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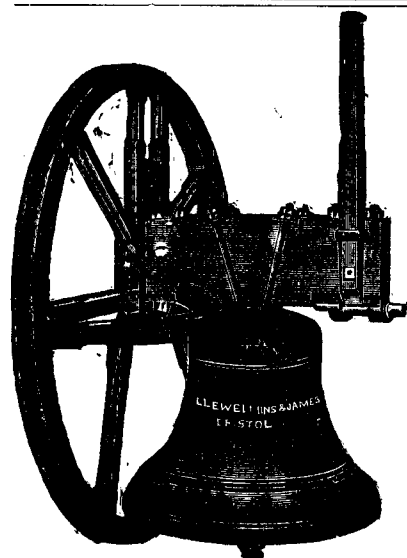
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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.

SCHEDULE (continued).

SEAFORD (Sussex). St. Leonard. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. 7th by Gillett 1886. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in., by Mears 1855; the rest also by Mears 1811. Timber frame. Bells go heavily. Only slight repairs since bells were first hung. Soundbows rather worn except 7th. The 5th is cracked across the crown. It is intended to appeal to the church authorities. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.15. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

SEDBERGH (Yorks.) Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1897. Tenor 16 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well, Ropes new 1897. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire). All Saints. Eight bells. The two trebles by Taylor 1829; the rest 1720; founder unknown. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung 1897, but not by a bellhanger. The 3rd is badly worn. Ropes new 1896, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

SELBY (Yorks.) SS. Mary and German. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and tenor by Mears 1863; 4th by the same 1821; the rest by Ebor 1710. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1893. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The members of this society held their monthly meeting at Hull on Saturday, June 25th, by special invitation of the Hull company. A good number of members left

Leeds at 2.30 p.m., arriving about 4.30 p.m., the day being exceptionally fine. They were met on arrival by the members of the Holy Trinity and St. James's societies. A peal of Stedman Triples having been arranged for the latter church, the band for the peal at once made their way there. Other members proceeded to Holy Trinity church where the splendid ring of ten were at their disposal, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. In the meantime owing to the bad "go" of the bells the attempt for the peal was abandoned after ringing an hour. All parties then adjourned to the meeting-house, The Blacksmith's Arms, for the business meeting. In the absence of the President Mr. Charles Jackson (vice-president), took the chair, supported by upwards of forty members from the following towers: Bradford, Beverley, Cleethorpes, Headingley, Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Scarborough, Pontefract, Newcastle, and members of the Holy Trinity and St. James's societies. The minutes of the previous meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, were passed as read. Rothwell was announced as the place for the next meeting. Six new members were elected. On the proposition of Mr. G. Barraclough, seconded by Mr. J. Moxon, a vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of both churches for the use of the bells, and to the local companies for their kind arrangements was unanimously carried.

Mr. C. Jackson suitably responded on behalf of the local companies. Afterwards a social evening was spent, touches and tunes being rung on the handbells, and this successful meeting finally terminated at a late hour.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Biddulph on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and was continued till just before 6 o'clock, when the Rev. J. W. Haslett unveiled a tablet recording a peal of Minor rung on December 15th, 1903. The rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it gave him to unveil the record of the first peal on the bells, and hoped that it was only the forerunner of many other peals. He also presented, on behalf of the Biddulph ringers, a book on scientific ringing, to Mr. W. J. Carter, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where tea was provided by the local ringers. Certificates for proficiency in the Art of change-ringing were presented by the Rev. J. W. Haslett to Messrs. Worth, Cheetham, Burgess, Cottrell and Whitehurst. Two new members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the local ringers and to the ladies who presided over the tea.

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TWO OLD SHROPSHIRE RINGERS—SAMUEL LAWRENCE AND SAMUEL LEE.

BY R. A. DANIELL.

It is proper at the outset to observe that anyone who may derive any gratification from a perusal of what I am about to set down, will not owe much to me. The materials, where not contained in such readily accessible books as the Dictionary of National Biography and Miss Lee's biography of her father, have been copied by Mr. Byolin, of Shrewsbury, and Mr. Slater, of Glemsford, and kindly lent by the latter to me; so that it is to the time and pains devoted by these gentlemen that the Exercise is indebted for what follows. My share of the work is merely editorial, or to borrow the picturesque diction of Mr. Henry Dains—it may be described as dominated by a foundation.

At the same time the subject is naturally interesting to me, as I have relatives residing at or near Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth and Shifnal, and my parents were married at Madeley near the last-named place. Moreover, my great uncle, the late Mr. William Farmer, of Sutton Maddock, near Shifnal, was, prior to his emigration to Canada more than seventy years ago, a member of the Exercise, and must almost certainly have known Lawrence. I may mention that Mr. Farmer took with him to Canada a set of handbells, which may very likely be the first imported into that portion of the British Empire.

A flat gravestone in Shifnal churchyard bears an inscription informing the reader that Samuel Lawrence died on April 5th, 1825, aged 62. The memoir of him appearing in the late Mr. John Day's recollections, published in this journal some years since, is too valuable not to be reproduced here. It is as follows:—

From the Recollections of Mr. John Day, of Birmingham.

