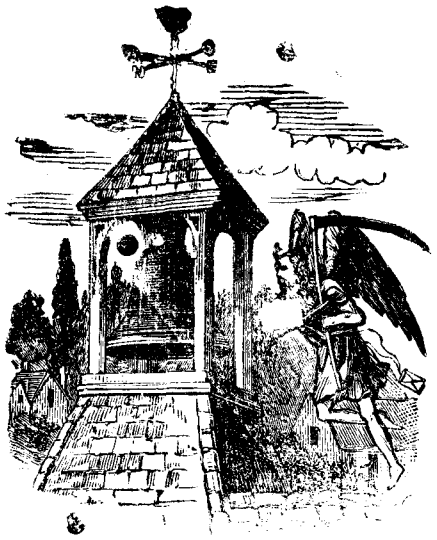
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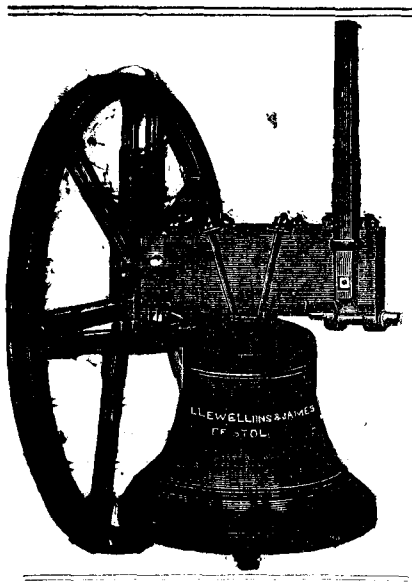
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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*).

TICHMARSH (Northants.) St. Mary. The Central Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor 1885; 5th, 1781, founder unknown; tenor (by Penn 1708) 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft.; the rest by Bagley 1688. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs recently by Thompson. Bells require new frame but funds are not obtainable. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Oxford Bob, and Single Court. No Sunday ringing. Practice in winter 7; day not stated.

TICKHILL (Yorks.) St. Mary. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Taylor 1896; 3rd and 4th 1726 (no founder stated); 5th and 7th by Harrison 1815 and 1796 respectively; 6th and tenor no date or founder stated. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The back six rehung by Barwell 1896. Ropes new 1898. Methods: "Oxford and Violet." Sunday ringing; 10 to 11, and 5 to 6. No practice mentioned.

TILEHURST (Berks.) Eight bells; no return.

TIPTON (Staffordshire). St. Martin. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells; all by Mears, the two trebles 1848; the rest 1798. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Small 1887. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

TIVRRTON (Devon.) St. Peter. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells; 6th by Bilbie 1791; 7th by Taylor 1868; the rest by Evans 1737. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Gillett 1883. A chiming apparatus and dumb practice apparatus fitted, but not used. Ropes good; renewed as required from ringers' own funds. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before each service. Practice; Wednesday, 8; aud at other times by arrangement.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Chipping Norton on a recent Saturday in November. In the afternoon shortly before 4.30, the time for evensong, there was a large attendance of ringers at Divine Service, the preacher being the Rev. J. E. Phillips (President of the Branch), who took his text from the 9th chapter of Ecclesiastes, verse 10: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." After service a meat tea was well served by Mrs. W. Simmons in the schoolroom.

The business meeting was subsequently held, at which the report was read by the President.

The Rev. J. R. Hearn seconded its adoption, which was agreed to. Captain Schofield (Chadlington), was elected as hon. member of the branch, and Messrs. J. Norwood and R. Ball (Charlbury), were elected probationers. Certificates of probation were given to the two last-named, and qualified certificates were given to Messrs. J. Cummings and J. Jarvis (Chipping Norton).

The Rural Dean said they were probably all aware that their President was leaving the Chipping Norton district, and they might be perfectly certain that he was going away for no reason of his own seeking. Mr. Phillips was going from them, and it was necessary to appoint a successor, and he felt they could not have a better man to succeed Mr. Phillips than the Vicar of Shipton, so that he had pleasure in proposing that the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter be asked to accept the presidency of that branch.

Mr. T. H. Burbidge, in a few eulogistic remarks, seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

The Rev. W. Collingwood Carter said he realised the great honour they had conferred upon him, and he also realised the responsibilities of the position. However, with the help of Mr. Barlow he would endeavour to carry out the duties of the office.

The Rev. J. E. Phillips expressed the pleasure it gave him to know that his old friend, Mr. Carter, had been elected to fill the position which it was his sorrow to vacate.

The chairman then proposed the re-election of Mr. Barlow as Secretary and Treasurer of the branch. The Rural Dean seconded, and the resolution was carried. In response, Mr. Barlow said he should be delighted to serve the branch again.

On the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the Rev. A. Russell, Mr. T. Burbidge was unanimously re-elected auditor, and Mr. Burbidge briefly returned thanks.

