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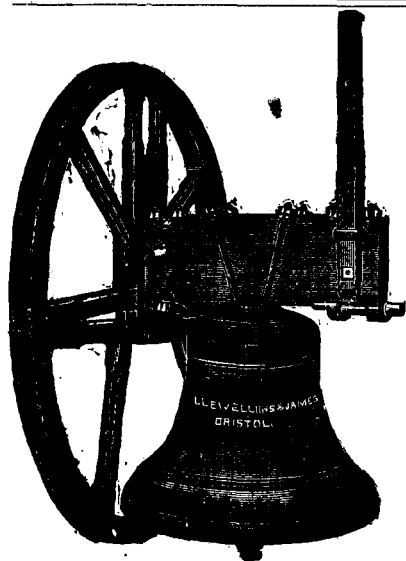
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

STOKR PRIOR (Worcestershire). St. Michael. The Worcestershire and Districts Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Carr, 1897; 3rd, 4th and tenor by Blews, 1886; 5th by Bagley, 1676; 6th, 1663; 7th, 1620; founders of these last two unknown. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The back six rehung by Blews, 1886; the two trebles added by Carr, 1897. Ropes new 1895, good. Method: Grand-sire. Sunday ringing: "half-an-hour morning and evening." Practice: Monday, 7.30.

STONE (Staffordshire). St. Michael. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor, 1891; the rest by Rudhall, 1710. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1891, worn. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday and Saturday, 7.30 in winter; also first Sunday in month at 9 a.m. all the year.

STONEHOUSE (Devon.) St. George. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1897. Tenor 12 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1901. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

STONHAM ASPALL (Suffolk). St. Lambert. Ten bells. All by Lester (?); 5th, 1770; 8th, 1746; 9th and 10th, 1742; the rest 1826. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Day about 1880. Ropes fair. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. or fixed practice.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual District Meeting of the north-western division was held at Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, September 24th, when the bells of St. Michael's were at the disposal of members, and ringing commenced about 4.30 with a touch of Stedman Triples. Tea was served

in fine style at The Boar's Head at 5.45, to which thirty-eight sat down. The Rev. W. S. Willett presided, and supported by the District Master (Mr. W. Prior), and District Secretary (Mr. H. J. Tucker), while the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. H. W. Parker, of Sawbridgeworth. Tea over, business commenced by the District Secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed. The following members were elected: Messrs. A. Jordan, of Stansted, and A. Avenett, of Saffron Walden, as ringing members; and Sergt. Pratty and J. Skingle, of Thaxted, as probationers. Mr. J. Luckey proposed the rev. W. S. Willett as Master of the Division for 1905, but the rev. gentleman said he thanked the members very much for the complement they paid him, but as he did not live in the county, and had not a ring of bells, he thought they ought to be able to elect some one more suitable, and he should have great pleasure in proposing that Mr. W. Prior be re-elected for another year, as he was connected with one of the most promising bands in the county. This was seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and carried. Mr. H. J. Tucker, the District Secretary, informed the members that he was very sorry to say that he would not be able to continue the duties of Secretary in the future, as his duties would not allow him to continue the work, and at the same time informing them that this was the last meeting the Association would hold at Bishops Stortford while he was connected with the church (as steeple-keeper) as he was resigning the office on September 29th, and therefore he asked the members to kindly elect some one to take his place. Before any nomination was made the chairman rose and said how very sorry he was to hear that Mr. Tucker was about to give up the duties of District Secretary, as he was sure all the members were. With regard to the church and belfry, it was of a kind such as belfries ought to be, and a credit to those in charge. The names of Messrs. J. F. Penning and A. F. James, of Saffron Walden, were then submitted for the office of District Secretary, but both gentlemen declined, as they stated they had already too many irons in the fire. Mr. A. F. James then proposed, and Mr. G. Jordan seconded, that Mr. N. J. Pitstow, be District Secretary for the year, and after a little discussion this was carried. It was then proposed by Mr. W. Watts, and seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, that the first district meeting in 1905 be held at Stansted, which was carried. The chairman then proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar of Bishops Stortford for the use of the bells.

During the day members were present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Bishops Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Hoddesdon, Ware, Little Munden, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's), Forest Gate and Tottenham, and rung some good touches in the following methods: Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, London Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Cambridge Surprise; the conducting being shared by Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, N. W. Tarling, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts and G. Jordan. The ringing ended at 8.45, everybody expressing themselves thoroughly satisfied at a such a good meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

The first quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, September 24th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Bennitt, and was attended with great success, a very large number of members being present, among whom was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild. The bells of the parish church were available from 2 p.m., as also were the Fenny Stratford bells, by the kind permission of the Rev. — Oliver. A service was held in the church at 4 p.m., at which a most impressive sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. W. S. J. Wykeham Fiennes, Rector of Milton Keynes. A business meeting was convened in the schoolroom at about 4.45, when the chair was taken by the Rev. C. Leslie Norris (chairman of the branch), when sundry business was arranged, amongst others being—on a proposition made by the Master—the appointment of six instructors for the branch; and also the place and date of next meeting, which was fixed to be held at Emberton on Saturday, January 7th, 1905.

On the proposition of the Master of the Guild, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. and Rev. W. S. J. Wykeham Fiennes for the sermon which he preached to the branch, which was carried unanimously.