"MR. SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

"Among the 1820 men I did not know but of whom I heard much, the one most spoken of and appreciated was S. Lawrence. He was a native of Shifnal, a farrier by trade, and must have been in easy circumstances, judging by the number of peals he took part in at places wide apart and at a period when travelling was most expensive. He was supposed to be the second heaviest man in England, being upwards of 32 stone in weight, and nevertheless he was always ready for a peal. Lawrence took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung (which was accomplished on the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London), in the two peals at St. Martin, Birmingham, in 1820, and in many others including the peals at Warwick and Solihull. His death was the result of an accident. The bells of St. Martin, Birmingham, were rehung in the year 1823 and the opening took place, I believe, at Easter that year. He was to be present at the dinner given to celebrate the event, and early in the morning was about to start to set out in his chaise cart, a vehicle built for him, but into which he could not mount without aid. By some means or other the chair which he used was improperly placed, and when he got upon it it broke under him, causing him a severe fall and a broken thigh. The news of the accident arrived in Birmingham just as the company were sitting down to dinner, and cast a gloom over the day's proceedings. Through his great obesity the bone could not be properly set, mortification ensued, and Lawrence died. He was always

spoken of by the old ringers with the greatest possible respect. Among my acquaintances years ago was an old man named Elvins, a carpenter, who had assisted C. Oliver, sen., in that capacity while hanging the ten bells at Dudley in the year 1819. Of course he was at the opening and there first saw Lawrence. He used to tell me that when he saw him strip to ring in the belfry, the opening peal, he never saw such arms in his life, they were as thick as a child's body. The staircase at Dudley tower is rather narrow; Lawrence managed to squeeze himself up it pretty well, but Elvins used to say that it took three to get him down again; one to push, one to pull, and Lawrence in the middle; I had many interesting conversations with Elvins about the old ringers. Though not a ringer himself, he knew more about them and their doings than any other man I ever met. He knew Elijah Roberts well, and had witnessed his great skill in handbells. In our conversation it generally worked round to the ringers and Lawrence, and on one occasion I remember well he finished up by saying: "Ah! it is a pity such a man as Sam Lawrence should ever die"! I suppose it would be on a friendly visit of the St. Martin's Youths to Shifnal, when they rang Cooper's peal of Stedman Triples which he called from the ms., that Lawrence rang the 7th, and by way of joke asked Cooper what sort of a peal he called that. "For," said he, "I have rung sixty plain courses." Another of his remarks I used to hear quoted was on the completion of the peal of Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham in 1820, when he said "Well, lads, I was in the first, and I have no doubt in the last."

There is now in the Museum at Shrewsbury a peal-book of Lawrence's with certain notes and accompanying documents, and from these and what one may assume from other incidental evidences, Mr. Day's high opinion of Lawrence seems to be abundantly corroborated. The peal-book is about 7 inches by 4½. The peals are well written professionally; and there are illustrations, coloured and otherwise, of churches and steeples and emblematic designs, and there are one or two notes in Lawrence's own handwriting, and it appears to me that the figures of Cooper's peal of Stedman Triples rung at Shifnal in 1819 and a defence of that performance against criticism were also written by him. The peals entered in the book are seventy-seven in number, and there is at least one peal rung by him, which he has not recorded, namely a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Battersea in 1788, appearing in the College Youths peal-book. The methods are Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman's Principle, and he conducted a score or so of his peals.

The first performance is a peal of Grandsire Triples at Shifnal on April 30th, 1783; the second, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob at Aston, near Birmingham; his third, 6000 Bob Major at Shifnal, after which appears this note:—

About this time the following persons did ring 1008 Bob Major on the Hand Bells, at the house of Mrs. Sarah Nock, Shifnal.

Standing as follows:—

J. Nock 1-2, in the Parlour
J. Debney 3-4, in the Brewhouse
S. Lawrence 5-6, Upstairs
T. Clemson 7-8, in the Cellar (called).

His peals were rung in the Midlands till 1787, when he seems to have come to London for some two years. He had already been admitted into the College Youths in the preceding year, and seems from his address given amongst

the subscribers to *The Clavis*, to have taken up his abode at Chelsea. He is one of those named by Osborn as amongst the aristocracy of the College Youths at that period, and with them he rang in London and the neighbourhood ten peals and two doubtful ones. They were of the ordinary character of the period except the 6204 Stedman Cinques rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788, in which he rang the tenth. This was the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung, and the first recorded of Lawrence in that method. In the early part of the year 1790 he seems to have returned to Shifnal, and though he does not seem to have accomplished anything after that year for some six years, he in 1797 renewed his activities in his own and adjoining counties, and on July 18th, 1798, he had the pleasure of ringing with his old friends of the College Youths a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, being the first peal on those then new bells.

The year 1820 found him busy. On the 17th of April he rang the 7th in 7200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and afterwards there was some handbell ringing, including a course on sixteen, in the Grandsire method, in which he rang 13-14. At Chesterfield and Dudley he rang in Treble Ten, and on the 28th December, 1820, he rang the 7th in 6600 Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's, Birmingham. This practically closed his career, as there is only one other peal recorded, a peal of Bob Triples in 1823. And at this point we will respectfully bid farewell to this interesting personality of a bygone age, and begin the consideration of the other ringer whose name figures in our title. One may, however, here reproduce as a curiosity a note in Lawrence's book.

At Chester, October 25th, 1809, 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. and 55 mins.

	Age.
1. G. Hitchin ...	19
2. R. Williams ...	20
3. J. Royle ...	17
4. E. Jones ...	18
5. G. Sinclair ...	18
6. W. Doyle ...	18
7. J. Andrews ...	19
8. G. Woodons ...	20

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At Leeds, in Kent, January 1st, 1810, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. and 5 mins.

