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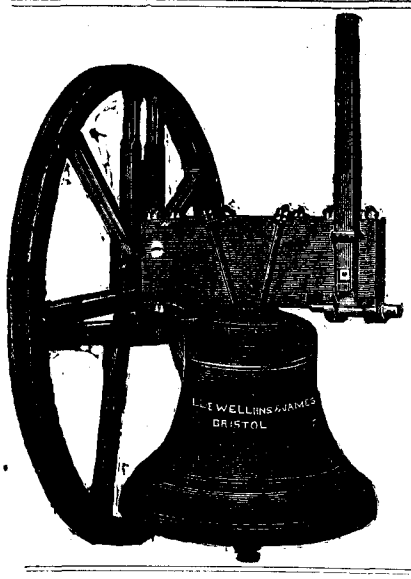

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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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*).

Ranmore (Surrey).—St. Barnabas. Eight bells. All by Mears. No date given. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since first hung. Ropes good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

Raunds (Northants). St. Peter. Northants Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 5th by Taylor, 1898; 7th by Warner, 1878; 4th by Penn, 1723; the rest by Eayre, 1732. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. No repairs since rehung by Taylor, 1898. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, Duffield and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 1st evening in month. Practice: Monday, 7, Saturday 6 in summer, 7 in winter.

Rawmarsh (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. The two trebles 1870; the rest 1856. Tenor 10 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. As soon as debt on Church restoration is paid off, the bells will be attended to. Ropes fair. The bells are not now rung.

Rawtenstall (Lancashire). St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1888, except 7th, 1837. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since 1888. The belfry needs are duly attended to. Ropes to be renewed shortly. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

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It is a commonplace to say that bells and ringing illustrate English history, and I have on former occasions dealt with instances of this. On this occasion I will illustrate my meaning by referring to two men of distinction—Dr. John Caius and John Milton, in connection with St. Bartholomew's bells.

John Caius was born at Norwich in 1510, and became a member of Gonville Hall, Cambridge, in 1529, of which Society he was elected a fellow in 1533. In 1539 he left England to pursue his studies in the Italian University of Padua, in Venetia. It was here that he studied anatomy under Vesalius, an authority on that science, and after making a tour through Italy he returned to England about 1545. He then settled in London, and lived in a house within the parish of St. Bartholomew-the-less—the whole of which parish is now absorbed by St. Bartholomew's Hospital—and devoted himself to medical practice and teaching. As regards the latter, we are told by a competent authority that "he made one great contribution to the cause of scientific progress. This was by his lectures and demonstrations in anatomy at the hall of the Barber-Surgeons, which he seems to have commenced soon after his return from Italy." This means that Dr. Caius was laying one of the foundations of medical and surgical theory and practice, of which we have the advantage of availing ourselves to-day. But what Dr. Caius was doing meant much more than this. He seems to have set steadily before himself the object of devoting the proceeds of a lucrative medical practice to a princely benefaction to that Gonville Hall, in Cambridge, of which he was a member. Suffice it here to say that he became a refounder of Gonville Hall by virtue of his great and discriminating benefactions, and procured for it a new charter under the name of Gonville and Caius College—now known in ordinary speech as "Caius College." It may be mentioned that in recent times the members of this College have been well represented among the number of those interested in bells and ringing—the late Canon Simpson, who made such valuable researches on the subject of tuning bells; Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Grandsire Triples fame; the Revs. E. W. Carpenter, H. Law James, and E. Bankes James, and others, having all been members of this College. Moreover, as Dr. Caius impressed a medical influence on the College it is probable

that from his day to ours, there have never been lacking men who, having passed through Caius College, Cambridge, have come up to London to St. Bartholomew's Hospital to complete their medical studies, and it is certain that those who are at work at this hospital at this very hour are working within earshot of the very bells whose notes must have been familiar to Dr. Caius more than three hundred years ago.

I must stop at this to day, because I cannot get any farther in time for the press. I seem to think that I have not yet exhausted this subject, and hope to say more next week, unless Mr. Editor, in the exercise of his discretion, shall see fit to apply the closure. R. A. DANIELL.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Framlingham on Easter Monday, April 4th. This was the first meeting of the Association on a public holiday, and the attendance was most encouraging, 64 members being present.