The chairman then proposed a very hearty and cordial vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, pointing out that on the formation of a new branch, a very large amount of work necessarily devolved upon the Hon. Secretary, and adding that he felt sure that all the members would join with him in passing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary for all the time and trouble he had devoted to the interests of the new branch. This was carried with acclamation.

The business being finished, the meeting adjourned to tea, and then back to the tower, where they rang several good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the above Association was held at Swanwick, on Saturday, September 24th, there being a good muster of ringers from Alfreton, Blackwell, Horsley, North Wingfield, Ripley, South Wingfield, Swanwick, Shurland and Tibshelf.

The bells are a beautiful ring of five in F, by Taylor, and reflect the greatest credit on this firm for quality of tone and splendld go, and when the three empty pits are filled up with trebles, a finer eight will not exist in Derbyshire.

Mr. Key, the energetic tower-keeper, made all the arrangements, but unfortunately was not able to get the powers that be to provide a tea. The success of the meeting was due to Mr. Kay, who spared no pains to make all as welcome as possible; the belfry, clock-room, and bell-chamber all bearing the marks of his zeal and care for the bells and their surroundings. The bells were kept merrily going until nine p.m.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 24th, and was attended by upwards of fifty members from the following towers, viz., Leek, Longton, Kingsley and Uttoxeter. The bells were raised at 3.30, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands till 4.30, when the Vicar (Rev. A. B. Parry-

Evans), accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, of Leigh, came into the belfry for the purpose of unveiling a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on November 10th, 1884, nearly twenty years ago.

The Vicar in introducing the Archdeacon, gave a detailed account of what they were doing at Uttoxeter to make the ringers comfortable, and to shew them that they were looked upon as church workers, just the same as were the wardens and other officials of the church. He next described how, through the generosity of Mr. W. Richardson, the walls of the belfry had been thoroughly cleansed, cork linoleum and matting laid on the floor, and new boxes provided for the ringers of the tenor. Two new ringers' chairs had been placed in the belfry, and the tablet which they were about to unveil had also been given by Mr. Richardson. The parish warden (Mr. Parker), had obtained the photographs of six of the old ringers of Uttoxeter, and defrayed the cost of enlargement and framing, and presented them to the belfry.

Before unveiling the tablet the Archdeacon congratulated the local company on the various improvements which had been made, and the members of the Association for being present in such large numbers on such an interesting occasion.

At 5.30 a move was made to the Town Hall, where an excellent tea had been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. The tables were profusely decorated with plants, flowers, etc., and in the centre was a bell exquisitely made with ferns and flower, bearing the inscription on the headstock—"Ring the bells for the glory of God," and on the reverse side, "Holiness unto the Lord." After full justice had been done to the many good things provided, the Vicar, who presided, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson and his family for their kindness in entertaining the Association so generously.

This was seconded by Mr. D. Preston, and carried with applause, the company singing "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Richardson suitably replied.

A short business meeting was then held, followed by a short service in the church, which was very well attended. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, and ringing was continued till eight o'clock, when a most successful meeting terminated.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ARCHDEACONRY OF BEDFORD BRANCH.)

A meeting of members in this district was held at Old Warden, on Saturday last, September 24th, and was attended by about twenty ringers, hailing from Bedford, Clifton, Old Warden, Potton, St. Neots and Hitchin. Tea was provided at The Hare and Hounds, at which (in the unavoidable absence of Col. Shuttleworth, J.P.), the chair was taken by the Rev. W. W. Covey Crump, District Secretary. At the business proceedings which followed, several new members were elected, and Mr. W. Allen (Hitchin) was also elected as an Honorary Life Member residing outside the Diocese.

Messrs. C. R. Lilley (Bradford), F. Wells (Old Warden) and S. Stubbings (Potton), were elected on the District Committee of the Archdeaconry; and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Cardington (if possible) sometime in January. The business concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells. During the afternoon several touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

A RINGING AND PLEASURE OUTING.

Chinley was the appointed rendezvous of several members of the Yorkshire Association for a general start on a week's ringing and pleasure in Derbyshire and Leicestershire. In due time the ribbons in Bakewell tower were rising and falling according to the method of Yorkshire Surprise. The bells made perfect response to the good qualities of the method, and the band was enjoying the treat, when misfortune (of which a large measure was in store) in the shape of indisposition put an end to the effort. It appeared again in the same form at Darley after one-and-a-quarter hours' lively and pleasant ringing of Treble Bob. Tuesday morning found us at Matlock, well known on account of its many natural attractions, and lately become of special interest to the Exercise through the advent of a new ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The band was naturally anxious to make the utmost use of the permission given to score the first peal on the bells. We were, however, only seven strong, and the prospect accordingly was not very rosy. Fortunately we found that Matlock possessed one good ringer, Mr. J. H. Paulson, who also is in charge of the new ring. He kindly undertook to treble for us, and so ably "dominated" the peal that he led it to a successful issue. We found that all that had been said in the "B.N." as to the "tone" and "go" of these bells was not in the least exaggerated; in fact, had the noise in the ringing chamber been less it might have been said to be understated. We hear this little defect is to be remedied. We have here to fulfil a promise made to the Church authorities at Matlock after receiving permission to use the bells. Accompanying their permission was a request that we should "let it be known that," in granting it, "a rule was being broken in our favour."

