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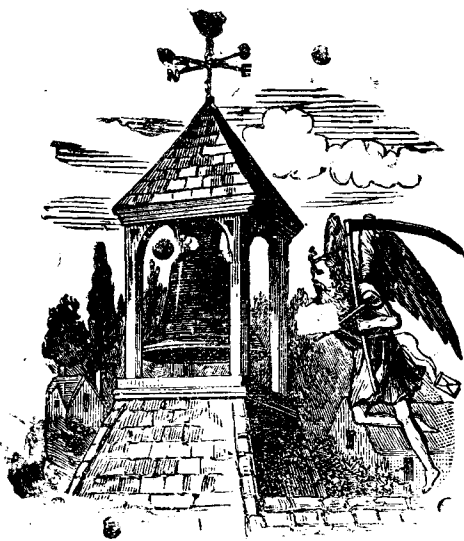
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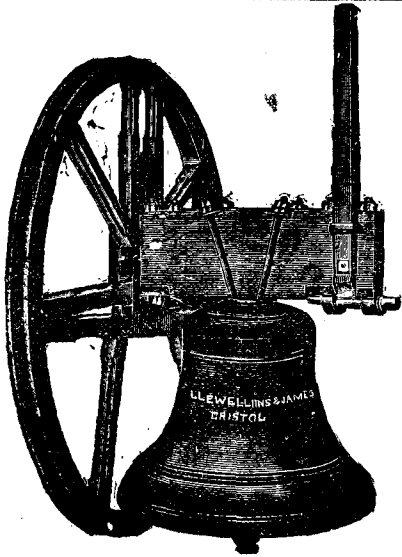
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R.

SCHEDULE (continued).

SHEPshed (Leicestershire). St. Botolph. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor, 1895, the rest by Briant, 1805. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Taylor 1895. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. No practice.

SHEPTON MALLETT (Somersetshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells; 3rd and tenor no name or date; 7th by Kingston, 1822; the rest by Rudhall, 1773. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by York about 1875. Church authorities have taken no notice of ringers' demands for repair, probably owing to lack of funds. Ropes mostly bad. No half-pull or Sunday ringing or regular practice.

SHERBORNE (Dorset). St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 6th by Mears, 1858; 3rd and 7th by "R.A." 1653; 4th and 5th by Bilbie, 1803 and 1787 respectively. Tenor (by Warner, 1865) 48 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner about 1890. The soundbow of the 3rd is in a bad condition. Ropes good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 in winter.

SHIELDS, NORTH (Northumberland). Christ Church. Durham and Newcastle Association. Ten bells; treble and 2nd, 1878 by Mears (?); 3rd and tenor by Mears 1874; the rest by the same 1788. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 5 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Canterbury Pleasure. Sunday ringing: 10.20 to 11, and 5.50 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

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SOUTHILL, BUCKS.

The six bells in the above church have been rehung, and some of them quarter-turned by Messrs. Bowell and Son, Bell Founders, of Ipswich. On Friday evening members of the Bedfordshire Association from Bedford, Hitchin, Old Warden and Clifton assembled to try the bells, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, and touches in various other methods, all expressing their satisfaction with the "go" of them. The bells were cast by Briant in 1814, and are a musical peal in F sharp, the tenor weighing 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on the afternoon of Saturday, July 9th, when the various districts of the Association were fairly well represented, the bells at the church being well used by the visitors and local ringers until about 9.0 p.m., with the exception of the time devoted to tea and general meeting.

The Rev. Canon Hacking, Vicar of Chesterfield, had kindly arranged for the tea in his grounds, which kindness was much appreciated by all. Amongst those present at the subsequent meeting in addition to the Vicar were R. T. Dewe, esq., churchwarden, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. W. Taylor, jun., etc. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. One honorary member, the Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and three ringing members were unanimously elected.

Replying to a vote of thanks the Vicar spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the Association to Chesterfield.

The Vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.), read a list of the peals rung by the Association during the past quarter, which were of an ordinary character, with the exception of the 11,008 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at South Wigston, which up to the present is the longest peal rung by the Association in any method. In the course of his remarks Mr. Taylor said he was proud to be vice-president of the Association. He was present at considerable personal inconvenience, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Taylor. He asked the members to give him their cordial assistance to carry on the good work of the Association.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch was chosen as the place of next quarterly meeting.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston proposed a vote of thanks to the vice-president for presiding, and a hearty welcome to him on this the occasion of his occupying the chair for the first time as vice-president of the Association.

The chairman having briefly replied, the meeting terminated.

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THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, a special ringing meeting of this Association was held at South Wingfield, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Christian. Ringing members were present from Ashover, Alfreton, Swanwick, Ripley, Horsley, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Shirland, and South Wingfield. The Vicar kindly entertained the visitors to tea on the lawn, to which eighty sat down. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for kindly providing the tea and granting the use of the bells for the day.

Mr. Christian, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the Association at South Wingfield. The bells had recently been rehung and a new treble added by Taylor, and they now had a good ring of bells. He liked to hear them rung, and said a good peal of bells well rung often meant a good congregation.

The bells were kept merrily going from 2 p.m. until nearly 9 p.m. with little intermission, both five and six-bell methods being rung by mixed bands. One and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the first ringing meeting ever held at South Wingfield will be long remembered by all present, both in respect to numbers and the hearty welcome given to all visitors.