In spite of a long draught and a new set of very springy ropes, which made good striking almost impossible, the fine ring of eight at the parish church were kept going throughout the day in various methods. Dinner was served at The Crown hotel at 1.30 p.m., the Rector, the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, presiding, supported by the Revs. W. R. Pearson (Henley), E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash), Messrs. H. Hopson (Beccles), C. Mee (Sproughton), J. Souter (Diss), J. M. Button (Leiston), Fenton Thompson (Kelsale), F. R. Borrett (Pulham), and C. E. Borrett (Secretary).

At the conclusion of dinner the chairman briefly proposed the loyal toasts which were enthusiastically received, and also "Success to the Association," and in doing so gave a very hearty welcome to the members present, and at the same time apologised for the awkward state of the ropes. He congratulated the Association on their splendid record for the year 1903, as set forth in the report recently distributed, and which he thought was the most extensive and the best any ringing organisation had ever published.

Mr. C. E. Borrett briefly replied. The report contained everything that could be said about their society, and he thanked the members for the many kind letters of congratulation he had received upon its publication.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes (President), Rev. Dr. Raven (Vice-President), and the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), and the election of new members concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

A meeting in connection with the above Guild was held at Stretton on Saturday, April 16th, the Rev. R. Greenall presiding. The Rev. J. E. Cross, Vicar of Stretton, the Rev. F. Clifton Smith, Vicar of Daresbury, and the Hon. Branch Secretary—Mr. L. Layland, were also present. About thirty-four members assembled, representing Grappenhall, Daresbury, Warburton, Lymm and Stretton. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. In addition to the ordinary business routine, Mr. F. Spence read a report of the annual meeting of the Guild, which was held at Stockport in August last, for the edification of those members who were unable to attend.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members sat down to an abundantly furnished meal. The Rev. R. Greenall thanked the Rev. J. E. Cross for his generosity in providing such an excellent repast, and the Rev. J. E. Cross ably responded. A number of the members betook themselves to the tower, and various touches of Bob Minor were rung by the Grappenhall and Daresbury bands; also touches of Grandsire Doubles by the Lymm ringers. Mr. Spence and Mr. Hughes were responsible for the conducting. Two old members from Warburton rejoined, and W. H. Leat, from Lymm was elected a member at this meeting.

A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO WEST HARTLEPOOL.

To commemorate the jubilee of the parish church of West Hartlepool the Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Cosgrave, expressed a wish to the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. Story) to have the new ring of ten in St. Oswald's church rung through their first five thousand. Accordingly a picked band attended from Newcastle and district, and after one hitch a good start was made at 3.30 for Stedman Caters, and the 5040 changes were completed in 3 hrs. 39 mins. (vide report in this week's "BELL NEWS." Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, the new instructor to the local ringers, had been included in the band, but unfortunately, owing to the late arrival of his train, a spare man was put in instead, the peal being timed to start at 3 o'clock according to the local papers. Some three or four thousand people wandered about the church during the afternoon listening to the bells, and many expressions of satisfaction were heard on all hands. The donor of the bells, Mrs. Matthew Gray, spent most of the time in the church during the performance. This peal also served to celebrate the formation of the new parish of St. Oswald, an act which came into force the same week. It was also the first peal of Stedman Caters in the county of Durham. The band was afterwards entertained to a substantial tea at The Royal hotel, and were joined by the Rev. H. Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, and Mr. H. T. James. On the way to the station a call was made at Christ Church Vicarage, where the Rev. W. F. Cosgrave thanked the band for the peal, which he had listened to with wrapt attention, and he was much gratified that the jubilee of his church had been thus signally celebrated.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHWOLD.—Mr. W. Taylor resides at Southwold; G. Thompson at Kelsale; the remainder are from Leiston, and all are members of the Leiston company. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to G. Thompson. The Mayor of Southwold—E. A. Holmes, Esq.—himself a practical ringer, congratulated the band on the uniform good striking throughout. The band were entertained to luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor previous to starting for the peal.

THE PEAL AT ST. JAMES'S, BOLTON, YORKS.—As reported in the usual columns, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of this church by the local company in honour of the wedding of John Gordon Atkinson Jowett, Esq., grandson of the founder of the church, to Miss Margueretta Plews, which took place on that day at St. Cuthbert's church, Middlesbrough, to both of whom the company wish much happiness.