Continuing our journey southward we reached our next stopping place, Wirksworth, well known in the present for its "well-dressings," and in the past as the centre of the lead-mining industry. Double Norwich was the order here, and with the kind co-operation of one of the local ringers, Mr. B. Greator, it was successfully accomplished. The pleasure following a success was considerably increased by the kindness of Mr. William Fox, churchwarden and belfry master, in entertaining the band to supper.

A double disappointment awaited us at Duffield on Wednesday. Permission had been granted for two attempts: both came to grief; Stedman Caters after about an hour, and Double Norwich after an hour-and-a-half's ringing. Messrs. Flowers (Duffield) and Pagett (Derby), to our regret, shared in our disappointments.

The arrangements now led us into Leicestershire. Before setting out we said good-bye to one of our number, Mr. Glenn of Rotherham, who had to return. We were, however, recruited at Loughboro' the next morning, Thursday, by the arrival of Messrs. Holman and Craven. So strengthened, we tackled Superlative at Stanford, but failed through a shift after two hours' ringing. We were even less fortunate at Loughboro' parish church in the evening, where "stand" was called on account of a shift after half an hour's effort at Treble Ten. Here it is fitting to acknowledge the kind assistance of Messrs. Abbott, Burleigh and Colbourn, of the local band, and to express regret that they should be associated with us in our ill-luck.

We were early astir on Friday morning to catch the 7.40 train to Shepshed. Our arrival found us in perfect

condition for tackling Hostess Cotton's home-cured ham which adorned the breakfast table. It was discussed for some time then and for a long time afterwards, so good it was! Leaving the homely Crown, we betook ourselves to the church, and in due time set the bells going to Superlative. Success attended our efforts here, rounds coming up after three hours twenty-six minutes.

Hostess Cotton was ready for us on our return and after heartily enjoying her well-spread table, we returned to Loughborough for an attempt on the ring at Messrs. Taylor's Foundry. We set off for "Yorkshire," but when about to restart after an early stoppage, we were requested not to do so, on account of sickness near the tower. Thus far we had made ten attempts and had only succeeded thrice. Certainly a disappointing result. The worst, however, was still awaiting us. We visited Stanford again on Saturday morning and started for "Yorkshire." All went well for three hours and twenty minutes and we had got well into the last course when a trip occurred which grew into a general muddle. Though the bells were sufficiently straightened for rounds to come up, yet the effort to straighten them was too much extended to justify us in calling the attempt a peal. Thus ended our peal attempts. We were due at Duffield in the afternoon, but time failed us to catch the train, so the engagement was cancelled. From a ringing point of view our outing proved disappointing, but from the point of view of pleasure it was perfect.

A. T. B.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 17th, the quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Wolverhampton, when a good number of ringers attended. Ringing took place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on St. Peter's bells (10), and St. Luke's (8). Through the kindness of the Rector the service was held in St. Peter's church, at which some of the choir attended and took part in the service, an excellent sermon being preached by the Rev. T. Burns. The committee meeting was held in St. Peter's vestry, and an excellent tea was provided in the Church Institute.

A pleasing incident at the tea was the presence of the Mayor of Wolverhampton attended by his sergeant. A most hearty welcome was accorded to him for his presence, and for kindly becoming an honorary member of the society. It is to be hoped that his example will be followed, and that others may assist in the good work, and encourage them. The Mayor gave the ringers a very encouraging speech and welcome to Wolverhampton. After tea the ringers again adjourned to the tower for ringing. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob Royal were rung at St. Peter's, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major at St. Luke's.

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THE RINGING TOUR IN IRELAND.

Of late years ringing tours have become such a popular part of the Exercise that were a season to pass without at least one being recorded, we should probably begin to think the Art had reached a decadent state. From time to time successful tours in various parts of the mother country have been reported, whilst some two or three years since, it will be remembered, a brief visit was paid to Dublin, Arklow and Bray—an outcome of the departure to the Emerald Isle some two or three years previously of Messrs. Lindoff and Washbrook as instructors to the St. Patrick's and Arklow companies respectively—with a view of encouraging the "bhoys" on the other side of the "ditch." Such pleasant recollections of that visit had the participants therein that it was decided this year to make a second visit to the "land of praties and jaunting-cars," but with a much larger programme, the chief feature of which was to explore regions hitherto but little known to change-ringers. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Lindoff, and so minutely and carefully had he studied every detail, that each item on the programme fitted exactly in its place, and not a single hitch occurred. To that gentleman is undoubtedly due the fact that the writer is able to chronicle one of the most pleasant and successful ringing tours yet undertaken.