	Age.
1. J. Barham ...	84
2. T. Bingham ...	55
3. W. Tilley ...	73
4. J. Boldin ...	59
5. W. Sweetlove...	59
6. T. Booth ...	51
7. T. Austin ...	72
8. G. Tilley ...	62

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A Contrast.

Difference

(To be continued.)

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, June 25th, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Harrold. There was a fair attendance of members from Bedford, Biddenham, Bromham, Turvey, Emberton and Northampton. A large variety of six-bell methods were rung, the local band occasionally taking part. At six o'clock a tea was provided at The Wheatsheaf hostelry, the meeting following. In the unavoidable absence of the hon. sec. Mr. C. W. Clarke was elected to the chair. A discussion first arose regarding the representation of the Association on the Central Council. It was stated that the representative, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, was unable to attend the Central Council meeting this year; thus the Association was represented. This was a thing which ought not to be, and having enough members in the Association it was suggested that there be two representatives. This met

with the cordial approval of all present and was referred to the committee for further consideration and report.

The next business was with regard to the action of the Ely Diocesan Guild. Mr. J. W. Barker, in introducing the subject, stated that some years ago (he believed in 1897) the Bedfordshire Association was approached by the Ely Guild with regard to the amalgamation of the two societies. It was at the annual meeting and there was a large attendance of members. The Rev. W. Crump, then hon. sec. of the Ely Diocesan Guild, spoke at length on the subject, but only the proposer and seconder voted for it, the others unanimously voting against it. The matter was dropped and nothing more was heard until the annual meeting of the Ely Guild last Easter Monday was seen in "THE BELL NEWS." He considered it outrageous that an association should do as the Ely Guild had done; they had violated all recognised laws of association boundaries, and had set to work, by "peace or war," to confiscate the towers of the Bedfordshire Association. The report in the paper was most aggressive in tone and pointed particularly to the Rev. W. Crump's statement when at Bedford in 1897 "that he believed that all associations would eventually be amalgamated together under one large association." According to the ringers' own paper the rev. gentleman stated "that there were a large number of ringers in Bedfordshire who did not want to belong to the Bedfordshire Association, but wished to belong to the Ely Diocesan Guild." He knew of only one tower which was doubtful, and as he had never heard of them leaving the Bedfordshire Association he would consider them loyal and true.

The ringers in Bedfordshire were spread over a large area and if the Bedfordshire Association is not capable of managing its own affairs, it is absolutely certain that the Ely Guild could not take upon themselves the management of this district satisfactorily.

Eventually the following resolution, proposed by Mr. J. W. Barker, seconded by Mr. Crouch, was carried: "That this meeting disapproves of the action of the Ely Diocesan Guild in forming an Archdeaconry in Bedfordshire. It considers it a gross piece of over-lapping, and thinks that the Bedfordshire Association should have been made aware before action was taken in that direction."

The next quarterly meeting is, as arranged at the annual meeting, to be held at Clifton. A vote of thanks to the Vicar was carried; also thanks were tendered to Mr. Clarke for occupying the chair.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR FESTIVAL, MONDAY, JULY 11TH, 1904.

I beg to add a little information to the hon. sec.'s programme for the use of ringers attending this meeting. There are good bus services between Windsor and surrounding places of interest as follows:—

Windsor to Old Windsor and Wraysbury (8 bells each). Depart near G.W.R. station 3.0, 4.30, 5.50, 8.15 p.m.; return from The Bells of Onseley 5.5, 6.30, 9.0 p.m. The Thames divides these two towers about ten minutes walk via the Ferry. Pretty scenery. The Bells of Onseley, an old riverside hotel, is near.

Clewer (6 bells). On banks of Thames, easy boating distance. Boats can be hired at Windsor. Maidenhead bus passes near church.

Slough. Busses pass through Eton and the College, and leave Windsor at 3.0, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30 p.m.; return from Slough, 10.30 a.m., 2.0, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 p.m.

Maidenhead. From The New Inn, Windsor, 2.30, 5.30, 8.0; leave Maidenhead Town Hall for Windsor, 9.30 a.m., 11.0, 2.30, 5.0 p.m. Motor busses leave Slough station for Stoke, Farnham and Beaconsfield. Any further information will be gladly given to visitors by

W. H. FUSSELL.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED S. LAWSON.

It is our painful duty to announce the sudden death of the above-named gentleman, which took place on Wednesday, the 29th of June, at his residence, in his 69th year. Mr. Alfred Silva Lawson had for the past twenty years been the senior partner in the firm of "Mears and Stainbank," Bell Founders, of Whitechapel, London. In this capacity he was not so well known, perhaps, as his predecessor Mr. Stainbank was, as he took no leading part, or very little, in the practical management of affairs. The prestige of the foundry, nevertheless, greatly increased during his connection with it, but this was owing to the energy and talents of the manager during the period above mentioned—Mr. Arthur Hughes—who, we understand, continues at the head of affairs. The fact that Mr. Hughes has more than maintained the high position the Whitechapel foundry has so long enjoyed is well known, every detail of bell-founding and hanging coming under his immediate control and supervision, and ensuring the utmost success in whatever he attempted.

The decease of Mr. Lawson was, as stated above, sudden. He had been ailing for some time past, but on the day before his death he mentioned that he "felt better than he had done for months," and would like a day's rest at home before attending at the foundry in Mr. Hughes's absence round the country on bell business. He went home, when, soon after, the end suddenly came, to the intense dismay of his sorrowing family. The interment of the deceased gentleman took place on Monday last, the 4th instant, at Elmers End Cemetery.