The Rural Dean proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing chairman, and the Rev. J. E. Phillips responded.

Mr. Phillips also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rural Dean for allowing the annual meeting to be held at Chipping Norton, and to the choir and organist for their services in church that evening. The Rural Dean suitably responded.

A vote of thanks was then accorded to the Master of the Guild for his presence, on the proposition of the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, In response, the Rev. F. E. Robinson said

he should like to see a little progress made in rhe art of change-ringing iu this part of the diocese, and he regretted that there were only one or two towers where he could find a band competent to ring a peal.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Charlbury. A suggestion was thrown out that instead of the ringers going round for subscriptions at Christmas, the churchwardens might be requested to collect on their behalf, as the ringers are a band of churchworkers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Winchester district of the above Guild held their first annual meeting, since the passing of the rule dividing the diocese into districts, at Alresford on a recent Saturday. Representatives were present from Winchester, Twyford, Eastleigh, Alton, North Stoneham, Upham and Fareham. Alresford has two splendid rings of bells, one of eight at New Alresford, and another of six at Old Alresford, and by the kindness of the Rectors both rings were available from 1.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, and Grandsire Minor were rung, among them being a 504 of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. W. H. George, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples conducted by Mr. G. Smith (Twyford). At 4.30 thirty-two members sat down to a capital tea which had been provided by Mrs. Beazley, West Street, Alresford, the Rev. Minor Canon Madge (Winchester) occupying the chair.

At the meeting which was held immediately after the tea, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. On the proposition of Mr. W. H. George, seconded by Mr. G. Smith, Mr. J. W. Elkins was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews the representative for the district on the Central Committee. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1905. The names of three other places were suggested for consideration by the District Committee, at which to hold quarterly meetings, these being Romsey, North Stoneham and Southampton. The hon. secretary reported that during the past year North Stoneham and Upham had joined the Guild, and he had come prepared to ask them to admit another tower, namely, Kingsworthy. At present this tower has only a ring of four bells, but all members present sincerely hoped it would soon become a ring of six. The secretary proposed the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne (North Stoneham) and the Rev. R. T. Marshall (Kingsworthy) as honorary members, and Messrs. Mildon, Milton, F. R. Smith, Mower, Holdaway, Marsh, Brewer and A. Smith (Kingsworthy) as probationers, and these were all duly elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. F. T. Madge for the interest he has taken in the Guild, he being one of its vice-patrons, and for so kindly coming to preside at this meeting; also to the hon. secretary for his services during the past year; and to the Rectors of Old and New Alresford for their kind permission to use the bells.

As the last train leaves Alresford rather early, the Very Rev. the Dean kindly gave permission for the Cathedral bells to be used during the evening, and members from Fareham, Eastleigh, North Stoneham and Upham gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to have a ring on ten bells, this being the only ring of ten in the district. After some short touches of Grandsire had been rung, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, and this was successfully brought round in fifty minutes. This was Mr. W. C. Lampard's first quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

All agreed that a very pleasant and instructive afternoon had been spent, and it is earnestly hoped all towers in the district will soon become affiliated to the Guild.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Guildford on a recent Wednesday, when over fifty members attended from the affiliated towers. During the afternoon the visitors to the town had the opportunity of ringing upon the fine peal of eight bells in Holy Trinity church, and afterwards were met by the Rev. G. Dandridge, Rector of St. Nicolas, who expressed his pleasure at the Guild's visit to the town, and congratulated them on their numerical strength and upon the work which the Guild was doing. He remarked that he was very sorry other business prevented him attending the meeting, but he wished the Guild every success.

The members then partook of tea in St. Nicolas' hall, and afterwards the business meeting was held, Mr. B. Chorley being voted to the chair. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones, presented the report, in which it was stated that the strength of the district was 6 life, 23 honorary, and 120 ordinary members and 20 probationers, 17 towers being in union. The receipts amounted to £15 14s. 6d., and apart from the hon. members' subscriptions there was a balance of £3 in hand.

Mr. C. O'Brien (Guildford) was elected chairman of the District Committee, and Mr. Jones was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary. Messrs. Garfath (Farnham) and Whittington (Ewhurst) were re-appointed to represent the district on the Central Committee of the Guild, and Mr. A. H. Pulling (Holy Trinity, Guildford) was re-elected peal secretary. Mr. Pulling reported that of the four quarterly peals arranged during the past year, two were successfully accomplished.

The places selected for next year's meetings were:—February, Farnham; May, Shere and Albury; August, Cranleigh and Ewhurst; November, Guildford (annual meeting. It was also decided to hold an annual dinner after the November meeting.

Ten new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Jones for the energetic and careful manner in which he had discharged the secretarial duties.

By the kindness of the Rectors at the respective churches the members then repaired to the towers of St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity and spent an hour in practice.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday November 4th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1296 Double Norwich in 45 mins. F. Webb, W. Steele, B. Wiffen, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Rndkin, G. H. Sentance, H. J. Collins.

BOOKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 672 Double Norwich F. Webb, S. R. Roper, C. H. Howard conductor, H. E. Hammond, G. H. Sentance, A. B. Wiffen, E. Newman, W. Grimwade.

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THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned annual meeting of the above was held at St. Peter's church, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when about eighty members attended from Stone, Leek, Uttoxeter, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Norton, Biddulph, Kidsgrove, Lawton, Fenton, Longton and Crewe. Ringing began at 3.30 in various methods until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the Church Institute for tea, which was provided by the Rector (the Rev. H. V. Stuart) who was present to welcome the association on their first visit to Stoke since his induction. He said that he was very pleased to see such a large gathering of ringers assembled there that day, and hoped fhat they would persevere in the art of change-ringing, for an art he believed it was, because he remembered once trying to manage a bell at Cannock and what a dismal failure it was. So he knew from experience that it needed a large amount of practice and patience to become proficient in the art of change-ringing, and he wished every member of the association health and prosperity in the coming new year.

Mr. S. Churton moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for so kindly providing tea and for honouring them by his presence, for they all knew the many engagements which he was subject to, both secular and in connection with the church, and he (the speaker) was sure the association felt proud to have the Rector amongst them. There was also present the clerical secretary, Rev. A. H. Barchard, and the lay secretary, Mr. D. Preston, and Mr. F. R. Williams, churchwarden.

A business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector in the chair. Mr. D. Preston read out the financial state of affairs, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £7 15s. 5½d, which was a substantial decrease on last year, mainly owing to the heavy expenditure in regard to the paying of half travelling expenses of members to places of meetings. In view of this fact it was decided to hold in future twelve meetings during the year instead of seventeen as heretofore. The proposition met with general favour. There were two new members elected, namely, Mr. J. Godber of Tunstall, and Mr. W. Grice of Newcastle After the meeting the tower was again visited until 9.15, which terminated a very enjoyable meeting.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Harpenden on Saturday, November 26th, when thirty-eight members of the Association were present. The bells were set going to Grandsire Triples at 4.30, but the first touch was speedily brought to an end by the treble rope breaking. A 360 of Bob Minor was rung during mending operations, followed by touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. At 5.30 the ringers were entertained to tea at Mrs. Chandler's refreshment rooms by Mr. Nevett, who is leaving the neighbourhood for another ringing centre.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 27th, at St. Peter's church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. F. Litchfield, J. Bates, W. Stapleton conductor, P. J. Cooke, J. Pirkens, F. Austin.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of this Association was held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 10th, the Master (Mr. W. H. Judd), presiding. About twenty members were present, as many as could be expected, seeing that the bells of St. Mary's church were not available for ringing on account of repairs to the tower still in progress. The District Master and Secretary (Messrs. Judd and Wilson, of Prittlewell), having declined to seek re-election, Mr. H. Kirton, of Writtle, was elected Master, and Mr. B. Thompson, of Chelmsford, Secretary for the ensuing year. On the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Master of the Essex Association), seconded by Mr. Kirton, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master and Secretary of the District for their services since its formation three years ago. It was decided to hold the next district meeting in March at either Broomfield or Springfield, both six-bell towers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3rd, a peal-board was placed in the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell, recording a peal of Stedman Triples (a variation of Thurstans's four-part), which was rung on the bells of the parish church on Saturday, July 9th, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.; also recording the first peal ever rung on the bells. The ringers were: Messrs. A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, J. George, C. W. Clarke, T. R. Hensher, H. Sear, Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, V. Sear.

A special service was held in the church at 5.30 p.m, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Gunnery), during which he delivered a most eloquent address relative to the duties and art of church bell-ringers. In addition to the local ringers, representatives came from Bedford, Olney, Rugby, Bletchley, Emberton and Chickley, and during the afternoon rang various touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar joined the ringers and said he was sorry the Rev. F. E. Robinson was unable to attend, but expressed his delight in meeting those present, and hoped he should have the opportunity to welcome them again at some future time.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of his bells, the ringers rang some touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire, and thus concluded a most enjoyable time shortly after 7 o'clock.

SEDBERGH (Yorks)—On Wednesday, November 9th, a date touch of Double Norwich Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. W. Pennington, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, J. E. Senogles, H. Haresnape, W. Pennington, S. Pile, G. F. Woodhouse composer and conductor.