Mr. W. T. Elson writes :—

"I beg leave to point out, with apologies, that the date touch of Stedman Caters under my name in the issue for April 23rd is false, and also to protest that the conclusion of Mr. Dench's date touch, i.e., five bells lying still, is not Stedman."

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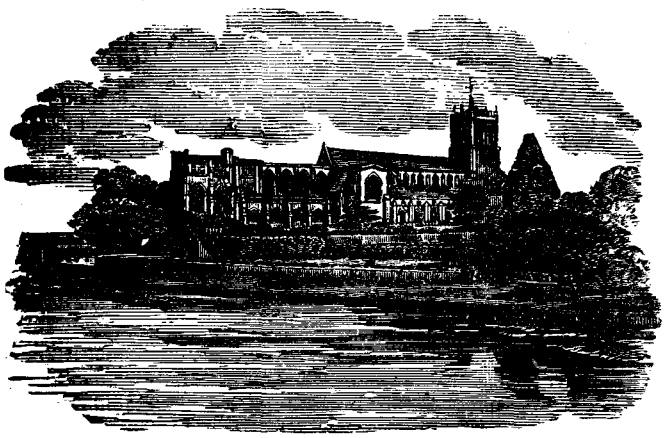

[BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE PRIORY CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH.]

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

The dedication of the two new trebles, which have just been added to the fine ring of eight in the Priory Church, Christchurch, took place on Easter Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Bush, in the following order: opening hymn; Lord's Prayer, etc., psalm cxxii.; special lesson, Num. x. 6-11; Magnificat. After the second hymn the Vicar and choir proceeded to the tower (where a lectern was placed) and read the dedicatory service, as arranged by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. At the conclusion of this, the opening rounds were rung, while the Vicar and choir returned to their places. The service being concluded by the Benediction, a touch of 324 Grandsire Caters was rung by H. Bagshot, T. Best, F. Sparshott, A. Woof, E. Hinton, G. Plummer, S. Best, A. Best, G. Preston, and B. Kerley; and for evening service the same band rang 648 Grandsire Caters, both touches being conducted by G. Preston.

The old ring of eight was rehung in 1885, when the new cage was made to hold ten bells. The two places for the trebles remained vacant till the beginning of the present year, when Mr. F. C. Stevens, who for many years was a resident of Christchurch, but now of Bristol, came forward and kindly offered to present the two bells. Needless to say his kind offer was most readily accepted by the Vicar, with the result that Christchurch now possesses one of the finest rings of ten in the south of England, of which the tenor is 30 cwt. in D.

The work of casting the new bells and hanging them in position was entrusted to Llewellins and James, of Bristol, bellfounders and bellhangers, whose work of late in several parts of the country is meeting with such approval. On each of the new bells appears the name of the founders, also the coat of arms of the donor. The inscriptions on the bells are beautifully sharp and clear, the castings very smooth, and the bells of handsome design. They are cast in the best bronze, of the purest quality and tone, to harmonise with the existing eight bells. They are fitted with two chiming hammers. The notes of the bells are F sharp and E respectively, the former weighing 6 cwt., the latter 7 cwt. The hanging of the bells has been carried out with excellent results by Llewellins and James.

On the following Tuesday the company of ringers met for practice, and rung 1295 of Caters in 59 mins.

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."

A RINGERS' THANKS.

SIR,—In the October numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" R. A. Daniell, Esq. gave us some very interesting accounts of the late John New, of Twickenham, Middlesex, which he had written on seeing the original manuscript book of New's, which had been kmdly lent to him by its present owner, Mr. Thomas Beadle. Well, after reading these very interesting accounts in "THE BELL NEWS" I thought I should like to see this antique relic. I therefore applied for a loan of it, which its owner very kindly allowed me to see, which I consider very interesting. I have therefore returned the book, and now wish to return my most sincere thanks to Mr. Thomas Beadle for his kindness, and I hope the old volume will be preserved as a memorial to its writer and of by-gone days in the art of change-ringing.

SAMUEL SLATER.

DOUBLES AND MINOR.