Five new members were enrolled from South Wingfield and four from other towers. The members wish to thank the tower-keeper (Mr. Hawksley) for having everything in readiness for the meeting, the "go" of the bells being all that could be desired.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Norton, on June 4th, and the weather being everything that was desired, quite a large number of ringers with their wives were tempted to this beauty spot, which is situated on the northern borders of Derbyshire, and the fine light ring of eight is one of the favorite peals in the district. After a most enjoyable walk through the country to the church, the bells were set going at 4 p.m. and continuously kept busy until 7.30 p.m. with Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and London Surprise, representatives being present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Doncaster, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Treeton, Walkley. All Saints, St. Marie's, and the parish church companies of Sheffield, and the local company.

Through the kindness of the Rev. G. W. Hall, the vicarage grounds were thrown open during the afternoon, and the members took the opportunity to inspect the splendid gardens, which was greatly appreciated. Owing to indisposition, the Vicar was unable to meet the ringers, but sent a most hearty welcome to all, and also invited to tea those who wished to partake of the same.

Later in the evening the business meeting was held at the "New Inn" kept by Mr. A. Slater, one of the Norton company, about forty members being present. One hon. member and three new ringing members were elected. Business over, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, during which a plentiful supply of sandwiches were placed on the table, most generously provided by the local company. Songs were given by Messrs. Evinson, Lewis, Ward, Palmer, Allan and Atkin, and the brothers Bugar gave a selection of tunes on the handbells. Also 162 Grandsire Triples were rung on hand by G. Lewis, A. Kettell, C. Glenn and M. Simmonite and 536 Bob Major,

by W. Allwood, S. Thomas, C. Glenn and L. F. Palmer.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. W. Hall and the Norton band, for the use of the bells, and for kindly providing refreshments, which was ably responded to by Mr. G. James and Mr. A. Slater. A break was made about 10.30 p.m. when the members dispersed in their various directions for home, all being unanimous in their declaration of having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Obituary.

JOHN HALEY.

Mr. Haley died after a short illness on Sunday morning, the 17th of July, at his residence in Holme Lane, Tong, Yorkshire, aged 71 years. The deceased had been connected with Tong parish church for more than half a century, first as an assistant in the choir, next for a long period as one of the change-ringers, and later he served for a term as parishioners' warden. Mr. Haley was well known amongst the ringing fraternity in this district as a careful and wherewithal unassuming exponent of the Art (one who was always anxious to make ringing worthy of its name) and especially a good six-bell ringer, as may be judged from the fact that he rang the tenor in a peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five different Treble Bob methods at Tong, on February 17th, 1883. The records of the Yorkshire Association, of which Society he had been a member since 1876, will shew thirty peals to his credit, many of them being on eight bells. Visitors to the belfry of Tong church, or members of other towers who have received a visit from the Tong company may probably best recall Mr. Haley from the fact that he invariably rang the tenor. The interment took place on Tuesday at the Tong Cemetery, the Vicar of Tong, the Rev. C. Farrow, B.A., conducting the service. In addition to the members of the family there were present many well known ringers, viz.: Messrs. J. Broadley (Bradford), J. W. T. Holgate (Yorkshire Association Secretary, Bramley), J. West (Birstal), C. Pratt, W. Hollings (Calverley), J. Ross, G. A. O. Nettleton and J. Lilly (Shipley), J. W. Moorhouse (Wakefield), P. Cordingley, T. Maude (Pudsey), and members of the Tong company—G. Bolland, W. Bolland, S. Oddy, E. Oddy, H. N. Towler, and Mr. George Pickard, a former member who commenced with Mr. Haley in 1850. In the evening muffled peals were rung as a tribute of esteem and respect for their departed friend.

GEORGE PAGE.

The death of the above-named ringer took place on Tuesday, July 5th, at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, in his 40th year, through the bursting of a blood vessel on the 4th. Deceased leaves a wife and four children. He had been connected with the tower of St. John's, Tue Brook, for the last 15 years. He was a member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and an excellent striker. He had rung two peals of Grandsire Triples, his last touch being a 504 of Grandsire on the 3rd instant. His remains were interred on Saturday, July 9th, at West Derby Cemetery, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. R. T. Brockman, M.A., Vicar of St. John's. A number of beautiful wreaths were sent by relatives and friends, including one from the St. John's company. The bells were rung deeply muffled as the funeral passed the church en route to the cemetery. He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow ringers.

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RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Tuesday, July 12th, at St. Michael's church, Winterbourne, Bristol, the marriage took place of the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, chief Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, son of the late Rev. Francis Tilney-Bassett, Vicar of Dulverton and Prebendary of Wells, and Miss Alice Johnson, youngest daughter of the late Rev. James Thomas Johnson, Vicar of Bridwell, Oxon. The church was tastefully decorated, and the service, fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. T. S. Goodrich, Rector, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Tilney-Bassett, brother of the bridegroom. The bells of Winterbourne and Devizes rang gaily during the day; and on the following Saturday Holt's ten-part peal was scored at Melksham in honour of the happy event. Among the handsome and useful presents which numbered considerably over 100, was a beautiful and well-toned peal of fifteen handbells by Shaw, twelve of which Mr. Bassett intends hanging in his hall, and the following inscription handsomely illuminated and framed: "Presented to the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett a set of fifteen handbells by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, July 12th, 1904, as a small expression of the friendship he has won since he has been Secretary of the Guild."