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Notice is hereby given to the Exercise, and to the OXFORD GUILD in particular, that on Tuesday, December 27th, eight members of the Midland Counties Association will (D.V.) attempt a world's record peal of 21,024 Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells of St. Thomas's, South Wigston, near Leicester. All being well, the band will stand as follows: J. Morris (Leicester), Treble; T. H. Taffender (London), 2; C. H. Fowler (Leicester)' 3; T. R. Hensher (Wellingborough), 4; J. Houghton, jun. (Irthlingborough), 5; W. H. Inglesant (Loughborough), 6; A. R. Aldham (Barwell), 7; W. Willson (Leicester, composer and conductor), Tenor. The composition has been duly lodged with Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President of the M.C.A. and of the C.C.; also with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Oxford Guild, holders of the record. Time of starting 7.30 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Boxing-Day, December 26th, ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will attempt a record peal of 13,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Martin's church, Birmingham. Time of starting 9 a.m. prompt. The figures have been sent to Sir A. P. Heywood; to Mr. R. A. Daniell, as Master of the Cumberlands, who rang the last record peal at Shoreditch; and to the Editor of this paper. The names of the company will appear next week.

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."

OLD BOOKS ON RINGING.

SIR,—Mr. R. A. Daniell thinks the portion of my old book is part of a copy of Stedman's "Campanalogia." My own opinion is that it is an earlier print of the work of J. D. and C. M. previous to 1753. This is the one from which I have given the Colledge Bobs from, and as Mr. Daniell says there are no issues of this work later than 1733, I will just give it as printed on the title page of the complete work that I have in my possession:—

"Campanalogia Improved, or the Art of Ringing made Easy, by plain and methodical Rules and Directions, whereby the Ingenious Practitioner may, with a little practice and care, attain to the knowledge of Ringing all manner of Double, Triple, and Quadruple changes, with a variety of New Peals upon Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine and Ten. As also the method of calling the Bobs for any peal of Tripples from 168 to 2520 (being the half peal), also for any peal of Quadruples, or Caters from 324 to 11340.

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The Minor method given by Mr. J. Carter in your last issue I find in this book on page 107 as Westminster Bob.

H. J. TUCKER.

REPLY TO MR. HODGES.

SIR,—If Mr. Hodges, who enquires about a silent practice apparatus, will let me know his address I could tell him something about a "Seage's Apparatus." H. C. PAULI.

Middleham, R.S.O., Yorks.

COLLEGE BOB THE FIFTH.

SIR,—In looking through my "Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing," 1702, on page 108 this method is given as Westminster Bob, by J. D. W. D. CRICKMER.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—Let me remind your readers that this correspondence arose from your quoting, with approval, an article (unsigned of course) from an Exeter newspaper, complaining of the bells being so seldom heard, although the inhabitants had spent so much on rehanging them and recasting the tenor—the Dean recast the 5th. I gave my own experience that on three out of five evenings appointed for ringing, there was none: mentioning that the chiming apparatus was out of order, which the Dean and Chapter might well repair. My authority for the bells not being rung on May 29th, in consequence of a recent visit of a Birmingham company, was the steeplekeeper—a better one than Mr. Daniell, who knows so little about Capitular incomes and outgoings, and who (I am assured) represents himself only. Let us hope that in future the Devonshire ringers will keep better faith with their own townsmen and with visitors to their rather remote city. W. H. M. ELLIS.

P.S.—Messrs. Taylor warned the ringers against letting heavy bells hang for long unrung.

Many people, no doubt, share the omnibus driver's belief, that the Bishop of London gets £10,000 a year for reading the Lessons occasionally in St. Paul's Cathedral. The one bit of truth in the belief is the fact that his official income is £10,000, but he himself has told us how much of it comes to him for his personal use. It appears that the expense of maintaining his establishments at Fulham and London House, and of printing, stationery, and postage, runs away with £7268, and we will leave it to our readers to work out the subtraction sum if they wish to know what is left. Perhaps some people would say that the balance represents a very fair income. It does, of course, if one has the good fortuune not to be a Bishop of London, but the present occupant of the See finds himself, at the end of three years, £5000 poorer than he was when he became the Bishop. It is evident that the Bishop of London's official income is not adequate to the demands made upon his purse.—*Church Times.*

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. B. E. Howe, J. Palframan, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good, A. Gill, T. B. Kendall conductor, S. Palframan. Longest length in the method by all except Kendall and S. Palframan. Longest length in the method as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a token of respect for the late William Bennett, of Kidlington, Secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries branch of the Guild. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. W. Jenkyn conductor, J. Richards.

SOUTHWARK.—On Saturday, November 26th, at St. Saviour's Collegiate church, the bells were muffled and the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect to the late P. O. Perry, who was a ringer at the above church for fifteen years. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. H. Flowers, H. Pasmore, T. Mash, H. Flowers, jun., T. Mash, W. Mash, S. Merryfield, F. Lewis, W. Pasmore, A. Mash, G. Mash, L. Rayfield.

WALWORTH.—On Monday, November 28th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late P. O. Perry. H. Gummer, H. Flowers, L. Rayfield, S. Merryfield, F. Perrin, H. Dawkes, T. Mash, W. Blackerby.