The first peal on the programme was St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, September 10th, at 5 p.m. The vanguard of the party arrived at North Wall on the Friday morning, being met by Mr. Lindoff, and they in turn met four others on the Saturday morning, the last link in the chain (and a substantial one) arriving on the Sunday morning. Three hours and thirty-nine minutes sufficed to place the first peal (Stedman Caters) on record, and shortly after beds were sought, in view of the fact that some of us had not been through the sheets the previous night. Ringing for service at St. Patrick's on Sunday morning brought along dinner, in view of an early start at SS. Augustine and John in the afternoon. The tower of this church, by the way, is remarkable for the fact that means of access to the ringing-chamber were forgotten in its erection, the difficulty being afterwards overcome by the erection of an iron spiral staircase from the gallery to the belfry, the floor of which is on a level with the roof of the church. One valiant member of the party had recollections of a previous ascent to this tower, and was considerably perturbed at the thought of having to again make such a "hazardous" climb. However, after instructions, "Don't look up, keep your eyes in front, don't look down, hold tight to the rails, etc.," he was prevailed upon to make a start; and some few minutes later those who had preceded our worthy friend were somewhat relieved to see a scared face pop up through the floor. A glance round found us in an oblong chamber of about 20-ft. by 8-ft., the ropes, besides running backwards, falling in very awkward positions. A very good peal of Stedman Caters was tapped off in 3-20, following which came the perils of the descent, which held considerably more terrors for our friend than the ascent. A plan of campaign having been decided on, he was placed in the middle of three or four more, and, on hands and knees, proceeded backwards to terra firma. Others obligingly carried his hat, umbrella, bag, etc., while another gallantly offered to carry his boots, thinking thereby to reduce the strain on the staircase.

Half-past eight on Monday morning found the party round Nelson's Pillar, en route for the Great Northern station, from whence tickets were taken for Drogheda, county Louth, a pretty run of thirty miles. Here we found a good ring of Rudhall's, tenor 21 cwt., and in good condition. The Irish Association had previously rung a peal of Stedman Triples here, and it is believed that previous to this outing Drogheda marked the most northern point in Ireland at which a peal had been rung. We were met here by the captain and others of the local company, who welcomed us in a very cordial manner. The bells were soon humming out Superlative, "that's all" rolling up in 3-16. A very pleasant surprise awaited the party on emerging from the tower, Mr. A. Milne (the local captain) entertaining them to a substantial hot dinner, which was greatly appreciated. Half-past three found us northern bound for Lurgan, county Armagh, a distance of sixty odd miles, through both prolific and beautiful country. Here again our arrival was anticipated by the local men, and the bells (a nice eight by Taylor, 1878) were brought round from Superlative in 3-15. A pleasant hour was

afterwards spent with the members of the local company, the "jolly boy" of our party enlivening the proceedings with a few well-chosen gems from his repertoire of recitations.

A short railway ride of six miles on Tuesday morning brought us to Lisburn, from whence a couple of jaunting cars conveyed us to Hillsborough, county Down, a pleasant drive of four miles. Another peal of Rudhall's was discovered here, which, though hung in 1774, had not received professional attendance since, with the exception of the recasting of the 3rd and 5th. The "go" was, however, perfect, although the circle was very bad, the tenor rope falling in the centre of the tower. On this account they were set going to Stedman, an excellent peal (the first on the bells and in the county) being brought round in 3-1. A ringers' "snack" followed, and then we remounted the cars, which had been kept in waiting, to return to Lisburn Station, en route for Belfast. At the latter place the company were met at the station by Mr. A. G. Ward, the Secretary of the St. Thomas's Society (the only ring of bells in Belfast), who conducted us to our quarters for the night, and invited us to partake of a cold collation, thanks to the hospitality of the Rev. W. Dowse, Rector. Full justice having been done to this, the next step was in the direction of the tower, where everything was found as it should be. The St. Thomas's Society have some knowledge of half-pull ringing, having rang one or two 720s of Bob Minor. Consequently they were more than ordinarily interested in our doings, and appreciated fully the privilege of remaining in the tower during the ringing. 9.54 saw the completion of the first peal in Belfast (Superlative the method), the bells being a handy ring by Taylor, 1891, tenor 20 cwt.

Breakfast being ordered for 6.30 on Wednesday morning, we were soon in bed. In the morning, the said breakfast having received very careful attention, we entrained for Bangor, a distance of perhaps twenty miles. The bells here only came from Loughborough some two or three years back, and everything being found satisfactory, we were looking forward to scoring the first peal on the bells, and making this the most northern point in Ireland in which a peal had been rung. Double Norwich was started at 9.10, and all went well until 10.55, when the Vicar's warden found his way into the tower and requested us to stop, as the local Bench, who were sitting in the Court House almost adjoining the church, had sent to him to say they could not transact business while the bells were ringing. The Vicar, who was in the churchyard on our emerging from the tower, expressed his regret at the occurrence. Thus the first failure resulted from no fault of the ringers. The 11.45 was soon after boarded for Holywood, a very pretty little place overlooking Belfast Loch and the Antrim hills. To add to the pleasure created by the town itself, the bells were found to be in A1 order, and our visit had been looked forward to by the Vicar and his local men with eagerness. The uncompleted peal of the morning was soon on its way, the end rolling merrily up in 2-53, Holywood thus marking the most northern point in the Emerald Isle where a peal has been rung. On descending the tower the band were congratulated by the Vicar and Mr. Phillips, a past churchwarden, and whose son is at present leader of the local ringers. The Vicar then invited the party to sit down with him, Mr. Phillips, and several of his own ringers in the schoolroom. Here a most substantial repast was enjoyed following which the Vicar and Mr. Phillips each spoke a few words in appreciation of the performance. Needless to say, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the rev. gentleman for his kindness, and to the ladies for presiding, following which our "jolly boy" gave an interesting ditty, entitled "The Culprits found out," to the amusement of the party. A pleasant hour was passed enjoying the scenery of the neighbourhood, after which Mr. Phillips accompanied the party on their return to Belfast, where the night was to be spent. Thursday being the slack day of the week, restrictions were somewhat relaxed, and Wednesday evening was consequently spent in sightseeing and other amusements.