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the eastern district of the above Association was held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells were placed at the disposal of visitors by the Rev. H. Lipscomb, some well-struck touches of Stedman and Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples being rung.

Members were present from Hertford, Ware, Bishop Stortford and Little Munden, besides the local band. The Rev. H. W. Parker, curate of the above, was elected a member of the Association, and although a young ringer in change-ringing, took part in most of the ringing, and gives great promise of being a valuable acquisition to the Sawbridgeworth band.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. G. H. Barker, and seconded by Mr. H. J. Tucker.

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CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

On Tuesday, June 28th, the Rev. L. H. Burrows, Vicar of Godalming, was inducted as Vicar of Croydon by the late Vicar, Canon Pereira, now Bishop of Croydon. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by A. Jones, F. Pates, E. Bray, W. States, A. Clark, W. Groves, W. Hill, F. Meads. On Sunday morning, July 3rd, on the occasion of the new Vicar reading himself in, 535 Stedman Triples. A. Jones, F. Pates, A. Clarke, E. Bray, W. Groves, W. States, W. Hill, J. Talbot. On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, 571 Stedman by Messrs. Jones, Bray, Clark, Groves, Talbot, Pates, Hill, Dudley. For evening service 565 in the same method by Messrs. Jones, Pates, Clark, Groves, Bray, States, Hill, Meads.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.—The above was originally arranged to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the formation of the above society; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. H. Taffender, but through the decease of an old and much respected member, Mr. W. Baron, also of a parishioner, Mr. Horrex, proprietor of Horrex's hotel, the bells were half-muffled.

THE PEAL AT NORWICH.—A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus was previously arranged, but failing to obtain the number this was rung instead as a welcome to Canon Pigot, he being elected as their President of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The second session of the Fifth Central Council has been held, and all have had the pleasure of reading the report of its proceedings. Some of us have been interested by its perusal, some have been amused; and some perhaps have not been either amused or interested. The discussion upon peals rung single-handed upon handbells was a pertinent one for consideration no doubt, but the attitude taken up by the President and Mr. White upon the question was a correct one. A single-handed peal can be obtained with one's eyes shut; the very idea of such a performance years gone by would have been scouted, and laughed to scorn. It is hoped that this subject will fail to appear next session, for in my opinion it is not worth the time spent on it. I feel almost certain that a record of such a performance would not appear among the peals.

It may be supposed that the discussion *re* conductors was *apropos*. Some think there are too many already; surely it is that there are too many who think they can conduct, and how often these people fail is well known. The old unwritten law was that the senior member (among the callers) called, if he was present; then the next leading caller, and so on. In the times of Haley and Cox, and their predecessors, no one would have had the temerity even to call the bells off, *i.e.* to say "go" if either of such celebrities were present. There is a story told concerning Mr. Haley in relation to this. On one occasion he was thought slower than usual in calling "go," and another member of the company did so. Mr. Haley immediately set his bell, and looking round the chamber asked who said "stop."

My experience of many years ago was this: We had one very good leader who always was expected to call whenever he was present; but this gentleman was fully aware that there were several ambitious "youths" among the company who were dying to extinguish themselves. To one or other of these he would turn round and say—"Would you like to call this evening?" The answer would of course be in the affirmative, and if the youth was found capable he was often so invited. Thus we had a good consulting conductor, as he might be termed, and several other younger hands who became capable in a short time. But the old leader was the man who governed, as it were, this part of the business, and not the slightest jealousy or friction emanated, the understanding suited all. And I would much prefer an unwritten law of this kind to any cast-iron arrangement such as who is to call one week and who the other.

Again by the word "conductor" in this discussion was really meant those who called the bobs. It seems a pity that the old word "called" has gone out of fashion. We know that between a mere bob-caller and a qualified conductor there is a great difference, though both qualities may be present in the same individual. There are those who can call, but cannot conduct, *i.e.* keep a weak ringer from going astray; there are others who cannot call, and yet "conduct," and these very often save the caller from a fiasco. It has happened before now, and perhaps will again, that a caller will select a company for a peal comprising more than one good conductor, who will be "down like bricks" upon any waverer. I have merely written this paragraph to favor the more frequent use of the word "caller."

The resolution on so-called illegitimate methods did not appear at all, but Mr. Trollope has explained the reason of this. We are to have it next year however; but it seems to me that some members of the opposition to the practice of such methods have changed ground. Did not a prominent member of the Committee lead us to suppose that all peals rung in such methods were not to be booked in future? Now it is said that only the practice of them is to be prevented. Very well. I need not refer to any other item of the C. C.'s agenda.