WOODFORD.—On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. Lebbon, G. Cornell, A. H. Doherty, F. M. Bressey, J. Marks conductor, B. Marks. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Cornell.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, December 20th, and at St Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 29th. It is earnestly requested that all members who can possibly do so, will attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd, after ringing at St. Paul's, to discuss and if necessary, revise Rule VII. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley parish church to-day, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A memorial tablet to the late Mr. John Pollard will be unveiled the same day.
T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall to-day, Saturday, December 17th. Bells will be at liberty from 3 o'clock till 7. Meeting at 7.0 p.m.
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Sat., December 17th, at Garston. Bells ready at 5.
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Important business. The bells of All Saints and St. Woolos are available.
REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Beds Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, January 7th, 1905, at 3 0. Aspley Guise bells (1 mile) also available.
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LIVERPOOL.—On Friday, November 18th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. E. Caunce, W. Booth, J. Aspinwall, W. Davies, S. Stewart, A. Lovell, J. Martin conductor, S. M. Dodington. On Friday, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. J. Dickinson, W. Booth, T. Hammond, sen., Rev. F. L. Edwards, J. Martin, E. Caunce, W. Davies conductor, S. Stewart. On Thursday, December 1st, at the Cathedral church of St Peter, on the front six bells, for service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Hammond, sen., W. Davies, T. Hammond, jun., E. Caunce, H. Lewis conductor, A. Lovell. Ringing is not permitted on the heavy bells owing to the unsafe condition of the tower.

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By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1264.

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	–	–		–
35264				–
42356	–		–	–
34256				–
25346	–			–
32546				–
43265	–	–		–
24365				–
53246	–		–	–
45236	–			
23456	–			–

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN HOWES, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

1904.

234567

532746	5
735624	5
637452	5
246537	1
542763	5
745326	5
527463	3
425376	5

Three times repeated.

DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE R. NEWTON, *Liverpool.*

1904.

23456	W	M	H
64235	–	–	–
26435			–
43265	–		–
24365			–
32465			–
54326	–	–	–
32546	–		–
53246			–
25346			–
34256	–		–
32456			s
43256			–
25436	–		–
42536			–
53426	–		–
45326			–
23456	–		s

DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By C. WALLATER, *Wednesbury.*

1904.

23456	W	B	M	H
23564		–		–
45236	–		–	–
24365		–	–	–
32546	–		–	
32465		–		–
43526	–		–	
52436	–			–
52364		–		–
43265			–	–
26354	–	–	–	–
25346		–	–	
34256	–			–
23645	–		–	
42635	–			
63425	–			–
23456	–	–	–	

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By H. G. ROWE, *Cheshunt.*

1904.

23456	W	M	H
64235	–	–	–
26435			–
43265	–		–
42365			s
34265			–
26345	–		–
32645			–
63245			–
52634	–	–	–
65234			–
23654	–		–
62354			–
36254			–
25364	–		–
43256	–	–	–
24356			–
23456			s

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By C. WALLATER, *Wednesbury.*

5040.

23456	W	M	H
42635	–	–	
56234		–	–
23564	–		–
52364			–
35264			–
26354	–		–
32654			–

Three times repeated; single half way and end.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1904.

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It is hoped, and with reason, that this latest of the Council's efforts will have a good sale among those for whose benefit it is intended, and thus the hard work of the compilers may be well appreciated.

The last part of "The Sussex Week" will appear in our next, with a picture of Warnham Church. We have several fresh items of interest to place before our readers. A Christmas tale, entitled "The Christmas Bells of Bettingham," has been written for this paper. Then our friend Mr. DANIELL has written a very interesting account of WILLIAM CORDER, who committed the Red Barn murder, and who was a ringer. Mr. ATTREE's Analysis also will meet with due appreciation. The Christmas number will be most interesting this year, and be published at the usual price.

Our friends in giving Christmas presents will not forget their brethren of the Exercise. Mr. MATTHEWS, of Macclesfield, has some splendid silk designs, very suitable. Mr. POWERS, of Hatfield, Herts., another worthy old ringer, would he pleased to do some business with his brethren at this festive season.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS	*Treble.*	GEORGE PAICE	5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS	2.	JAMES SAXBY	6.
FRANK SMITH	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
MARK WOODCOCK	4.	THOMAS CARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL	*Treble.*	EDWARD J. WEBB	5.
SAMUEL JOYCE	2.	ALFRED B. PECK	6.
WILLIAM TRUSS	3.	EMANUEL HALL	7.
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Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

THOMAS MILES*	*Treble.*	MARK WOODCOCK	5.
GEORGE RADLEY	2.	JAMES SAXBY	6.
HENRY DAINS	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
GEORGE PAICE	4.	†THOMAS CARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

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

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY G. HILL	*Treble.*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
JOHN J. LAMB	2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN	6.
QR.-MR.-SGT. A. PYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4.	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. R. SHARMAN.