Ten minutes to ten on Thursday morning found seven of us aboard the G.N.R. train for Dublin, business having taken Mr. Lindoff back on the previous evening. The three-and-a-quarter hours occupied in covering the 112 miles passed quickly enough, the majority enjoying the fine scenery, whilst a couple interested themselves by delving into the mysteries of some marvellous touches of Stedman Triples, fondly produced by another ener-

getic member of the party. Two o'clock found us all round the festive board at our Dublin headquarters, following which a couple of hours were spent according to individual tastes—some taking a stroll, others writing, and others taking a nap. There was a goodly company of local ringers in the environs of Christ Church at 5.30, at which hour the start was fixed. Treble Ten was to be the method here, but, the bells not taking kindly to it, a halt was called after ringing three leads, and Stedman Caters substituted, an excellent peal being brought round in 3.24. The remainder of the evening was spent with our Dublin friends, the last course-end of the day rolling up all too quickly.

Five-thirty on Friday morning found us all astir, the programme for the day being a visit to friend Washbrook, at Arklow. Arriving here at 8, a good breakfast was dispatched, in the middle of which J. W. W. appeared on the scene, and shortly afterwards conducted us to the tower. The weather being exceptionally suitable to young ducks, no time was lost in getting inside, and 3 hrs. 7 mins. sufficed to ring the first Surprise peal on the bells. By the kindness of Earl Carysfort, Mr. Washbrook then did the honours at a much-enjoyed dinner and in the afternoon a second peal (Norwich) was successfully brought round. Then a substantial tea was placed before us, which brought train time round, Dublin being reached shortly before 11 p.m.

Bray was the place on the list for Saturday morning, and this item had been regarded as the most important on the week's programme, owing to the fact that an effort was to be made to score the first peal of London outside of the Mother Country. Shortly after 11 a.m. found the ropes attached to this fine ring in the hands of the following: C. Jackson, J. D. Matthews, G. Lindoff, I. G. Shade, J. W. Washbrook, E. Pye, H. Chapman, W. Pye. Course after course was tapped off for 2 hrs. 20 mins., when one of those little accidents with which all ringers are more or less acquainted, brought the attempt to an unglorified end, much to the regret of all concerned. This marked the first and only failure of the tour, and must be placed at the door of the ringers themselves. However, the ruffled feelings of the band at this disappointment were soon brought to an even balance at the sight of the good things placed before them at The Royal hotel, through the kindness of the Rev. Archdeacon Scott, Vicar of Bray. Needless to say these courses were rolled off without a hitch. Dinner over, back we go to Dublin for the final attempt of the outing—Treble Ten at St. Patrick's. That time was short will readily be seen, when it is stated that the boat left North Wall at 9.20, while St. Patrick's clock marked 4.58 when the bells went into changes, the distance separating the two places being close on two miles. However, for 3 hrs. 44 mins. these bells rang out their merry tale, and at 8.42 eleven out of thirteen peals had been scored.

Jaunting-cars were found in readiness outside the tower, and were soon on their way to the quay-side, "good-byes" for the most part having to be shouted to our Dublin friends as we made our hasty departure. As to the journey home the writer can say little, firmly believing that the other members of the party, like himself, were soon in the arms of Morpheus when once on board the steamer. However, at Holyhead, our Manchester friend was the first to sever his connection, whilst at Crewe four others broke the journey, leaving three only to complete the distance to Euston, which was reached at 8.15 a.m.

It would be ungracious to close this report without a few remarks as to the causes which made this tour so complete a success. In the first place the bells and belfries visited by us were, without exception, in most perfect order. Those towers farthest removed from the influences of change-ringing could not have been in better condition had they the care of the most enthusiastic band of half-pull men—a fact which brought home to us sadly the plight of some of the bells in our own country. Then the enthusiasm and warm-heartedness of the local ringers was the more pleasurable to us because unlooked for, and last, but not least, the hospitality extended to us by the various clergy and others was appreciated much beyond the measure our verbal votes of thanks conveyed. Consequently our warmest thanks are tendered to the undermentioned gentlemen for having materially helped us to retain such pleasant recollections of our visit to "Paddy's land": Mr. A. Milne (Drogheda), the Rev. W. Dowse and Mr. A. G. Ward (Belfast), Canon Moore and Mr. W. H. Phillips (Holywood), Lord Carysfort and Mr.

J. W. Washbrook (Arklow), the Rev. Archdeacon Scott (Bray), Mr. G. Lindoff (Dublin), the various clergy for the use of their bells, and the numerous local ringers at the various places visited.

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."