SIR,—I should like to make a few remarks in reply to "Old String's" comments on peals on six bells. I venture to think if he will try his hand at conducting a peal of Bob Minor, seven different callings, he would alter his mind as to its being a slip-shod performance. Then he says a peal in seven methods is equal to a peal of Grandsire Triples. In my humble opinion there is no comparison, the Minor peal being a much better performance, and requires seven times as much preparation. I also fail to see that Grandsire Triples requires more skill in striking, as in Bob Minor you have to find the bells to lead off, whereas in Triples the tenor is beating time behind, and two bells are plain hunting. I hope the six-bell ringers will have their peals recorded as before. Hoping to see something in "BELL NEWS" on their behalf in reference to this matter.

ONE OF THE EIGHT-BELL BRIGADE.

Obituary.

WILLIAM ALBERT TABBERNOR.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Sunday, April 17th, at Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffordshire, at the early age of 20 years. He bad been at home for several weeks suffering from chest trouble, and was thought to be getting on very nicely, but was too eager to get about again, and while out on Easter Sunday be contracted a fresh cold which developed pneumonia, and caused a dissolution to take place. His genial disposition and ever-ready sympathy with the sorrows and troubles of those with whom he came in contact made him deservedly popular, and the news of his untimely death was received with widespread regret. His remains were interred at Norton on Wednesday, April 20th, the Rector (Rev. E. J. Bromley-Kingston), officiating. As the procession wended its way to the church his sorrowing brother-ringers rang the bells which were half-muffled, The service was fully choral under the direction of Mr. W. Warburton, organist and choir-master. His favourite hymn, "Lead kindly Light" was sung, and the 39th Psalm. Before leaving the church the Dead March in *Saul* was played on the organ. Af the graveside the hymn "On the resurrection morning" was sung, after which the Rector gave the blessing. We cannot close this account without making reference to the fatherly care which the Rector bestowed on the deceased in his sickness, he being able to comfort him when all others failed, and was with him up to the last moment. His fellow-ringers are deeply grateful to the Rector for his great kindness to one of their number. On Sunday for Divine Service in the morning a 720 Kent, and for evening service 720 Violet (which was his favourite method) was rung in memory of their departed colleague. F. T. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, J. Baddeley, B. Pegg, E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting ef the Rochdale branch was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at St. Luke's, Heywood. The attendance was not so large as usual, the unfavourable weather no doubt accounting for some. Only a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before tea. Secretary Bastow and a few more arrived in time for the meeting at 6.30, when Mr. Rawcliffe, of Blackpool, secretary of the Fylde branch, was unanimously voted to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were passed as read. One new performing member was elected. Some discussion arose as to the place of next meeting, Leesfield, Oldham (8 bells) and East Crompton (6 bells), being proposed and seconded, the voting was equal, the chairman remarking that being a member of South Shore (6 bells) he would give his casting vote in favour of East Crompton. The usual votes of thanks being passed, the meeting terminated. The rest of the time was devoted to Bob Major and Triples, when a promising Scotch recruit was put through his first touch of the latter method.

Date Touches.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, April 5th, at St. Giles's church, a date touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, H. Rainbow, W. Farey, F. Hopper, A. Moore, W. Roberts, F. Wilford. Composed by E. J. Gale, and conducted by F. Wilford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

RAWTENSTALL.—On Tuesday, April 12th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. E. Rollerson, T. Collinge, T. Rollerson, J. Rollerson, G. H. Hargreaves, H. H. Shaw, J. H. Nuttall, A. Newman. Conducted by T. Rollerson.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Green, J. Edmondson, M. W. Lund, S. Bancroft, J. B. Charlton, R. W. Jennison, J. McGoun, S. Murgatroyd. Composed by J. McKell and conducted by T. Bancroft.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Thursday, April 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 16 mins. R. Dennison, J. Baxter, R. Everson, W. Atkinson, J. Parkin, B. Walker, J. Braithwaite, J. Salmon. Conducted by Jacob Baxter.