It was intended to ring London Surprise, but meeting one short, Mr. Hill kindly took the vacant rope, and the above was substituted.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN	*Treble.*	HENRY DAINS	6.
THOMAS LANGDON	2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	7.
MARK WOODCOCK	3.	*JAMES PARKER	8.
GEORGE PAICE	4.	RICHARD BEVAN	9.
THOMAS TITCHENER	5.	ARTHUR JACOB	*Tenor.*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWRTT	*Treble*	†HENRY FOLKARD	5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN	2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN	7.
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS BENTLEY	*Treble.*	JOSEPH BIRCH	5.
ARTHUR PAINTER	2.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE	6.
JOHN C. ADAMS	3.	JOSIAH ELTON	7.
ALFRED TURLEY	4.	THOMAS J. ELTON	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor and A. Turley.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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F. BARRETT	4.	R. WHITE	9.
H. WOODWARDS	5.	F. WHITE, JUN.	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung by 10 members of the Appleton Band and with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late William Bennett.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1904, *in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. This makes T. Jordan's fiftieth peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 30, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS	..*Treble.*	*CHARLES HAYNES	5.
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FRANCIS WARD*	3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH*	4.	WILLIAM S. PLANT ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAM THOMAS

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1904, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F

WARDEN WALDER ..	..*Treble.*	†WILLIAM WHEELER	5.
THOMAS A. WALDER* ..	2.	DAVID D. DENMAN	6.
WILLIAM VINCENT	3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. ..	7.
WILLIAM H. PACKHAM ..	4.	GEORGE PACKHAM ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

First peal. *First peal, age 15.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 30, 1904, *in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT	..*Treble.*	FREDERICK G. BRETT ..	5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ..	2.	CHARLES F. TUBNER ..	6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS ..	3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE	6.
EDWARD G. BUESDEN ..	4.	GEORGE J. JENKINS ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY G. FAIRBRASS.

The quickest peal on the bells.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 30, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14‡ cwt.

HARRY WILLIAMS† ..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM PALMER	5.
JOHN WITHERS	2.	†SAMUEL GROVE	6.
FRANK WITHERS†	3.	JAMES BETTERTON	7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS†.. ..	4.	HARRY WITHERS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

†First peal of Major.

Bell-Ropes.—Ready-stretched, and in splendid condition. No springing while ringing. Pleasant to use and handle. Write to Ironmongers', Wolverhampton, for prices.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1904, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES W. BAXENDALE ..	5.
WILLIAM BIRKS	2.	JOHN W. CORDINGLEY ..	6.
TOM LATIMER	3.	JOHN E. PROCTER	7.
SAMUEL WARD	4.	HARRY WARD	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J REEVES. and Conducted by HARRY WARD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ..	..*Treble.*	JOHN LUCKLY	.. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN..	2.	WILLIAM WATTS ..	6.
WALTER PRIOR	3.	HENRY J. TUCKER	7.
THOMAS JORDAN..	4.	THOMAS NEWMAN ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This makes W. Watts's 50th peal as conductor. It was intended to have rung Cambridge Surprise, but meeting one short Mr. Newman kindly stood in and the above was rung instead. Rung in honour of the Queen's Birthday.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALTON ..	..*Treble.*	JOHN HOUGH	.. 5.
THOMAS WHITTLE	2.	PHILIP ASHCROFT	6.
WILLIAM BANNISTER ..	3.	JOHN ASHCROFT, JUN. ..	7.
THOMAS DALTON, JUN. ..	4.	WILLIAM WALTON ..	..*Treble.*

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON, JUN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1896. First peal by all except the tenor ringer.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

ALBERT BROOKS ..	..*Treble.*	THOMAS BULL	.. 5.
HARRY BROOKS	2.	JESSE BROOKS	.. 6.
FRED POUNDS	3.	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN ..	7.
JOHN MONK..	4.	JOHN RICHARDS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

First peal of Stedman by a band of Witney ringers. *Fisst peal in any method as conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1904, *in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

FREDERICK PRATT* ..	..*Treble.*	ALFRED PRATT	.. 4.
HERBERT L. HARLOW ..	2.	JAMES BLOTT	.. 5.
HERBERT J. HARLOW† ..	3.	*WILLIAM SHARP.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HERBERT L. HARLOW.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble is only 15 years of age. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's Birthday.

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR RINGERS.—Splendid Quality.—Purest Silk.—Very suitable for a present.—W. MATTHEWS, Change Ringer, Macclesfield.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Friday, December 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY* .. .. 2.	†GEORGE MERRIMAN .. .. 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
REGGIE DYSON .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.
*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Friday, December 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. HAYNES† .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN P. PALBY, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN P. PALBY, SEN. .. 2.	GEORGE SCOTT .. .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 3.	JOHN CRAGG .. .. .. 7.
THOMAS CRAGG .. .. .. 4.	JOHN W. WOOD.. .. ..*Tenor,*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.
*First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN MATTHEWS .. ..*Treble.*	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
HARRY MILES .. .. .. 2.	*HARRY BUTLER .. .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STONE* .. .. 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM THORPE .. .. 4.	FRANK WEBB .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY G. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late William Bennett, ringer at this church. *First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