REPLY TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—Will Mr. Dains allow me to suggest that if he wants a new name for the method he has unearthed he should call it Double Woodbine, as it is nothing else. But it already has an alternative name, as I find it in a collection of Mr. Jos. A. Goston's under the name of Victoria Surprise. Why Surprise I am at a loss to understand, as I can see no claims to that distinction; in fact in a hunt for decent Surprise methods, this was passed over as being misnamed. How can it be so easily recognised as a Surprise method? The only suggestion is in the fact of the broken lead, but even that is hardly a fair description, as the 2nd may be said to be in the hunt throughout the lead, and though I am not prepared at the moment to define what is a Surprise method I think it will be admitted that a bell in the hunt cannot be allowed. Further, in my opinion, the method entirely lacks the spirit of Surprise, the work being much too symmetrical throughout, and entirely void of eccentricity.

While on this subject I may say that it is most difficult to find more than seven or eight Surprise Minor methods fit to ring, the most beyond the standard ones bringing the tenors up wrong somewhere. I should be much obliged if any of your readers could furnish me with one or two sound Surprise methods, in addition to those generally rung.

R. S. STORY.

Whitley Bay, September 26th.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Dains *re* Norwich Treble Bob, a similar system was given in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 5, 1890, by D. Brearley, and named Bradfield Exercise. From this system I worked out several other six-bell methods, including the one published by Mr. Dains, but did not name or publish them. The method given by Mr. Dains was published in "THE BELL NEWS" by G. Baker on June 23rd, 1900, and named Victoria Surprise.

J. HECKINGBOTTOM.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CODDENHAM.—After the completion of the peal an adjournment was made to The Crown inn, where they were met by Mr. John Norman, of The Roslin, Coddenham, and Mr. E. C. Sayer, Inspector of weights and measures for the borough of Ipswich, and the respected employer of William Motts. Through the kind aid and arrangements of these two gentlemen the party were admirably served with high tea by Mrs. L. Campbell, the proprietress. Messrs. S. English and G. Lummis (churchwardens) were present.

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THE proceedings connected with the ringing tour in Ireland will be found at full length elsewhere in our pages, and the principal effect of their perusal seems to be the creation of a strong opinion that change-ringing will receive a vast impetus throughout the Emerald Isle from the operations of the tourists. The reception accorded the visitors was most enthusiastic and hearty by all with whom they came into contact, which fact alone gives great hopes that the Art will make more headway than ever. The enthusiasm which prevails in the island among those who saw the visiting company, and heard what they did, is shown by the fact that numerous applications have been made by influential inhabitants in Ireland for copies of this journal recording the list of peals rung, and also the account which is contained in this number.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5101 CHANGES**

Tenor 28 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 9.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 5.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.**DISS, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WISKENS* Treble.	*GEORGE ARCHER 5.
EGBERT BORRETT 2.	JOHN SOUTER 6.
JAMES TANN 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

NORTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Tuesday, September 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ELIJAH PAGETT Treble.	ALBERT MILLS 5.
ERNEST MILLS 2.	WILLIAM PEART 6.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 3.	*WILLIAM A. COOPER 7.
ARTHUR GRIFFITHS 4.	JOHN WHEATLSY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

First peal in the method by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Griffiths.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 21, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT JONES* Treble.	JOHN USHER 5.
THOMAS J. PRICE 2.	EDWARD H. GRIFFITHS 6.
HARRY HUGHES 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
HERBERT HUGHES 4.	REUBEN DOLBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Stedman by the band, and first peal in the method on the bells.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. T. ROBSON Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5.
WM. STORY 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
WM. SMALLWOOD 3.	FRANK NAISBY 7.
THOMAS DITCHBURN 4.	JOHN HAWES Tenor.

Conducted by WM. T. ROBSON.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 1.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED TULBETT Treble.	EDWARD EDE 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
CHARLES BLACKMAN 3.	JOHN NETLEY 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	*ERNEST MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal. Quarterly peal for the western division of the above Association.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

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JAMES TANN 4.	†FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. SHARMAN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Thursday, September 22, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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RICHARD FAUX Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	SIDNEY SMITH 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
JAMES P. SIMPSON 4.	THOMAS VERRY Tenor.

Conducted by S. REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to George Heaton, Esq. J.P., senior magistrate for the Handsworth district, and also to the late tower-keeper, William Verry, whose decease has already been noticed in our columns.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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JAMES COTTERELL 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
JOHN F. MALLARY 4.	BEN. F. LAMB Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

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CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED CODD Treble.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5.
JOHN P. PALEY 2.	GEORGE SCOTT 6.
THOMAS CRAGG 3.	JOHN CRAGG 7.
JOHN FOREMAN 4.	JOHN W. WOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. D. MATTHEWS, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor; also on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
HARRY SEAR 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
FRANK WEBB 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 924th peal, and 550th of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. Branch of the above Guild.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HAWKINS ENGLISH .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
HON. A. F. P. ERSKINE .. 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 4.	JOHN STEUART .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

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STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY J. BORRETT .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	ERNEST POPPY 6.
OLIVER BROCK 3.	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 7.
JAMES BETTS 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells for twenty-two years.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT 7.
HORACE F. STREET .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM .. 2.	JOHN J. CREASY 6.
GEORGE WHITING 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
HON. ALEXANDER ERSKINE .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal of Surprise.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST HERBERT .. Treble.	CYRIL HERBERT 4.
WILLIAM BROWN 2.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 5.
WALTER SMITH 3.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Conducted by MARK LANE.

