th, at 7.45.
T. H. TAPPENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashover on Easter Monday, 4th April. Service at 4.30 p.m., preacher, Rev. A. F. Beeston, of New Mills. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to members, 1s. to others. Meeting after tea. Two miles from Stretton Station on Midland Railway.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Framlingham on Easter Monday, April 4th. The ring of 8 at the parish church and the 6 at Earl Soham will be open. Dinner at The Corn Hall (adjoining The Crown hotel) at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent by March 30th.
CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 4th. Service will be held in St. Helen's church at 1.30, at which the Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange has kindly consented to give an address. Business meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A free tea will be provided at The Angel hotel, Sidbury, at 4.30, to those members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, March 30th. Tickets will be provided to admit members to tea, which can be obtained from me on or before the date of meeting. The following towers are available for ringing: the Cathedral from 5 to 6 p.m. only; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's, St. Nicholas', St. John's and St. Martin's (6). All subscriptions not previously paid should be paid at this meeting. The annual report will be ready for distribution. Members requiring copies of The Glossary can have same on application for them. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter

Monday. Committee meeting at 12.30 at Roff's Rooms, High Street, where luncheon will be provided at 1 o'clock, price 2s. (members half-price). Business will follow. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock. The bells (10) of St. Paul's church will be available for ringing from 9 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. and in the afternoon, and probably St. Peter's. Local secretaries are requested to state numbers attending from their branches to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford, by Wednesday, March 30th.
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
I. HILLS, *Secs.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eckington on Easter Monday. Members are invited to take tea with the Rector at 4 o'clock; those who intend being present at tea must signify their intention not later than Monday, March 28th, to Mr. S. Robinson, jun., 145, High St., Eckington.
S. THOMAS, *Pres.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Easter Monday, April 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.
H. T. WILSON, *Dist. Sec.*
32, Windsor Road, Westcliff.

The Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 4th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells of St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints' and Holy Trinity (Lenton) churches will be available for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45, followed by tea (1s. 6d. each) at 4.30 p.m., and general meeting in the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms. As a guarantee has to be given to the caterers, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present will forward their names to Mr. R. Clifford, 3, Chapel St., Beeston, Notts, so as to reach him not later than first post on Thursday, March 31st.
COLTGRAVE, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, Surrey, on Easter Monday. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. R. Hunt. Tea at the Church Room, opposite the Church, at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual meeting. Visitors and non-members wishing to partake of tea (1s. 6d. per head) must advise Mr. C. E. Read, Flint Cottage, London Road, Ewell, not later than the 31st inst.
CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday, 4th April, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open from 2 o'clock. Service at the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting. A motion will be made for the alteration of the County Districts from five to two, and that in every year four district meetings be held in both divisions. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, 30th March.
St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The new peal of ten in St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, will be opened on Easter Monday at 11.30 a.m. The Vicar invites to luncheon at 1 p.m. those members who notify the secretary by Tuesday, 30th inst. Place for luncheon will appear next week.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 in the afternoon.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Llanfaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant, Glamorganshire, on Easter Monday at 4 o'clock.
Rev. CANNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, when the bells of St. Mary's Church (ring of 8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available all day. Dinner will be provided (1s. to members, 2s. 3d. non-members) at The Belle hotel, Baxtergate, at 2 o'clock. Those intending to be present are requested to send word not later than Wednesday, the 30th inst. to
G. J. CLARKSON, *Pres.*
6, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Christchurch Priory Hants (10 bells), on Saturday, April 9th. See arrangements in next issue of this paper.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART, *Branch Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of this division will take place at Rye on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, 6th April.
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings

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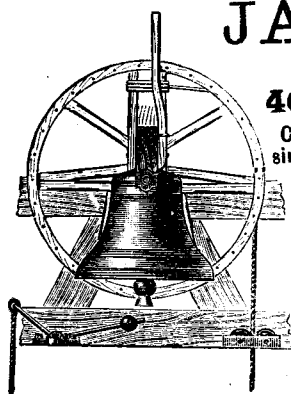
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