As a pendant to the foregoing we give the following extract from the 23rd Annual Report of the Kent County Association (p. 5) read at Woolwich on May 23rd, 1904:—

"In the matter of bell-hanging and repairs, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been very busy in the County since the beginning of 1903, and in every case it is believed their work has met with cordial approval. Mr. Arthur Hughes has kindly supplied the Secretary with the following list of their operations:

ASH (near Sevenoaks).—Peal quarter turned and rehung in new fittings; framework strengthened.

BOUGHTON MONGHELSEA.—Small repairs to the fittings of the six bells.

CHERITON.—Peal rehung in new fittings and iron frame.

ELMSTEAD.—Framework strengthened and the fittings of the six bells repaired.

EYNSFORD.—Two trebles added to complete the octave.

LINTON.—Peal rehung in new fittings and oak frame (made for eight bells).

LYMINGE.—Two trebles added to complete the octave, 3rd recast, and peal rehung in new fittings and framework of wrought steel.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Peal quarter turned and rehung in new fittings.

SWANSCOMBE.—New peal of eight bells, tenor 18 cwt., erected complete in iron frame.

WICKHAMBREAUX.—Peal of six quarter turned and rehung in new fittings; framework strengthened."

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THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Whit-Tuesday Messrs. C. Todd, W. H. Porter, G. J. and G. Lungley, G. and G. W. Park, and R. B. Wilson spent a very pleasant day at Middleham, which is situated in one of the beautiful dales of the North Riding of Yorkshire. The journey from Darlington, about twenty-six miles, was made by waggonette kindly provided by Mr. G. Park, and the drive through the country lanes, which were in the full glory of the budding spring, was thoroughly enjoyed. A halt was made at Catterick for breakfast, and afterwards, by way of a digester, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the parish church, Mr. Kerr Smith, son of the Vicar, taking part. Continuing our journey by way of Hornby Park, passing close by the castle, the seat of the Duke of Leeds, we arrived at Middleham a little before one o'clock. Here we were met by Dr. Pauli, who gave us the welcome information that he was providing dinner for us at a neighbouring hotel, and it would be ready in a few minutes. After dinner a visit was paid to East Witton, where an attempt for a 720 Cambridge Surprise failed in the fifth course. Time not permitting another start a 120 of the same concluded the ringing here. At Middleham the ringing included a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Plain Bob, and 240 each of London Surprise, Kent and Plain Bob, Dr. Pauli and another member of the local band taking part. At the conclusion of the ringing an adjournment was made to the residence of Dr. Pauli, where a substantial tea awaited us. Having given ample demonstration that there is nothing like ringing for developing an appetite, the evening was spent in handbell ringing and indulgence in the fragrant weed. Before parting Mr. C. Todd, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Pauli for their most generous hospitality.

Dr. Pauli, in reply, said our visit had given them great pleasure, and hoped we would come again.

We also wish to thank through this medium the respective Vicars of the churches visited for allowing us to ring, Mr. Kerr Smith for his assistance at Catterick, and the ringers who met us at East Witton.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 18th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the church of St. Mary, Barnes, viz.: the unveiling of a tablet. Twenty ringers were present, including two ladies.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. Driver, in the absence of the Master, said they were gathered on an unique occasion. The present tablet was the first which had been erected by the Fulham Society, and was intended to record the first peal on the bells (Bob Major) which was rung in December last, and he now asked the Rector to accept and unveil it.

The Rector (Rev. Meredyth Kitson, said he was glad to be asked to unveil the tablet, which was a very handsome one. The bells were historical, three were old, one being erected to commemorate the defeat of the Spanish Armada, the remaining five being a memorial of Queen Victoria's sixty years' reign.

After a short touch of Stedman Triples, and a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, Mr. Hesse proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his presence. This was seconded by Mr. Elson and carried unanimously.

The Rector in reply said he was very pleased to welcome them, and felt sure that the young band now learning would have the assistance of his neighbours of Fulham.

Ringling in various methods was kept going for two hours concluding with handbells on the Rectory lawn.

The peal board, which is Gothic in design, is the work of Mr. Hunt of Guildford, and gave great satisfaction.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. Alcock has removed from 29, Milbank Street, South Bank, to 13, Bon Lea Tec, Thornaby, Yorks.