PERRY BARR.—On Monday, April 25th, for practice at St. John's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. C. Davis, A. Jones, W. Cooper, sen., G. Mitchison, J. Williams longest length with a bob bell, H. Brown, C. Williams, F. Williams. Composed by J. E. Groves, and conducted by C. Williams.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, March 13th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. B. Chorley, H. Hutton, H. Garfath, jun., W. E. Jelley, A. Frankum, A. H. Pulling, C. Willshire conductor, R. Wood.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, at St. Peter-at-Arches, for Divine Service, 1044 Bob Major, in 38 mins. G. Flintham, S. W. Tindall, C. W. Wright, J. Wells T. Pyle, G. M. Morton, C. W. P. Clifton, J. W. Watson conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, March 8th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Wicks, W. J. Dell, A. R. Glasscock, E. W. Marshall, J. Armstrong conductor, G. Godfrey.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, March 13th, for Divine Service, 1264 Bob Major in 47 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M Fensom, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

LONDON.—On Friday, March 18th, for practice at St. James' church, Islington, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. H. May, J. Barry conductor, H. Franks, H. Flanders, C. Pothecary, H. Stubbs.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. J. Jones, M. Lewis, F. Charles, T. Ford, A. Thomas, B. Millard, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PENSHURST (Kent).—Recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, E. Bridger, E. Smith, H. Goodwin, H. Seal, M. Lambert, W. Spice, G. Meade.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Saturday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Edwards, A. Cock, H. Seal, H. Goodwin, W. Spice conductor, W. Wolfe, P. Denton, A. Haylor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, for practice, twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, in 55 mins. J. Motts, E. Pemberton, W. Last, W. P. Garrett, H. Gillingham, W. Motts, E. Sherwood, E. Evans, W. L. Catchpole, W. Wood, L. W. Wiffen, R. H. Brundle. Conducted by James Motts.

BARKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, 1264 Bob Major in 50 mins. Harold Parker, Henry Parker, D. Simons, R. Fenn, A. Carter conductor, J Cottis, D. Carrier, C. Fenn. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Duke of Cambridge.

BILTON, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday evening, April 10th, after Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Sear, A. J. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, T. Miller conductor.

CLIFTON, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, after Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Watts conductor, F. Sear, T. Miller, A. J. Hessian, J. George.

LENTON (Notts).—On April 3rd, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. West, E. Robinson, S. Wesley conductor, F. Johnson, W. Wagstaff, T. Horton, C. Mott, R. Ashton.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Monday, March 21st, at the parish church, 960 Treble Bob Major. W. Idle, W. Illingworth, G. Crawshaw, C. Senior, J. Idle, W. Dixon, W. Byram, G. Taylor.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, April 9th, on handbells, 252 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, T. Miller conductor, W. A. Hancox, J. George. On Sunday, April 10th, on handbells, a course of Stedman Caters. A. J. Hessian, C. H. Watts, T. Miller, W. A. Hancox, T. Miller, J. George. Also at St. Andrew's church 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. A. Hancox, J. B. Fenton, T. Miller, A. Newman, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, C. H. Watts, J. George conductor.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, March 26th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. French, F. Mattingley, T. Houlton, S. Paice, F. Lush, A. H. Jones, W. Houlton conductor, G. Cole. Rung to commemorate the 30 years ministry of the Rev. Canon Sturges.

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The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Halstead to open the ring of 8 bells to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Tea will be provided at the Co-operative Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. each.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their annual meeting to-day, Saturday, April 30, at the parish church of St. Michael's, Ashton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford to-day, Saturday, April 30. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting in National School at 6 p.m.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
"Oakleigh," Chislehurst.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Burley (6) to-day, Saturday, April 30. Peal to be attempted, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms hotel at 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.
FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
21, *Elsworth Place, Armley.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 30th. The usual towers will be open for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30, at which the Dean of Lincoln has consented to give an address. Tea as usual.
Rev. J. F. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*
Corringham Vicarage.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, to-day, Saturday, April 30th. Tea free to members producing receipts for their subscriptions for 1904. Will non-resident life-members who wish to receive a report kindly forward me their addreses. Service in the Cathedral. Towers open as usual.
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*
"Stedman," Ropery Rd., Gainsborough.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 30th. Tea at James's Coffee Rooms, High Street, at 6.0. Meeting at Mission Room, Princes Street, after. Bells available from 2 o'clock.
J. W. WHITING, *Dist. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Basingstoke District.—The quarterly meeting will be at Basingstoke, Wednesday, May 4th. Tea, 4.45. Service 5.30. Meeting in the Chapter Room, Church Cottage, 6.0. The bells (8) available afternoon and evening.
Rev. F. G. HUME, *Dist. Sec.*
Oakley, Basingstoke.