A great variety of events has happened since you last saw my signature—both foreign and domestic. As we open our morning papers nowadays we are at once attracted by some sensational headline or other. One evening paper the other week had a line—"Fall of Port Arthur," but not a word about such an occurrence anywhere. The political world is in some ferment just now and will remain so I suppose until another General Election takes place. Then there will be a change of masters, it is said. Further than this some men who have been prominent in the political world for years past will retire from it altogether. Sir William Harcourt for instance, the son of a clergyman and the nephew (or grandson) of an Archbishop. He is a barrister, and once was Solicitor-General, which office gave him his knighthood. I have been reading a volume of notes by the late Sir F. H. Doyle, who tells an anecdote of Sir William which may perhaps amuse you. "He bought a horse," says the narrator, "for one hundred guineas from a dealer in Oxfordshire. After the meeting of Parliament he got immersed in his briefs (he was then a Parliamentary lawyer, not an M.P.), and forgot all about the park hack waiting for his orders at Bicester. In the month of August, just before starting for Scotland, his memory came back to him, and he sent off in a hurry to his agent explaining, that perhaps, as he had no longer any use for it, the horse could be sold without coming to town. 'Certainly,' was the reply, 'but not now, in the autumn, for the sum you gave in the spring.' The hundred guinea horse only fetched seventy guineas, and yet Harcourt thought himself well out of the business. But, alas! when he applied for his money, he was met with this courteous rejoinder: 'Pardon me, but you have forgotten the keep of the horse, you have forgotten various other items, not to mention a farrier's bill or two. In point of fact, you owe me thirty shillings, but, under the circumstances, I will not insist upon that.' It has been often said that an active connection with that noble and useful animal, the horse, similar to that of the dealer above referred to, obliterates or blunts all ideas of honest trading.

The schedule of "Our Church Bells" occasionally contains some queer items. On individual in answer to the enquiry for information objected to such "inquisitiveness," as he called it. Perhaps he was one of those persons who have a fixed belief that the bells are their own property, and not only the bells, but the tower, church, parson and all. I think it a great pity, in fact a great shame, that more of the clergy do not take some little interest in the bells under their care. A little trouble on their part would in some cases prevent disaster. At the church of St. Mary, Pulham, Norfolk, we read that the lip of the 4th bell is chipped away! What Vandal did this? I am very much afraid that this is not a solitary instance of the sort. Such mutilations are done without the incumbent's or wardens' knowledge, with the view of making the bell

sharper or flatter, according to the whim or fancy of the operator. Such interference with the bells, generally by ignorant but conceited people, should be made a penal offence.

Ringers of course are campanalogists. So perhaps in a lesser degree—very much lesser—are town criers (sometimes called bellmen), pullers of the factory bell, and pikelet (or crumpet) vendors. But ringers will soon become archaeologists (this is a long word), and very practical ones too, if the much appreciated R. A. D. continues his studies, or I had better say “researches.” He has told us much more about the past than any one. With what interest must readers of the “B.N.” have perused his paper on the church of St. Bartholomew the Great in West Smithfield. (*En parenthesis*—what could he tell us of the Smithfield Martyrs). Then again his paper the other day—the two distinguished Samuels. The feeling prevails with all who read Mr. Daniell’s writings that these old worthies are at hand, that they are still in the flesh, *i.e.* as neighbours, as brother-ringers; and wonders after reading whether they are dead or alive, the word-painting is so life-like and natural. Can he find no memoranda of those celebrated men—Holt, Annable, and Reeves, which may enlighten and interest us? Mr. Daniell’s teachings will make us all archaeologists, ecclesiologists, and antiquarians. And why shouldn’t we be.

I am told there was another celebrated ringer named Samuel Lawrence, who belonged to the Worcester company a long time ago. He used to be spoken of as a celebrated Treble Bob and Stedman ringer, a safe and sure man, highly respected, but not very much beloved by his compeers. He was a trifle eccentric, but to his credit, as some would say, he never lost a chance of bettering his condition when it came in his way. He was last heard of as a parish official in the village of Powick—pronounced locally without the “w.” Here he lived in a beautiful cottage surrounded by a capacious garden. He never met the village company—perhaps he spurned their society as being of the Churchyard Bob order, though many men in his position would have tried their hands at what is known as belfry reform. Peace be to his manes.

In my last contribution to this paper I referred to the records of Doubles and Minor in the peal columns. A correspondent followed the next week approving of what I said. Then other gentlemen had their say, but these latter missed the mark altogether, and wallowed in quite another track. I will try to make the matter plain to all concerned. This is what I wrote: “I consider the ringing of seven methods of Minor, especially Surprise or other Treble Bob methods, a splendid performance, and that they merit a distinction considerably above Doubles, or plain methods. What distinction can be given to such performances is for the learned to say. They deserve something more, certainly, than the forty-two 6-scores, even when they are called differently. Again, years ago no one ever thought of ringing seven 720s unless all the seven were unlike, *i.e.* in different methods; and a proposal to ring a method over again would be scouted.”

This seems to be plain enough. What was meant is that Doubles should not find a place among the peal-records, nor seven 700s of Minor unless rung in seven methods.

This is the old faith and belief. I doubt whether in the good old times any one thought of ringing seven 700s unless they were to be rung in different methods. But a laxity has sprung up of late years in this and other matters unfortunately. Forty-two 6-scores, even if called differently, seems to me a wretched performance as a pure ringing feat. Some people say that it is enough to drive an ordinary man out of his mind. The monotony must be awful, but that is no reason why it should be recorded as “a peal.”

We have just heard of the most surprising record within the memory of man. This record will be known as “the record of the weathercock,” and is one of the choicest anecdotes ever spoken or written. The name of the narrator will go down to posterity, *i.e.* to ringing posterity. The story will stand recapitulating. “Some years ago it was necessary to do some repairs to the weathercock of a church in Birmingham, of which a brother of his (the narrator’s) was Vicar. When it was brought down it was very much larger indeed than it appeared on the top of the spire. When it was opened a tin case was found in it, and in that a newspaper giving an account of the battle of Waterloo, and a sheet of paper giving the names of the ringers who rung on the day the weathercock was put up, and how much beer was drank on that occasion.”