BLACKPOOL.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The anniversary of the glorious 18th June, "Waterloo Day," always revives in the heart of every patriotic Englishman and woman a feeling of pride and deep thankfulness, and although eighty-nine years have flown since that memorable battle was fought and won, the thought of what might have happened to the inhabitants of these islands had the fates decided against us cannot be expressed in so many words. It is not, however, as to how battles are fought and won which shall form the scheme about to be related, it is in regard to a visit paid by members of the above Society at the kind invitation of their lady member, Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, to Sevenoaks, Penshurst and Speldhurst. Leaving London Bridge at 9.23, "The Youths" arrived at Sevenoaks at 10.6 p.m. Here they were met by Miss Leny and her two sisters, Mrs. Mackinnon, wife of the Rector of Speldhurst, and Mrs. Mansfield. Seats were taken on a well appointed char-a-banc and four, with Mr. Spittle in charge of the ribbons, and the inimitable Walter as guard, with his toot-a-toot, and whose lustiness of lung power is not a failing quantity. Reaching The Crown hotel, Sevenoaks, the party dismounted and paid a visit to the parish church of St. Nicholas, which is built of Kentish rag stone, in the perpendicular style of the 13th and 14th centuries, it has a tower, 99 feet in height, containing a clock and a peal of eight bells. Permission to ring here could not be obtained, and the reason given was that it would *disturb the residents above the Church*. A telescopic investigation was made, but the aerial monsters referred to were undiscovered. In the church are a number of monuments to Charles, first and only Earl Whitworth, sometime Vice-roy of Ireland, also to the Fermore, Boswell, Amherst, Lake, Pitt, Scott and Lambarde families, besides several stained windows. The register dates from 1559. Our inspection over we returned to The Crown hotel, where a substantial lunch awaited our best attentions. Just previous to this, however, we took a stroll in the magnificent grounds attached to this comfortable hostelry and in a summer house therein four of the gallant boys discoursed a touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, thoughtfully furnished by our much respected treasurer, Mr. Hughes of Whitechapel fame. Our inner man having been sufficiently replenished with the good things provided, a stroll across the street brought us to Knole Park, the seat of Lord Sackville. This house was mainly built by Archbishop Bourchier, who died in 1486, and Thomas Sackville, Earl of Dorset, (1539-1608), whom Queen Elizabeth made Lord High Treasurer of England. The chest she presented to him is still to be seen at Knole and is in a wonderful state of preservation. It will be remembered that Thomas Sackville was a poetical writer of some importance. The building is a quaint mixture of the perpendicular Gothic of the xvth century, and the early Italian style of the xviith century, and covers, with its out-buildings, five acres of ground. The front, seen from the approach is of the later period with the exception of the gates. The inner court is chiefly Lord Dorset's building, and has his initials on the lead pipes; the hall is Bourchier's work, as is also the chapel and chaplain's room; the state rooms contains a large collection of portraits and other pictures. The tapestried pictures in the chapel, venetian bedroom and organ room are very fine. At the north corner of the mansion is situated a barn of Bourchier's time, and on the other hand the "Duchess Walk," an avenue of oaks: at the north-east corner was a gaol for the Archbishop's servants; further on an avenue of beeches leads to the ancient pleasure ground, where there are some fine old trees. The picturesque undulations of the splendid park, which is six miles in circumference, covering upwards of a thousand acres, well stocked with red and fallow deer, and full of magnificent forest trees, in stately avenues and solemn groves, render Knole one of the most attractive seats in the southern part of England. The "Youths" having feasted their eyes upon all that this magnificent relic of the past affords in historical food, mounted their chariot en route for Penshurst, where tea was partaken at Ye Leycester Arms hotel. Mr. Spicer, the well-known ringer of Penshurst, kindly anticipating our approval obtained permission for the boys to have a pull on Penshurst bells, the opportunity so thoroughly afforded was greatly appreciated, so after tea the bells were set moving to the tune of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major for half an hour, time not admitting of more to be indulged in. The church of St. John the Baptist, Penshurst, is

of stone, chiefly in the late perpendicular style, the south chancel aisle, the mortuary chapel of the Sidney's, was restored by Lord de Lisle and Dudley in 1856. Under the chapel are interred the remains of Algernon Sidney, beheaded on Tower Hill, December 7, 1683. There are also numerous tombs, monuments and brasses to the Sidney, Hardinge, Bullen, Iden and other families. The register dates from 1558. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for so kindly allowing them the use of the bells. Off again for another spin of three or four miles through magnificent scenery the party reached their goal, Speldhurst rectory, where dinner was partaken of. Miss Leny, in a few kind words, expressed the happiness it gave her in welcoming the "Youths" once more to Speldhurst, Mr. W. D. Smith (Master), and Mr. F. E. Dawe, suitably responding. A pleasant feature in the day's proceedings was that the Rector of Speldhurst, Rev. D. H. O. D. MacKinnon, was enabled to join the party at Sevenoaks at luncheon and in the visit to Knole. Unfortunately no ringing could be successfully done at Speldhurst owing to the fourth rope slipping the wheel; this was rather a disappointment.

The three ladies came with the Youths as far as Tunbridge Wells to bid them good-bye, and with a lusty cheer as the train moved out the Youths ventilated what they could not sufficiently express in words, their thorough appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of their lady member.

London Bridge was reached at 11.44 p.m. where we all dispersed to our various destinations. The names of those present are Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, F. E. Dawe, G. Dorrington, jun., E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, W. Prime, W. D. Smith, H. A. Taffender, and G. F. Winney, and F. C. Mauler, one of the vergers at St. Paul's Cathedral.

W. D. SMITH.

Obituary.

JOSEPH SAXBY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of James Saxby, which occurred on Thursday, June 23rd, at the age of 66. He had been a member of the Wortley church choir for the long period of forty-two years, and at the time of his death four of his sons were members of the choir and two were ringers in the church. The funeral took place on Sunday in the churchyard of St. Leonard's, the Rev.—. Butler, M.A. (Barnsley) officiating in the absence of the Vicar. The service was fully choral, Psalm xc. being chanted to Barnby, and the hymns "Let saints on earth in concert sing" being sung in the church, and "Brief life is here our portion" at the graveside. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths. On Monday evening two 720s, one of College Single, and one Bob Minor, muffled, in 51 mins. were rung as a token of respect to the memory of James Saxby. The bells were fully muffled for service on Sunday for all the services.

JAMES HALL.

A member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since its formation, and also a regular attendant of the Christ Church, West Bromwich, belfry, for the past twenty-two years, passed away on Wednesday, June 15th, after a long illness, and was buried at the Cemetery, on Sunday, the 19th, being carried to the graveside by six of his fellow ringers. He had the respect of all around him, as he was always ready to do his best in any method he was capable of ringing, having rung 79 peals in the above society. The bells at Christ Church were rung muffled for the evening service on the Sunday and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the 22nd inst. as a token of respect.