The St Margaret's Society, Westminster.—There will be no practice on Friday, May 6th. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*
65, *Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday May 7th. Local hon. sec.: Mr. G. H. Wilson, Conservative Club, Adwalton, near Bradford. For further particulars see circular. J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
151, *Stanningley Rd., Bramley, Leeds.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Lancaster on Saturday, May 7th. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon.*
J. SHEPHERD, } *Secs.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5.15.
HENRY J. TUCKER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Brighton. 2 p.m., Lunch in the Royal Pavilion, to be followed by the business meeting. 4.30 p.m., Service at St. Paul's, preacher, the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester. Belfries open as follows: St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m., St. Nicholas after the service, St. Paul's 7 p.m. Members who propose to attend are requested to inform the hon. sec. by May 3rd.
A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
Sillwood House, Ditchling, Hassocks.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield, May 7th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.
R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, May 7th. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea in church institute at 5.15, 9d. each. Members intending to be present must let one of the secretaries know not later than Tuesday, May 3rd.
W. APPLEBY, } *Org.*
A. E. REEVES, } *Secs.*
1, *Queen St., Henley-on-Thames.*
20, *Radstock Rd., Reading.*

The North Notts Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. Business meeting, West Retford Church School at 3.30 p.m. Service in West Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea after service, free to members, 1s. to visitors. Members of kindred associations heartily welcome. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 7th. Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton, by Thursday, May 5th.
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)*
High Street, Bucknall.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Dover, on Saturday, May 7th. The towers of St. Mary's (8) and St. James's (6) will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Committee meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 4th. Half travelling expenses, not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Walbrook House, Blenheim Road, Deal.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 7th. Committee meeting 5 o'clock. General meeting 7.30 p.m. prompt, both at The Sportsman's inn, Cambridge Street. Ringing at St. Marie's Norfolk Row 4 to 7 p.m. Ranmoor bells will also be available for bands made up in town. S. THOMAS, *President.*

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Woolwich on Whit-Monday, May 23rd. Application for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary.
F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines on Saturday, May 7th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 30 p.m., and St. Peter's from 6.30 till 9. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
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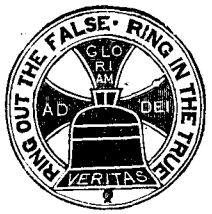

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1904.

In a letter to be found on another page, our old friend Samuel Slater—a well-known ringer of East Anglia—expresses, among other matters, his appreciation of one of the contributions of Mr. Daniell. Mr. Slater is one who thirsts for the antique connected with ringing, and accordingly he could not rest until he had perused the original MS. referred to. It is often a matter for regret

that more of the old ringers' MS. have not been preserved for the benefit of posterity. Therefore it would be well to think of preserving what we can now. Time is going on as usual, and our old men are gradually leaving us. Many of them leave some kind of data behind them, which may prove to be valuable items of interest in days to come. Let this idea take root, and then posterity will not have to mourn the paucity of records belonging to the departed such as we do now.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fifth Council will he held in the Schoolroom of St. Michael-le-Belfrey (about 100 yards from the Minster), at York, on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. The subscriptions of eleven Associations still remain unpaid. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are reminded that the rights and privileges of their representatives are in abeyance till payment is made. Members of Committees and others are requested to take notice that reports and notices of motion *should be sent in immediately*.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, April 19th, 1904.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

On Sunday, April 24th, twenty-four years ago, took place the wedding of Mr. R. Stone, father of the present band of ringers here, and who has been connected with Westerham bells since his boyhood. On Sunday, April 24th last, the anniversary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the occasion. A. J. Lewis, R. Stone, G. B. Selby, A. Jarrett, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, D. Wright, W. G. Granger. After the ringing the ringers wished Mr. Stone "many happy returns."