ERNEST S. GOSTLING* ..*Treble.*	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
*First peal in this method. This is the Vicar's fiftieth peal, and first peal in the method on an inside bell.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3. 1904, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN BARBER .. .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	†CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 7.
GEORGE FOSTER.. .. .. 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.
†First peal of Treble Bob.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL .. ..*Treble.*	GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 4.	FRED SALMONS .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

JAMES BAXTER .. .. ..*Treble.*	FRANCIS CHARLTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BELL .. .. .. 2.	*HARRY LENTON.. .. .. 6.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON* .. 3.	*THOMAS WICK .. .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH* .. .. .. 4.	MAURICE B. DALBY .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.
*First peal in the method. W. Bell was elected a member before starting.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PRITCHARD .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.
HENRY PRITCHARD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES HOENE .. .. 3.	FRED SMITH .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. SMITH.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.
(MELTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

WM. SPIBY .. ..*Treble.*	WALTER JAMES.. .. .. 5.
GEO. W. MEAKIN† .. .. 2.	*THOS. H. MORRIS .. .. 6.
CHARLES DALBY .. .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
REV. C. B. HULTON† .. 4.	*RICHARD W. BAKER ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.
*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

CHARLES DEAN .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. 2.	*WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 7.
JAMES RUMBLE .. .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	FRARK HOLDER .. .. .. 9.
AMOS CLARK* .. .. .. 5.	THOMAS TALBOT .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by W. S. SMITH.
*First peal of Stedman Caters.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1904, *in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 22½ cwt.

A SHEPHERD	*Treble.*	A. TAILYOUR	5.
J. WASHBROOK, JUN.	2.	J. BLACK	6.
ISAAC MYERS	3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK	7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD	4.	RALPH PRESTAGE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Tailyour, President of the Irish Association, and Master of the Arklow Guild.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Primrose, College Trebles, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory and College Pleasure, Tenor 12 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY	*Treble.*	WILLIAM BOLLAND	4.
JAMES HOLGATE	2.	GEORGE BOLLAND	5.
TOM LATIMER	3.	HENRY ODDY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

W. FINCH	*Treble.*	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	5.
H. MILES	2.	†W. STONE	6.
HON. A. ERSKINE	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
REV. G. H. RIDOUT*	4.	*J. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1904, *in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES	*Treble.*	REUBEN HALL	6.
JESSE SCREEN	2.	THOMAS H. REEVES	7.
THOMAS HORTON	3.	WILLIAM DEVEY	8.
WILLIAM SMITH	4.	JAMES HARES	9.
JOSEPH WALKER	5.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1904, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN	*Treble.*	JOHN J. MAWBY	5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN	6.
WILLIAM ROGERS	3.	*WILLIAM V. NEWMAN	7.
WALTER PERKINS	4.	JAMES GARRATT	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

This is the first peal in the method by W. Rogers. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1904, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

IN THE BELLFOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. COULSON	*Treble.*	F. BURLEIGH	5.
THOMAS COLBURN	2.	A. ABBOTT	6.
W. T. BILLINGHURST	3.	R. F. LANE	7.
W. PERRIN	4.	W. CUMBERLAND	*Tenor.*

Conducted by RICHARD LANE.

Rung to commemorate the passing of John William Taylor, son of John W. Taylor, jun., of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, and grandson of John W. Taylor, of Shelthorpe House, in the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science of London University.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 1, 1904, *in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT	1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN	5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN	3-4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY	7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—H. Fields.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal at Heanor has been sent without any date.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Old Warden, recorded in last week's issue, should have been credited to the Ely Diocesan Association.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Christ Church, Old Southgate, on November 12th, was specially rung on the occasion of a new church being consecrated in this parish on date named by the Bishop of London, viz, St. John's, Palmers Green, and was also the first peal in the method by G. Bester.

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

THE CURFEW RINGERS, WINDSOR CASTLE.

The first of December being the 60th birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, the bells of the Castle were rung in the early morning and evening, and the date was selected by this Society to hold their annual dinner.

The tower bells were kept busy from 7 till 8 p.m. in call-changes by visitors, friends, and the local members. An adjournment was made to The Ship hotel where an excellent plain dinner was served by host and hostess Borlaise.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were given. His Majesty and the rest of the Royal Family; Her Majesty, and many happy returns; Sir Francis Barry, M.P., and Lady Barry; the Dean and Chapter of St George's. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. F. King, of St. John's, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, being present, in all a comfortable little party of fourteen sitting down. During the evening some excellent songs, the majority of them of Irish humour, were sang, tune-playing and lapping on the handbells, concertina solo and pianoforte accompaniment made up a jolly little programme which one and all enjoyed, and the evening was brought to a close after thanking the vice-chairman and the steeplekeeper for their duties. It is just twenty-one years ago since Mr. Fussell first sat down with the Society.

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Obituary.