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SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1904.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

In accordance with a resolution made some weeks ago
at headquarters, and with the hope of fulfilling a long-
expressed wish by members of the Society residing at a
distance too great for frequent attendance at the London
towers, a district meeting was held at Kingston-on-
Thames on Saturday, the 2nd inst.

From 5 to 9 o'clock with little intermission the bells of
All Saints' church were kept going by the numerous
visitors and local ringers in various methods, and one who
knows something was heard to remark that this was the
best practice he had had for many a long day, a remark
which others present entirely agreed with.

For distance, Mr. F. S. Bayley easily won, having
braved the elements on his bicycle from Portsmouth.
Others who had started on the road from London got wet
through and had to return, while another who rode
through, was glad to make use of the South-Western

Railway for the return journey. Had the day been fine there would doubtless have been a large contingent of cyclist ringers to further swell the number.

At nine o'clock a move was made to The Wheatsheaf hotel, where a capital room was kindly placed at our disposal, a most enjoyable hour or two being spent in handbell ringing and friendly conversation.

The veteran Mr. Wright, with Mr. Strutt and four other local ringers, entertained us with a well struck course of Grandsire Cinques, while the visitors rang touches of Stedman Triples and Caters.

Several of the Kingston ringers having expressed a wish to join the Society, their elections will, before this notice appears, have been ratified at a meeting at head-quarters.

Mr. O'Meara who, in the regretted and unavoidable absence of the Master Mr. W. D. Smith, had been voted to the chair, thanked the Kingston band for their hearty welcome and co-operation, and in the same friendly spirit offered such a welcome to those who were able to visit the London tower meetings.

Mr. Strutt in very kindly terms responded, and as the time had passed far too quickly, a hasty retreat had to be made to the railway station.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, June 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	GEORGE PAICE 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	*HARRY WARNETT 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. G. Barker was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, July 1, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE GLOUCESTER ARMS, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 7-8.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 9-10.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 11-12.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpires—Messrs. A. B. Peck, A. G. Ellis, and H. S. Ellis.

The Provinces.

The following peal is a corrected issue :

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	THOMAS H. REEVES 6.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES P. SIMPSON 3.	JESSE SCREEN 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	JAMES HARES 9.
JOSEPH WALKER 5.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th, was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. James Hall, a member of the above Society.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. Treble.	FRANK FURR 5.
WILLIAM NEWTON* 2.	JOHN HARE 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	JOHN F. FOSTER 7.
WILLIAM ALLEN 4.	WILLIAM EBBES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal on eight bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	JAMES BETTS 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
JAMES TANN 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MORTIMER, BERKS—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM R. LONG* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. 5.
HENRY WHITE 2.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
JOHN SWAIN 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
THOMAS NEVILLE 4.	FREDERICK PUNTER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1904, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
A. TAILYOUR 2.	I. MYERS 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	R. PRESTAGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

F. J. Shepherd was elected a member of the Association before starting.

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	JOSEPH GOWER 6.
CHARLES BORRETT 3.	EGBERT BORRETT 7.
FREDERICK DIGBY* 4.	ERNEST POPPY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE O. HURD Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
ARTHUR E. FULLER 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
FREDERICK DAY 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. REED Treble.	G. W. STOKES 5.
C. GREEDY 2.	J. R. JONES 6.
C. SUMMERS 3.	H. MOORE 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	S. CORNELIUS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT MCCANN* Treble.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 5.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 2.	ALBERT HILLS 6.
ERNEST V. COX 3.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	GORDON CHECKETTS Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPWOOD, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

*First peal of Major. E. V. Cox was elected a life member previous to starting. Rang as a welcome peal to the new Vicar.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES BAXTER Treble.	*W. H. PORTER 6.
W. H. STEPHENSON .. 2.	A. W. BARRETT 7.
J. W. NEWTON 3.	R. GREENWOOD 8.
F. P. HOWCROFT 4.	*E. C. HUNT 9.
A. M. C. FIELD 5.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rang in commemoration of the induction of the Rev. H. Robinson as Vicar of the parish.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN COPELIN Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

EDINBURGH.

(THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 42½ cwt.

FRANCIS V. H. SINKINS† .. Treble.	*JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. 6.
WILLIAM B. SAMPSON* .. 2.	†EDMUND F. PRICE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	*RICHARD WHITSON .. 8.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS† .. 4.	†WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 9.
HENRY BARTON 5.	†WM. C. S. HEATHCOTE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

†First peal of Grandsire Caterers as conductor. First peal on tower bells by the Society. *First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caterers.

WATERFORD, IRELAND.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

I. MYERS Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
A. TAILYOUR 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 6.
R. BLEE* 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
GEORGE SALTER 4.	R. PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal for thirty-two years. *First peal to the method. The last peal rung by Mr. Blee was a Grandsire one in 1872 on these bells.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in E.