At whatever church in Birmingham did this remarkable discovery transpire? Has the legend ever been heard of by the Birmingham men. I am afraid that the worthy Vicar in question was the victim of as complete a hoax as ever was perpetrated. Here my comments end for this week.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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 SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

SIR,—It will be remembered by those of your readers interested, that some time since the draft of a protest (which was in due course adopted and signed by the Cumberland Youths and the London County Association and forwarded to the Archdeacon of Middlesex) appeared in your columns, on the subject of the assumption by the Middlesex Association, without reference to any other ringing body, of the title of a Diocesan Guild. The result of the correspondence which has taken place is that a special service of the London County Association is to be held at St. Clement Danes, on Saturday, October 29th next, at 6 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop of London has kindly consented to address the old London Companies. Details of the arrangements will be announced in due course, and it is hoped that the Bishop will be able to meet the Exercise for a short time after the service at some convenient place near the Church.

I am sure it will be felt that this is very kind of the Bishop, and that it entirely meets the situation, for by his offer he has quite wiped out the grievance of the old companies, which really comes to this, that they were as much entitled as any other body to Episcopal notice; and I am quite satisfied from the correspondence that the Rev. H. G. Bird, to whom the initiative of the additional title belongs, had no intention whatever of any discourtesy to anyone. He has written me a very frank and handsome letter, and expressed the pleasure it will give him to attend the service at St. Clement’s.

It therefore appears that a misunderstanding has been cleared up, and that there is plenty of room for us all to carry on our work in the future with mutual good will. I trust that ringers and their friends will rally round the Bishop and give him a hearty welcome on his introduction to the old companies.

R. A. DANIELL.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1904.

A letter from Mr. R. A. DANIELL, to be found in another column, agreeably informs us that a satisfactory solution has been found to those slight differences which an increase to the nomenclature of one of the metropolitan societies gave rise to. The conflict of opinion to which we allude is well known to those ringers who are concerned in the questions involved, therefore a repetition is unnecessary. Our position is to allude to the satisfactory settlement of the question, the existence of which at one time created a danger of the rupture of friendly relations between the principal parties concerned. Therefore all will rejoice, not only at this peaceable and satisfactory conclusion, but that the measures employed to do so have led to other favorable results for the Exercise.

The Bishop of London is a prelate who affects for the better whatever he sets his hand to. He is a member

of a family several of which have not only filled high positions in the Church, but have devoted themselves to measures having for their object the public good. One distinguished relative of his is still well-remembered and his memory honoured in that part of the country where his family has been located for so many years. We rejoice therefore that the Exercise has secured the countenance and co-operation of his lordship, and it is hoped he may become more and more identified with it. He will not be the first prelate who has done so, for we have a Welsh bishop who is a practical ringer.

It will lead to practical good if when the Bishop of London appears to address the London companies at St. Clement Danes, a good congregation of the members from all parts of London will assemble.

The Metropolis.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡First peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, July 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK TUBB Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
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FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON.. .. 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	HERBERT LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal in the method; also on ten bells. Further reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	†JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and Conducted by W. PYE.
†First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ALBERT WIER 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT ..Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM PYLE Treble.	G. M. MORTON 5.
JOHN T. WELLS 2.	*FRED PYLE.. .. 6.
SIDNEY W. TINDALL* .. 3.	GEORGE CHESTER 7.
GEORGE FLINTHAM 4.	JOHN W. WATSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. P. Clifton upon his recent marriage.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON ..Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
ERNEST E. FERRY 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	R. ALDER GOFTON 8.
EDMUND F. PRICE* 4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 9.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

*First peal of Stedman, and hails from Edinburgh.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 4.
THOMAS M. WRIGHT* .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
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Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	*OLIVER BROCK 5.
ERNEST POPPY 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
WALTER BARRETT 3.	GEORGE SYMONDS 7.
JAMES BETTS 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES MOULDEN Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
W. E. PITMAN 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	GEORGE BRION Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

STEPHEN BEST Treble.	GEORGE H. PLUMMER 6.
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 2.	ALBERT BEST 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART* 3.	TOM F. BEST 8.
EDWARD V. HINTON 4.	GEORGE PRESTON 9.
ARTHUR N. WOUFF 5.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. WRIGHT, and Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters; also first peal of Caters in any method by the rest of the band. First peal of Caters on the bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 2.	*GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
ARTHUR T. MORRIS* 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Monday, July 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

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Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford Bob Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN HARE Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4.
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SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Arranged specially for Mr. G. D. Coleman, Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, July 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	EDWARD EVANS 8.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peals.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 25, COUNTRESS STREET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES E. GOFTON† .. 1-2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5-6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE* 3-4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by JAMES MOTTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal of Treble Bob Major. Umpire—Alfred F. Hillier.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Melksham on the 16th and reported this week was conducted by William J. Prescott.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On Saturday, April 30th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Doubles, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 744 Plain Bob and 1160 of Grandsire. S. Hume, A. Appleton, B. Cottis, I. D. Buckingham conductor, C. Mann, H. Brazier.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEADINGLEY.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. (Dr. A. B. Carpenter's). Rev. T. H. Dixon, P. Johnson, T. Hunt, H. Williams conductor, W. Wood, B. Shaw, H. Lindsay, A. Haste.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARSTON.—On Thursday, April 28th, at St. Michael's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 12 mins., from Holt's Original. J. Aspinwall, T. Hammond, jun., E. Caunce conductor, S. Stewart, J. W. Rawlinson, G. Newton, W. Hughes, S. Millership.