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

FRANK SMITH	..*Treble.*	EDWARD CHAPMAN	5.
JAMES HANNINGTON	2.	HENRY STUBBS	6.
RICHARD BEVAN	3.	THOMAS TITCHENER	7.
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HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

WILLIAM KEATES	..*Treble.*	THOMAS TAYLOR	5.
SAMUEL BIRD*	2.	CHARLES H. WALKER	6.
GERALD KING†	3.	HARRY WARNETT	7.
ALBERT E. SHARP	4.	*FREDERICK BRETT	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	..*Treble.*	ERNEST PYE	6.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7.
HUBERT EDEN	3.	REUBEN CHARGE	8.
ISAAC G. SHADE	4.	WILLIAM PYE	9.
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Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR	..*Treble.*	EDGAR MANNING	6.
EDWARD HENDY	2.	ERNEST W. MARSH	7.
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CHARLES R. LILLEY	4.	G. HARRY MYERS	9.
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On Thursday, April 14, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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EDGAR MANNING	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5.
EDWARD TAYLOR	2.	G. HARRY MYERS	6.
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ERNEST W. MARSH	4.	GEORGE PARR	..*Tenor.*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. ELLIS	..*Treble.*	*JOHN E. HARRINGTON	5.
GEORGE POLLEY*	2.	ERNEST G. FENN	6.
EDGAR W. MERCHANT*	3.	GEORGE W. MOSS	7.
GEORGE THOMPSON	4.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

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

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON	*Treble.*	WILLIAM T. ROBSON	6.
ROBERT S. STORY	2.	WILLIAM STORY	7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON	3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	8.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	4.	ROBERT RICHARDS	9.
ALFRED F. HILLIER	5.	OSWALD SIMM	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal on the new bells, and first peal of Stedman Caters in the county of Durham.

UPTON, TORQUAY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MANLEY	*Treble.*	HARRY T. BURCH	5.
JULIUS A. SNOW	2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6.
JOHN R. HAYMAN	3.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW	7.
ROBERT G. C. MANLEY	4.	ARTHUR G. CROSS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and College Exercise.

GEORGE KEMP	*Treble.*	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY	4.
HARRY DAVY	2.	HARRY CATTERMOLE	5.
THOMAS DAVY	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by A. J. Berry.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE	*Treble.*	WILSON WOOD	5.
JABEZ WHITELEY	2.	JOHN F. PEARSON	6.
FRED CROSSLEY	3.	CHRISTOPHER NEILD	7.
JOSEPH COCKROFT	4.	HARRY MARSHALL	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE DRAKE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5232 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	7.
EDWARD EVANS	2.	WALTER LAST	8.
EDWARD SHERWOOD	3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	9.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	4.	WILLIAM WOOD	10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON	5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	11.
WILLIAM MOTTS	6.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late beloved Vicar of this parish, the Rev. Ythil Arthur Barrington.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT	*Treble.*	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS	5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT	2.	*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	6.
ALFRED A. ANDREWS	3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE	7.
CHARLES W. SMITH*	4	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES MORTIMER	*Treble.*	WILLIAM STAPLETON	4.
JOHN MAXEY	2.	FREDERICK J. BIRD	5.
FRANK WEBB	3.	JOHN W. BARKER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM WARD	5.
HERBERT BAKER	2.	HENRY S. REEVES	6.
GEORGE H. BARBER	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
JOHN T. KENTISH*	4.	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F,

ARTHUR HEAD	*Treble.*	HENRY W. KIRTON	5.
REGINALD EDWARDS*	2.	HENRY HEAD	6.
THOMAS LINCOLN	3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY	4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal in the method.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G sharp.

CHARLES GORDON*	*Treble.*	*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	5.
HARRY BROOKER*	2.	*JOSEPH FAYERS	6.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER	5.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7.
CHARLES DEAN	4	*FRANK HOLDER	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DR. CARPENTER.