MAURICE BIGNOLD* .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
CONOR O'BRIEN 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rang in honour of the election of H. Fellowes (a local ringer), to the office of parish clerk.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM NEWTON .. Treble.	JOHN HARE 4.
THOMAS R. SCOTT .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES TAYLOR* .. Treble.	*JOHN W. SEAMER .. 5.
PERCY C. LONG* .. 2.	PHILIP O. BIXBY .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BUTLER .. 3.	FRED W. HARGREAVE .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Arranged for W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex. All are members of the Yorkshire Association, and this is C. Jackson's 150th peal in that Association. *First peal of Major.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt

GEORGE N PRICE Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. MADGWICK .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 4.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON* .. 3.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, College Treble, College Exercise,
London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight
and College Pleasure. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
HARRY GREAVES 3.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY HODGETTS* .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. *First peal in the method on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Date Touches.

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday afternoon, June 25th, at St. Mary's church, in 1 hr. and 5 mins, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1904 changes. W. Buckle, C. Lomax, R. S. Long, F. Fronde, S. Roper conductor, F. Buckle. Tenor 16 cwt. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. B. S. Fryer, rector, for the use of the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

AVETON CIFFORD (Devon).—On Monday, April 4th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing about 1,500 changes, owing to the treble rope slipping wheel. W. J. Hiscott, E. Hendy, E. W. Marsh, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. Hopley, W. Richards, W. Ford, G. H. Myers.

KINGSBRIDGE (Devon).—On Monday, April 4th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round after ringing 2,520 changes, in 1 hr. and 20 mins. owing to the bad go of the bells. E. W. Marsh, W. Hopley, W. J. Hiscott, W. Richards, C. R. Lilley conductor, E. Manning, W. Ford, G. H. Myers.

DODBROOK (Devon).—On Monday, April 4th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Ford, C. R. Lilley, E. W. Marsh, W. Hopley conductor, W. Richards, G. H. Myers.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON EAST (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, May 10th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. Rev. H. G. Bird, A. Finch, H. Waite, S. Hancox, W. H. Joiner, J. J. Pratt conductor, H. H. Chandler, W. Honor. On Sunday, June 5th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Peddle, F. Ayres, W. Odell, A. Finch, J. J. Pratt, E. Hancox conductor, H. Chandler, W. Foster.

HILLINGDON WEST (Middlesex).—On Monday, May 29th, at St. Andrew's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. A. Finch, W. Joiner, J. J. Pratt conductor, E. Hancox, H. Waite, H. Gosden, H. Chandler. W. Foster.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Tuesday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, T. A. Stevens, H. Smart, E. Mills, O. Smart, G. Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, W. Butt. This is the first quarter-peal rung on the bells and the first quarter-peal by the local band.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a 447 Grandsire Triples. H. White, Dora White, J. Ward, F. Mills, C. F. Handsford, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard conductor, G. Martin.

DISLEY (Cheshire).—On March 8th, at St. Mary's church, the first 720 of Plain Bob was rung by the following:—G. Swindells, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, J. Broome, E. Bailey conductor. On Tuesday, April 5th, a 720 Plain Bob. G. Swindells, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, J. Broome, C. Bailey conductor. On Tuesday, April 12th, a 720 Plain Bob. R. Marsland, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, F. Holt conductor, J. Broome, E. Bailey. On Friday, April 15th, a 720 Plain Bob. R. Marsland, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, E. Bailey, F. Holt conductor. And on Sunday, for evening service, April 17th, a 720 Plain Bob. G. Swindells, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, F. Holt conductor, J. Broome, E. Bailey. On Tuesday, April 19th for practice, a 720 College Single. R. Marsland, E. Bailey, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, J. Broome, F. Holt conductor. And on Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob. R. Marsland, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, J. Broome, E. Bailey conductor. On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a 720 Plain Bob. G. Swindells, H. Whittaker, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, J. Broome, E. Bailey conductor. On Friday, April 29th, for practice, a 720 College Single. R. Marsland, Rev. A. T. Beeston conductor, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, F. Holt, C. Bailey. Also a 720 Plain Bob. R. Marsland, Rev. A. T. Beeston, A. Lomas, A. Marsland, E. Bailey, F. Holt conductor.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On March 21st, a 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilkins, W. Read conductor, W. Butler, J. Arthur, A. Butler, A. Garrett, G. Barnes, W. Wilkinson. On April 3rd, a 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilkins, A. Butler, W. Wilkinson conductor, J. Arthur, G. Barnes, W. Read, W. Butler, W. Downs. On May 15th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilkins, J. Arthur conductor, W. Butler, W. Read, A. Garrett, J. Cap, G. Barnes, H. Mells.

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).—On June 12th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, 26 singles, in 26 mins. G. Bullock, S. Landymore, T. Fitzjohn, J. Cunningham, F. Buckle, W. Burrows conductor. Tenor 16 cwt

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual Festival will be held at Godalming to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Special service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m., preacher, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Dinner, 1.30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, tickets 2s. each. Annual meeting, 3 p.m. **E. W. CARPENTER, Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey. Hon. Sec.**

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Halesowen to-day, Sat., July 9th. The Rev. J. C. Hill, Rector, will give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and also preside over the business meeting after, in the church house. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec. Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.**

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 4.0. **WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.**

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea (1/-) and general meeting at 5 p.m. in the Victoria Schools, Vicar Lane, near the church. The 10 bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m., except during the time of tea and general meeting. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.**

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Taunton branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at Halse to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Tea will be provided at the Parish Room at 5.30. Business following. **W. WHITE, Local Sec. Hillingdon.**

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Acton to-day, Sat., July 9th. The time for ringing will be limited from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. **J. J. PRATT, Dis. Hon. Sec.**

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Bells open from 3. Tea to members 6d., non-members 9d. All ringing friends will be welcome. **W. H. LAWRENCE, Little Munden.**