Miscellaneous.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CREWKERNE.—On Friday, May 6th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Triples. C. Russ, B. Coombes (first score) G. Sibley, Fred. Baker, D. G. Taylor conductor, W. Coombes.

STREET.—At the parish church, for practice on Thursday, May 19th, 210 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Trimm, H. Parish, J. A. Barnes, F. Marsh, jun., C. J. Webb conductor, C. Taylor, A. W. Webb, H. Marsh. On May 24th, 238 Grandsire Triples. F. Marsh, sen., H. Parish conductor, J. A. Barnes, F. Marsh, jun., C. J. Webb, C. Taylor, A. Webb, G. Richards. 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Marsh, sen., H. Parish, J. A. Barnes, F. Marsh, jun., C. J. Webb, C. Taylor, A. W. Webb conductor, A. Hooper.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—Recently at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. I. B. Holmyard (first quarter-peal), J. R. Adams, F. Speed (first quarter-peal), F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, G. R. Davis, C. H. Shearn conductor, R. Jones.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY.—On Saturday, March 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 464 Bob Major. T. Howarth, W. Watson, T. Burrows, S. Cornish, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. And 704 Kent. N. Townend, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, S. Cornish, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, March 13th, a 376 Bob Major. T. Howarth, N. Townend, R. Hartley, S. Cornish, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 640 Kent standing as above. On Sunday, March 20th, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. T. Howarth, S. Cornish, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 376 Kent standing as above. On Sunday, May 8th, 566 Kent. N. Townend, T. Burrows, T. Redman, W. Walton, T. Howarth, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, S. Cornish conductor. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 College Single. T. Howarth, R. Hartley, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, S. Cornish, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 22nd, 726 Kent. T. Mouncey, T. Howarth, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, May 24th, 446 Oxford. N. Townend, S. Cornish, W. Walton, R. Foulds, R. Hartley, J. Foulds, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Kent. T. Howarth, N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Burrows, T. Redman, S. Cornish conductor. On Sunday, May 29th, 668 Bob Major. D. Howarth, T. Burrows, W. Walton, S. Cornish, F. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

MILES PLATTING (Lancashire).—On May 10th, at St. John the Evangelist, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Hall, W. G. Hargreaves conductor, R. Morris, J. Eachus, H. Hall, H. Barlow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS.—On Sunday afternoon May 15th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after 2400 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Thomas conductor, H. Lewis, W. Apperley, F. J. Lewis, H. C. Bond, G. Jayne, S. M. Loxton, J. J. Jefferies. Also a course of Treble Bob Major and of Plain Bob, J. Kitchener standing in. In the evening for Divine service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. W. Minchin, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis, H. C. Bond, W. Bates, J. Kitchener, S. M. Loxton, C. Mustoe.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On Wednesday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. S. Hume, A. Appleton, B. Cottis, I. D. Buckingham conductor, H. Brazier, G. Abbott.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Tuesday, July 5th, at All Saints' church, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. by the Christ Church Blacklands Society. J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., R. C. Ford, L. Stapley, S. C. Saker, F. Lock conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells which were recently augmented to six. On Wednesday, July 7th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, sen., S. Saker, R. C. Ford, J. Livermore, jun., F. Lock, A. B. Bennett, W. Franks conductor, S. C. Saker. And 252 Stedman Triples. S. Saker, conductor, L. Stapley, R. C. Ford, A. B. Bennett, G. Watson, S. C. Saker, W. Franks, W. Swain. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., R. C. Ford, F. Lock, S. Saker, A. B. Bennett, S. C. Saker, W. Franks. And 224 Bob Major. J. Livermore, sen., F. Lock, R. C. Ford, L. Stapley, A. B. Bennett, G. Watson, S. C. Saker, W. Franks conductor. Also 161 of Grandsire Triples. E. Watford, J. Livermore, W. Stevenson, J. Livermore, R. C. Ford, W. Franks, F. Lock conductor, W. Swain.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On May 12th, Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 46 mins. W. Freeland, G. Easer, G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, W. Shepherd. Composed by F. Bennett.

YORKTOWN (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 14th, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Read, W. A. J. Ives, A. Woodrow, Rev. E. W. Carpenter composer, W. J. Shepperd conductor, F. J. Shepperd, G. Woodiss. On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Read, W. Boyles, A. Smith, H. Garfath jun. conductor, G. Miles, C. H. Pearce, T. Upshall, G. Prime.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, May 28th, a combined practice for Kent Treble Bob was held at the tower of St. Barnabas, and concluded with 720 Oxford Single Bob. F. Hale, G. Placott, W. Cooper, G. Chapple, E. A. Grounsell, A. Millard conductor.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, June 11th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Gamblin, W. Cooper, G. Chapple, J. Joliffe, E. A. Grounsell conductor, A. Millard. A 720 of Oxford Single Bob. H. Merritt, W. Cooper, E. A. Grounsell, J. Joliffe, G. Chapple, A. Millard conductor.