*First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells. See page 164 Oxford Diocesan peal book

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMNND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILSON	*Treble.*	CHARLES BAILEY	5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR	2.	EDGAR BAILEY	6.
GORDON THOMPSON	3.	JOHN M. BUTTON	7.
SIDNEY BAILEY	4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN	*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

For calling see Report for 1903, page 103. Further reference elsewhere.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH E. GRENSTED.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EWART G. JOHNSON	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS	2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER	6.
SYDNEY H. HILLS	3.	CHARLES TRIBE	7.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	4.	GEORGE JOHNSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Monday, April 18, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

FREDERICK MEE	*Treble.*	CHARLES MEE	5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING	6.
ALFRED G. RIVERS	3.	REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	7.
HARRY J. MEE	4.	SAMUEL TILLETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. MEE.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

On Monday, April 18, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

TOM DOICK	*Treble.*	†L. N. CORDEN	5.
STEPHEN STONE	2.	A. GREENFIELD	6.
ERNEST HOLDEN	3.	H. W. HERRINGTON	7.
JOHN BLAKE	4.	W. EVANS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

†First peal. First peal rung by a local band, and was rung to welcome the Rev. F. Baggalay (late of Oakham), who arrived on that day to take up his residence as Rector of Pulborough.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OR THURTSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS	*Treble.*	THOMAS BULL	5.
WILLIAM BENNETT	2.	HARRY BROOKS	6.
FREDERICK POUNDS	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
JOHN MONK	4.	JOHN RICHARDS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the retiring Rector, the Rev. Canon Norris.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS	*Treble.*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	2.	B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE	6.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT WILLBY	*Treble.*	WALTER E. AYERS	5.
CHARLES T. AYERS	2.	*WILLIAM BASON, JUN.	6.
F. ISAAC FUTTER	3.	ROBERT COOKE	7.
FREDERICK WILLBY	4.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by W. J. HOWSON.

*First peal of Major.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, April 19, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble.*	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	5.
WILLIAM MOTTS	2.	EDWARD EVANS	6.
S. T. C. SAKER, JUN.	3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS	7.
WALTER LAST	4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Tenor.*

Composed by WILLIAM ROYLE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged for S. T. C. Saker, jun., of Hastings.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK HILL	*Treble.*	WILLIAM C. PILCHER	5.
HERBERT DAY	2.	WILLIAM H. FROST	6.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN	3.	HENRY GEORGE	7.
JOSEPH BOURNE	4.	ALFRED CLARKE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

*First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. B. J. F. Crossley, of Ripley, and Miss S. Coulson, of Sherbourn Hall.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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On Wednesday, April 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 1. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. ..*Treble.*	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL* .. 2.	*GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 6.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. 3.	GEORGE BEMROSE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Triples.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY COOMBES .. ..*Treble.*	TOM BOND .. .. 5.
FRANK PEIRCE .. .. .. 2.	RICHARD HARTLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE COOK* .. .. .. 4.	ROBERT MILES .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 888th peal.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE* .. ..*Treble.*	HARRY GOOD .. .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR GILL .. .. .. 6.
JOHN BODDY .. .. .. 3.	BERNAL E. HOWE .. .. 7.
THOS. B. KENDALL .. .. 4.	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. GILL.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH ..*Treble.*	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .. 2.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1904 in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

T. SADLER .. ..*Treble.*	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. .. 5.
JOHN C. JACKSON .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. 6.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 3.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. .. 7.
W. E. BUTLER* .. .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOODISS .. ..*Tenor.*

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

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was elected a member before starting.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 21, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK PATRICK* .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN PERRY .. .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DOWSETT .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ..*Treble.*	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Rung in honour of the Rector's (Rev. Canon Hichens) birthday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS BURDOCK .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN J. JONES .. .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 2.	*THOMAS MACK .. .. .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 3.	HENRY MULLARD .. .. 7.
HENRY HUTTON .. .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal on eight bells. This was the first quarterly peal of the Guildford district.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt

WALTER R. HUGHES ..*Treble.*	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 2.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. *Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*** Several peals are unavoidably left over until next week. The absence of the sender's name and address, which should accompany all reports (especially reports of peals) is continually in evidence. Bare courtesy demands that correspondents should let us know who honour us with their caligraphy. Safety also demands that we should have some authority for everything published.

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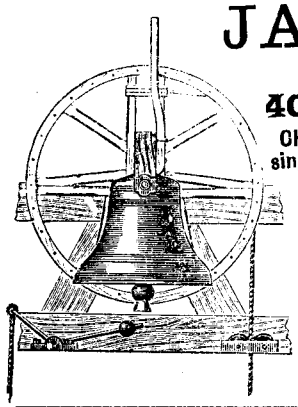

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