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 9th, at St. Bartholomew's church, Chipping. Bells at 3, meeting at 5.30. **R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Mirfield to-day, Saturday, July 9th, to commence at 5.0. Meeting house, The Dusty Miller. **WALTER IDLE, Sec. 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual Festival will be held at Windsor on Monday, July 11th. Service in St. John's church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. J. H. Ellison (Vicar of Windsor). Business meeting in St. John's church rooms, 12.45. Dinner in Guildhall at 1.30. **ALBERT E. REEVES, 20, Raistock Road, Reading. Festival Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, July 14th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec. "Frodingham," Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at The George and Dragon inn at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th. **W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, July 16th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. G. Redfern, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, by Thursday, July 14th. **D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec. pro. tem. High Street, Bucknall.**

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 Edgware on Saturday, July 16th. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec. 18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts Archdeaconry.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, July 16th. Tea will be provided at The Axe and Compass at 4.30. Members intending to be present at tea kindly inform secretary not later than Tuesday, July 12th. **G. D. COLEMAN, Dist. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30. **W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.**

The North Notts Association.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, July 16th. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. S. Smith, Anston, Sheffield, by July 12th. Kiveton Park Station (G.C.R.) one mile. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury District.—A branch meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Haverhill. The tea and meeting will be held at the Vicarage, when the Vicar of Haverhill will take the chair. The tower of Haverhill (6 bells) will be open to the ringers. It is hoped to arrange for ringing at some of the neighbouring towers. **REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, Dist. Sec.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, Hon. Sec., has removed to No. 21, Westover Road, Bramley, near Leeds.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Monday, May 23rd, at the church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. White, H. Walters, F. Barrett, H. Tubb, F. Tubb conductor, R. White, F. Whitsen, T. W. Tubb.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE CHISWICK SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 11th, the Chiswick ringers had their first annual outing. Accompanied by the Vicar of Chiswick, the Rev. F. W. Isaacs, and the Rev. A. E. Dudley, they took the train for St. Albans and were received at the station by Mr. Whitebread. Taken to the Abbey, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before evensong. Adjourning to St. Peter's, they were very kindly received by Mr. Debenham, former hon. sec. of the Hertford Association. Grandsire Triples and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were here indulged in. A substantial tea was then partaken of at Slater's, and another visit paid to St. Peter's church, where a pleasant day was finished with Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Double Norwich. The ringers are very much indebted to Mr. Whitebread and Mr. Debenham, who did so much towards making the afternoon so enjoyable.

THE SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 25th, the members of the Holy Trinity branch, Skipton-in-Craven, had their annual outing. Starting from Skipton by the 7.4 a.m. train, Lancaster was reached just after 9 o'clock, where a

char-a-banc was waiting, and the party was conveyed to Kirkby Lonsdale, making short halts on the way at Hornby and Burra. The drive to Kirkby was full of interest. Ingleborough was in full view the whole of the time; and such well-known bridges as Greta Bridge, the Bridge of Roberts and the Devil's Bridge were passed, the river Lune at the latter place being a fine sight. Dinner was partaken of at the Waverley Temperance Hotel, and then the party repaired to the parish church to ring touches of Violet and Kent Minor. Leaving Kirkby at 3.30, Morecambe was reached by way of the Red Well and Bolton-le-Sands at 7 o'clock. The evening was spent in a convivial manner. On Sunday, permission having been obtained to ring for morning service at Morecambe parish church, touches of Kent, Oxford, Violet, New London, Duke of York and Oxford Delight were got through successfully. The service was one of exceptional interest, inasmuch as it was the occasion of unveiling a tablet of honour to Morecambe men who had served in the Boer war. The ceremony was performed by Col. Murray, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment. A drive to Heysham Harbour, Overton and Sna-

chems was the programme for the afternoon: and the party reached Skipton at 8.15 the same night, having had a most enjoyable trip. The members wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Davies, Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale; and also the Rev. Canon Troughton, Vicar of Morecambe, for the use of the bells.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—Recently, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Lilley conductor, S. J. Coleman, F. York, J. Hare, H. Fields, E. C. Chasty, G. D. Coleman, W. J. Mayes.

LENTON (Notts).—On Thursday, April 21st, the first half of Carter's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 29 mins. W. Wagstaff, J. Wolley, S. Wesley conductor, F. Johnson, W. T. Burton, T. Horton, R. Gee, T. Savage.

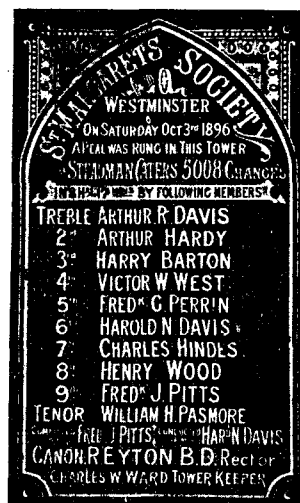
RANMOOR (Sheffield, Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, June 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 47 mins. S. Thomas, J. Atkin, C. Haynes, L. Charlesworth, J. Thorpe, J. Evinson, W. S. Plant, G. O. Dixon conductor.

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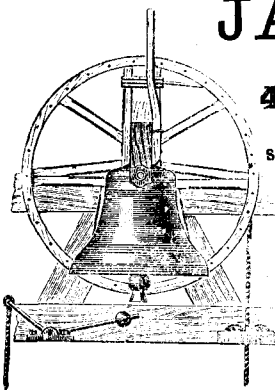
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