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LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CRCIL T. H. BOXWELL .. Treble.	JOHN F. BALLINGER.. .. 5.
JESSE GILLET 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON.. .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rang as a birthday compliment to F. E. Hart. First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to eight.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS† Treble.	*H. W. FUSSELL 5.
FRANK HOWELL.. .. 2.	CHARLES H. HORTON .. 6.
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 3.	REV. H. A. COCKEY.. .. 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 4.	GEORGE JAYNE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells which have just been placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor, and is also the first in the method in the tower. †First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

WALTER PERKINS Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 2.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. 6.
FRED PALMER 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER.. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
 Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. Pettitt, who is leaving Irlthlingborough for Kettering; also as a birthday compliment to F. Palmer.

Date Touches.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 58 mins. L. Bentley, W. Barton, J. Barton, A. Painter, A. Turley, J. C. Adams conductor, J. Elton, A. W. Frost.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 704 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. S. Faithful, H. Porter, J. Muggridge, S. Perkins, W. Collison, S. J. Perkins, jun., W. Latter, W. Smith.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CANNINGTON (Wilts.).—On Thursday, September 8th, 120 Grand-

sire Doubles. J. Farthing, W. Challice, G. W. Challice conductor. E. J. Farthing, J. Hayman, H. J. Normau, First by the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Harper, J. Harris, J. Symonds, A. Collins, W. Lebbon conductor, W. J. Read, J. Harding, J. T. Matthews.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, September 19th, 504 Grand-sire Triples. W. Butler, J. Arthur, A. Butler, A. Garrett, W. Butler, W. J. Read conductor, W. Wilkinsen, W. Downs. Rung as a welcome home to A. Butler, who returned from his honeymoon.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 7th, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor. J. Pannell, W. H. George, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Tucker conductor, W. Jones. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Pannell, W. Tucker, *C. Fray, J. Richards, W. Jones conductor. W. H. George. *First 720 in the method. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Pannell, C. Fray, W. Tucker conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, September 13th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen for practice, 1008 Double Norwich. C. Roope, F. Borrett, F. Surridge, E. Borrett, C. Baker, F. Roope, J. Allen, W. Roope.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On the occasion of the dedication and patronal festival of St. Mary the Virgin, the bells were rung each evening before service on September 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, the ringing done being as a combined practice for the members of the Reading branch. The methods rung were touches varying from 168 to 504s of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich. The members taking part were: Messrs. Davis, Cox (2), Giles, Swain, Tucker, Stone, Holloway, Osborne, Moulden, Glanville, Goodenough, Reeves (2), Burgess, H. Tucker, Hibbert, Irvine, H. Osborne, Webb, Ronth, Hughes, and Tarrant; the conducting being shared among Messrs. Giles, Swain, Tucker, Cox, (2), Osborne, Hibbert and Moulden, the striking on the whole being very good.

CLEATOR MOOR (Cumberland).—On a recent Friday evening at St. John's church, 1440 changes, being 720 each of Violet and New London Treble Bob Minor, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Carlisle, Dr. Bardsley. J. Davies, G. Tembey, P. Pearson, J. Pearson, J. Joyce, J. D. Baxter conductor.

DOWNE (Kent).—On Thursday, August 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Morris, T. Groombridge conductor, —, Wilks, R. Hims, F. Fraser, R. B. Smith. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Emery, F. Fraser, R. Hims, T. Groombridge, W. Spice, R. B. Smith conductor. These are the first 720s of Treble Bob on the bells. And 360 of College Single. T. Groombridge conductor, R. Hims, F. Fraser, H. Wilks, W. Spice, R. B. Smith.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 576 Bob Major. E. Newman, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, J. Moore, L. Leeks, G. H. Sentance, W. Steele conductor, A. Avis. For evening service 656 Double Norwich. A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, E. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor, J. Sadler, G. H. Sentance, W. Steele, J. Newman.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Keeble, A. Symonds, W. Green, G. H. Sentance, W. Steele conductor, A. Avis. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds, A. Keeble, J. Sadler, E. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor, J. Newman.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. Edmund's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Allen, H. Lawrence, J. Metherell, F. Wilford, J. Mackay, H. Smith, W. Rogers conductor, T. Haddon. On Sunday, September 25th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. †A. Deacon, J. S. White, F. Wilford, *J. Metherell conductor, J. Mackay, W. Rogers, E. Haxley, T. Haddon. †First quarter-peal. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

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The Lancashire Association.—Annual Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale to-day, Saturday, October 1st. All subscriptions for 1903-4 should be paid by the 31st inst. to the respective branch secretaries. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Secs.
J. SHEPHERD, }

41, Gibbon St., Bolton.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Clifton, Beds, to-day, Saturday, October 1st, at 3 p.m.

A. RUST, } Hon.
I. HILLS, } Secs.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham to-day, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at The Sussex Oak inn, 5.30. Business to follow.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 1st, at Smethwick. Bells will be available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Chesterfield to-day, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Train leaves Sheffield (Midland) 3.28 p.m. Cheap bookings.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Ickleton to-day, Saturday, Oct 1st. Tea at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, Dist. Sec.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station G.N.R.) to-day, Saturday, October 1st.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Monday, October 3rd, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Very important business will be brought before the members, and all members are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

Newnham-on-Severn.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at St. Peter's (8 bells) on October 6th. Bells available for ringing from 2 p.m. and all friends are cordially invited.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Fagan's, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, October 8th, at 4 o'clock.

Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., Hon. Sec.
J. W. JONES, Assistant Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Walsden, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nottingham on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing at St. Peter's

only. Goose Fair Saturday, 3.30 to 9 o'clock.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.

Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, October 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The Albion hotel.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 8th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. G. A. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall, not later than Thursday, October 6th.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

High Street, Bucknall.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Frome Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mells on Saturday, October 8th. Tea will be provided. Bells (8) open for use during afternoon and evening. Evensong after tea.

A. M. G. DANIEL, Hon. Local Sec.

Nunney, Frome.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston on Saturday, October 8th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon.
W. BENTHAM, } Secs.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 13th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Pelham. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. Notice must be sent by October 9th.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, Sec.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stone (near Aylesbury) on Saturday, October 15th. The bells will be available from 2.30. A short service in the parish church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar. Tea in the Vicarage Reading Room at 5.15, 9d. each. Members intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, October 11th.

A. E. REEVES, Asst. Sec.

20, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the hon. secretary, by whom early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. F. E. Ridgway, Bishop of Kensington. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 15th. Divine service at the parish church at 3.45 p.m. Tea 1s. for members, 1s. 3d. for non-members. Meeting immediately after tea. Bells of the parish church open from 11.30 to 3.30, from 4.15 to 5.0, and from 6.0 to 9.0. If possible a peal will be attempted, commencing about 11.30 a.m. Any member wishing to take part in it should write to me early so that a band may be chosen.

P. O. BIXBY, Hon. Sec.

"Stedman," Ropery Street, Gainsboro'.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—The second annual Bohemian Concert will take place on Saturday, October 15th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., commence at 8 punctual. Admission only by programme, 3d. to members, 6d. non-members, to be obtained previous of the officers and committee, Messrs. A. Jacob, C. F. Winney, T. Langdon (P), W. H. Matthews, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, F. G. Perin, T. Langdon, A. B. Peck, E. Wallage, H. Stubbs, R. Bevan, J. Pryer, E. C. Cox, and

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Essex Association.—The Annual District Meeting of the South Western Division will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 15th. Tea and business meeting at the parish hall at 5.30. Tea 6d. to those who notify me by previous Wednesday. St. Mary's (10) will be open after tea. Will those members whose subscriptions for 1904 are still unpaid kindly do so at this meeting.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 267th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at The Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th. Starting from Sproughton at 7 a.m. Hadleigh was reached at 8 o'clock, where a course each of Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung. The party then left for Boxford, where touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major were brought round. Then on to Sudbury, where the party were met by the Rev. W. C. Pearson. A well-struck touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Major was rung on the fine ring at St. Peter's. A move was then made to The Christopher hotel, where a capital dinner awaited them, provided by host Barnes. After dinner the church of St. Gregory was visited, and touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major rung. At All Saints church the party were met by several of the local ringers and Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, several good touches of Stedman and Double Norwich being brought round. The party then left for Stoke to have a pull on the fine ring of six, tenor 28 cwt., a 240 and 120 of Bob Minor being rung. Home was reached at 11 p.m. after

a capital day's outing, and a drive of about forty miles. The party included Mr. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and the veteran Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich. The company wish to thank Mr. Sillitoe and other Sudbury friends for their kindness.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. PRICE, of Beeston, is most respectfully informed that the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples he has sent for insertion is not original, while it does not possess all the musical properties which the number of changes afford. We have this correspondent's communication addressed to a well-known reader, and he is informed (again respectfully) that such proceeding has no effect whatever.

REV. E. J. G. FORSE.—Thanks; a note to you is on the way.

J. P. BEESON.—We have so many that it is necessary all should wait their turn. That is the only reason.

H. R. PASMORE.—We have a letter for this gentleman, which shall be forwarded on receipt of his address.

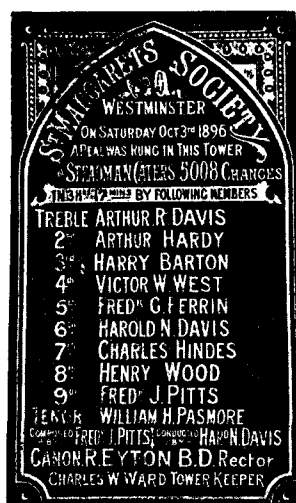
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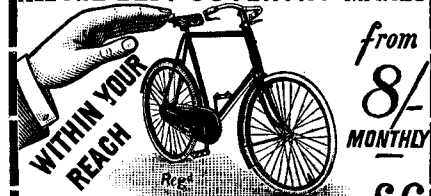
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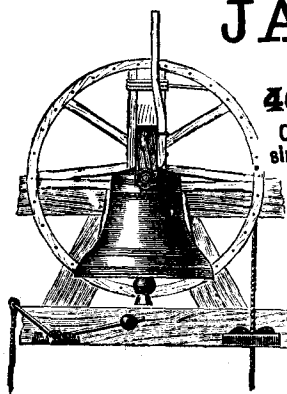
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