DENNINGTON (Suffolk).—On a recent Saturday evening, 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells, (18 bobs and 2 singles). H. Burgess, T. Reeve, A. Taylor, J. Crowe, N. Taylor, W. Burgess conductor. First 720 on handbells by all the band.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On March 20th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 50 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, H. S. T. Richardson, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, C. Baker, J. R. Sandover conductor, U. Braven. Arranged for Mr. Richardson, of Cambridge. On March 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 52 mins. T. Laver conductor, C. Bartlett (first quarter-peal), W. Youlden, W. Mifflin, W. Lethbridge, C. Baker, J. R. Sandover, J. W. Newton. On Easter Sunday, April 5th, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire. T. Laver, W. Youlden, W. Burrough, W. Shepperd conductor, W. Mifflin, C. Baker, J. R. Sandover, W. Lowton. On Easter Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. F. Winney conductor, J. C. Jackson, T. Laver, W. E. Moss, W. Shepperd, J. R. Sandover, W. T. Cockerill, W. E. Pitfield, Chapple. On Easter Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 49 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, W. Lethbridge, W. Boundy, J. Sandover conductor, W. Lowton. On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 462 Grandsire. W. Hancock, C. Bartlett, W. Youlden, W. Mifflin, W. Burrough, W. Boundy, T. Laver conductor, W. Lowton. On Wednesday, April 27th, (for Mr. Sampson's home coming), 518 Grandsire. T. Laver, W. Burrough, R. Hamilton, W. Youlden conductor, W. Mifflin, W. Boundy, J. Sandover, W. Lowton. On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (from Holt's Original), in 49 mins. W. Hancock, W. Youlden, T. Laver, J. Sandover, C. Baker, W. Burrough, F. J. Shepperd conductor, W. Lowton. On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 1204 Grandsire (from Holt's Original), in 48 mins. R. Hamilton, T. Laver, W. Youlden, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, W. Boundy, J. Sandover conductor, W. Nethercott.

LAVENHAM.—On Wednesday evening, April 13th, at the residence of A. Symonds, was rung on handbells, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. G. Tatum, 1, A. Symonds, 2-3, J. S. Symonds, 4; H. S. Symonds, conductor, 5. This is S. Tatum's first 720, and he is grandson of the late post master at Lavenham. On Wednesday evening, May 4th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. S. Symonds conductor, 1-2, J. S. Symonds, 3, A. Symonds, 4-5, S. G. Tatum, 6.

WELLINGTON (Somerset).—On Thursday evening June 16th, the Milverton band drove to Wellington to have a pull on the bells, and arriving there about 7 p.m. and meeting Mr. Coram, the steeplekeeper very kindly soon had the bells in readiness for them. The bells were soon raised in peal, and after two or three plain courses of Grandsire Triples, "go" was called for a quarter-peal which was brought round in 43 mins., the striking on the whole being very good. The bells, which have been recently done up, go well, the only objection being that there is too much noise in the belfry. The ringers stood as follows: W. Winter, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Chapman, R. Chapman. Songs and handbell ringing were indulged in, both to and from Wellington, reaching home about 11 p.m. the little outing being very much enjoyed. The ringers were accompanied by Mr. J. S. Allen, W. Andrews and F. Collins.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Doubles 900 Grandsire and 360 of Antelope, each called differently. G. Green, C. Tyrrell, J. Read, jun., H. Warner, J. Read conductor, F. Cashmore. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by all the Wicken men, and first by the Towcester and District Society, also the first by 1st, 2nd and tenor men.

Notices.

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The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—To-day, Saturday, July 30th, will be unveiled in the ringing chamber of the parish church, St. Martin's, a tablet recording the only peal of Forward Maximus yet rung. The Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A. has promised to conduct the ceremony at 4.30 p.m. The attendance of members, with lady and other friends, is cordially invited. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevechin, Pontypool, to-day, Saturday, July 30th, at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their quarterly meeting to-day, Saturday, July 30th, at St. James's Church, Whitfield, Glossop. Bells ready at 4.0, business meeting at 7.0. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Shedfield, nr. Botley, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Sams Hotel, 5.30. Meeting after.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. As the committee are having a meeting there the same day it is hoped there will be a good attendance of Branch members.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Rothwell to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. at The White Swan hotel.

FREDK. BARRACLOUGH,
29, Elsworth Place, Armley. *Hon. Sec.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Meeting at Tanfield on Saturday, Aug. 6th. The eight bells in St. Margaret's church are open for ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Peacock inn at 5 o'clock, 9d. each. Committee meets at 4 o'clock. Notification of attendance to reach secretary by August 2nd at the latest.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 4.0, meeting at 6.30. Business: nomination of branch secretary and committeeman for the next term.

W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, the 13th of August. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday August 13th. Bells available at 4.0. Tea at

6 o'clock. Shall be glad to hear from those who are coming. H. EDEN, *Dis. Sec.*
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warrington on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4.0, tea at 5.30 o'clock. WALTER HUGHES.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Blandford, Dorset, on Saturday, August 13th, instead of the 30th July. Details in next issue.