G. A. HENSMAN.

It is with regret we record the death of the above ringer, which took place at his residence in Northampton, on Wednesday November 30th, at the early age of 25. By his death the All Saints company loses a much-valued member. Although he had not rung a peal he had made several attempts, and had rung several quarter-peals. The funeral took place on Saturday, December 3rd, the first portion of the burial service being read by the Rev. C. E. Simpson at All Saints' church, of which he had been a ringer for five years. His body was borne to the grave by four mem- of his own company. In the evenmg the bells were rung muffled, also the usual whole pull and stand, every belfry in the town being represented.

WILLIAM ROGERS.

On Tuesday, December 13th, William Rogers, of Earls Colne, Essex, was laid to rest in the peaceful churchyard of his native village. He had been a ringer at the parish church about thirty years, and the bells he so much loved were rung deeply-muffled as the sorrowful procession wended its way to the church. His death at the comparatively early age of 50 has caused much grief amongst his fellow-ringers, of whom he was the recognised leader, and also his many friends in the neighbourhood. The Essex Association, of which he was a member, was represented by the District Secretary, and several other ringing friends were to be seen at the graveside. May God rest his soul and comfort the hearts of his sorrowing widow and nine children.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Henry Burstow Testimonial.

Sir,—The following subscriptions have been received. If any others wish to subscribe I shall be glad to receive the same at once. A. B. Bennett.

Holyrood, Howard Square, Eastbourne.

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Battle	0	5	0
Bexhill	0	15	0
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Bolney	0	17	6
Brighton (St. Peter's)	0	10	6
Crawley	1	0	0
Eastbourne (All Saints) ...	0	5	0
East Grinstead	0	12	0
Goring	0	5	0
Heene	0	7	0
Hellingly	0	5	0
Henfield	0	7	6
Midhurst	0	15	0
Reigate	0	6	0
Shipley	0	7	0
Steyning	0	5	0
Blake, J. S.	0	2	6
Knatchbull-Hugessen, Rev. R.	0	10	0
Need, S. E.	0	5	0
Hart, K....	0	1	0
Rice, J.	0	1	0
Williams, G. F....	0	2	6
Woodiss, G.	0	1	0
	£8	16	0

Caldicot (Mon).—On Wednesday, October 26th, on the occasion of the dedication of a new east memorial window in memory of the late Rev. E. T. Williams, formerly Vicar and patron of the living, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the local company.

HANDBELL MUSIC

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The above are for 6 ringers with 13 bells thus—C.D E F G.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.A.

The next are for 6 ringers with 12 bells thus—C.D.E.F.G.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.

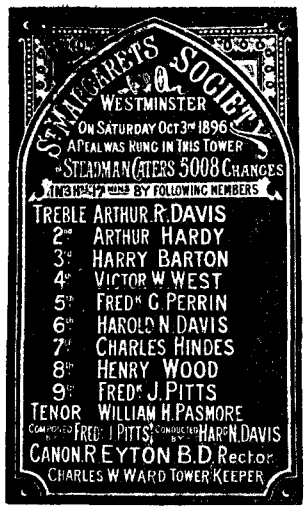
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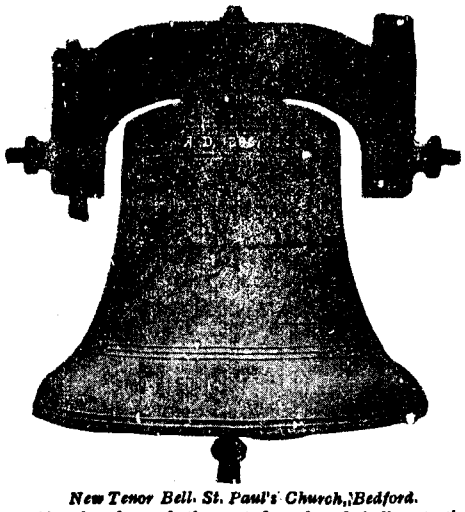
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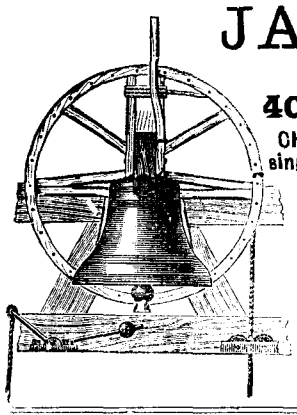
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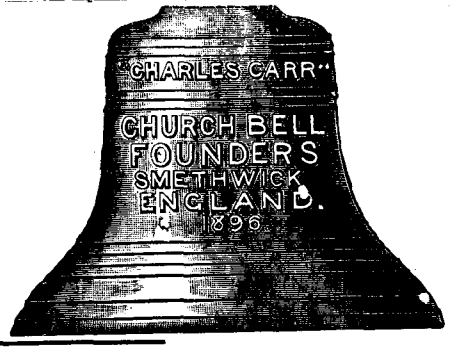
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