A. F. MARTIN STEWART, *Branch Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—Notice.—New rule made at annual meeting, Whit-Monday, 1904. All peals sent to me for booking must be accompanied by figures of composition or reference to their publication be given. No peal will be inserted in peal-book unless this rule is complied with. C. H. HOWARD.
37, Bank Street, Braintree.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Spice removes on August 12th to Coed Bel, Chislehurst, Kent.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Frankliu, H. Hammans, G. Wright, A. W. Reeves, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. W. Pike, C. Brown. Composed and conducted by A. W. Pike.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On Trinity Sunday, after evening service at Holy Trinity, Barking road. a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Gill, S. Hayes conductor, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, W. Doran, J. Jones.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 672 of Bob Major. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, H. P. Nash, J. W. Wood, C. J. T. Holmes, T. B. Wood, J. H. Clarke conductor. On Sunday, April 17th, a 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, W. Wilkinson (first in the method), H. P. Nash, J. T. Holmes, T. B. Wood, J. H. Clarke conductor. On Thursday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mns. with the bells half-muffled. J. R. Green, T. B. Wood, J. Hilton, J. H. Clarke conductor, H. P. Nash, C. J. T. Holmes, J. W. Wood, J. Fletcher. On Sunday, May 15th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. W. Wood, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Wood, W. Houlden, J. H. Clarke, J. T. Holmes conductor, J. Fletcher. Also 800 Bob Major. E. Houlden, H. P. Nash, J. T. Holmes, J. W. Wood, J. R. Green, W. Houlden, T. B. Wood, J. H. Clarke conductor. On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 608 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, H. P. Nash, J. W. Wood, conductor, J. T. Holmes, T. B. Wood, J. H. Clarke.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ROLVENDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, April 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. G. Johnson

conductor, C. W. Player, S. W. Hills, F. G. Burden, W. K. Lambert, C. Tribe, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, May 14th, for Divine Service, a 360 of Grandsire Triples in 32 mins. C. W. Player, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, A. C. Kay, G. Johnneon, W. Sharp.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE CROYDON SOCIETY.—The ringers of the parish church held their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th, Hastings being the place selected. Unfortunately, four of the best members found it impossible to get away at the last moment—Messrs. States, Talbot, Meads and Dunk, so that ringing would have been of a limited quality, as only six of the nine members were inside ringers, but thanks to the kindness and assistance of Mr. S. Saker and Mr. Saker, jun., and Mr. Stapley, the ringers were able to indulge in Grandsire and Stedman, finishing with a course of Bob Major on St. Clement's bells. In the afternoon the ringers, with the Messrs. Sakers, Mr. Lock of Blacklands and Mr. Dart of Greenwich, were able to have some good Stedman and Grandsire at Christ Church. The ringers think too much praise cannot be extended to the Messrs. Sakers and the two steeple-keepers for their assistance in making the outing so pleasant.

THE ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, SOCIETY.—The annual outing of the above ringers took place on Saturday, 9th July, the place

chosen being Great Yarmouth. Preliminary arrangements had been made in reference to the use of the bells at St. Nicholas' church, Canon Willink, the Vicar, having acceded to the wish of the Woolwich band that they should try them. It was necessary to be early astir, as the train left North Woolwich at 6 a.m., and we had to cross by the Ferry in time. Fifteen comprised the party, and having reserved accommodation we were in the best of spirits. The journey was delightful; the weather was grand, and the country looked charming in the brilliant sunshine. Yarmouth was reached at 9.30, and after some refreshment we made our way to the church, making a tour of inspection, for, owing to its historical associations and surroundings, it is well worth a visit. Mr. Hayward, the tower warden, then conducted us to the spacious ringing chamber, where there is a fine ring of twelve, the tenor weighing 30 cwt. The first was a touch of Grandsire, conducted by Mr. Hill, on the front eight. Then followed a touch of Stedman on the back eight, conducted by Mr. R. G. Carter, and all was going merrily when the tenth rope broke. In the afternoon the Bungay ringers arrived, and some of the Woolwich band joined them

and rang a touch of Grandsire. On Sunday morning those of the Woolwich band who stayed overnight met the Yarmouth band and rang with them on the back eight two touches of Grandsire, 500 conducted by Mr. Humphreys of Woolwich, the other touch conducted by Mr. Hayward. Afterwards the twelve were set going to call changes until service time. We dined at the Garibaldi hotel, and our best thanks are due to Canon Willink, the Vicar, to Mr. Hayward for his assiduous attention, and to the Yarmouth ringers for their friendship and services in making the outing a success. Mr. Churchwarden Woodford of Woolwich kindly supplied cigars for the occasion.

BARSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, at Holy Trinity for Divine service in the morning, 720 Bob Doubles. C. Saunders, G. E. Symonds conductor, C. E. Parnell, G. Baxter, C. West.

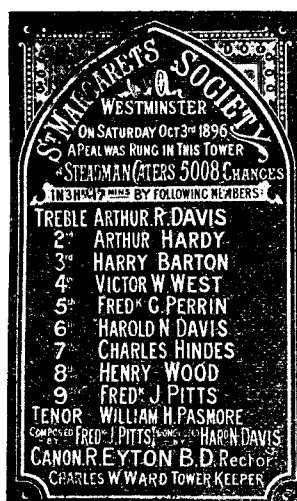
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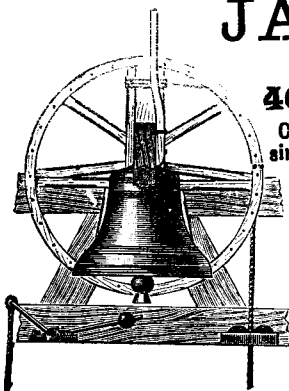
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