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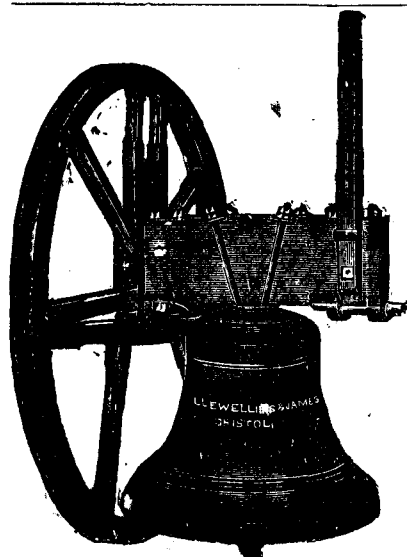
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NEW BELLS FOR RICHMOND, YORKS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF RIPON.

During the past twelve months a determined effort has been made to complete the peal of bells at St. Mary's church, Richmond, and through the munificence of the Marquis of Zetland the liberality of church people in the old borough this end has been attained. As the parish churches of the neighbouring towns of Bedale, Barnard Castle, and Northallerton, and even the adjoining parish of Catterick possessed peals of eight it was felt somewhat as a reflection that the capital of Richmondshire should rest content with six, particularly when the necessary framework and support for eight bells existed. It is interesting to recall that the number of bells was increased from five to six in 1739, the added bell being the gift of the Right. Hon. Sir Conyers D'Arcy, K.B., M.P., of Aske, so that for over 160 years no addition has been made to the peal. It should also be mentioned that one of the original bells is supposed to have come from Easby Abbey, but it does not bear date.

At the beginning of January of last year the then churchwardens (Messrs. F. R. Whittton and W. Lawson) issued an appeal to the inhabitants of the town, pointing out that the Marquis of Zetland had offered to give one of the bells, and inviting subscriptions for the purchase of the other. They met with a ready response, stimulated by the efforts of Mr. A. Morton, one of the ringers, and now one of the churchwardens, and the result has been that Richmond now possesses a very fine peal of eight bells. Those added are the treble and 2nd.

An alphabetical list of the subscribers has been compiled for deposit among the church records, and has been engrossed and illuminated by Mr. W. Sanderson. The volume contains a nicely-executed view of Richmond parish church, and the names of 250 subscribers. Before the list of names the following occurs: "The two new bells were dedicated to the glory of God by William Boyd, Bishop of Ripon, on January 8th, 1905. W. B. Ripon." Then follows the signature of the Mayor (Alderman G. E. Nash). At the conclusion of the list, which is representative of all classes of the community, is the autograph of Lord Zetland, and the signatures of the churchwardens for last year and this. It should be stated that the subscriptions were received by Mr. J. T. Frenchum (hon. secretary of the local ringers). It is proposed to erect a brass tablet in the church, near the base of the tower, to commemorate the dedication of the two new bells, at a cost of about £10.

On Sunday morning the bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon, and the sacred edifice was crowded.

A procession started from the Town Hall, headed by the band of the 19th (Queen Alexandra's own Yorkshire Regiment). Then followed the officers and men from the Richmond depot, under the command of Colonel Bruce, Superintendent Wilson, and North Riding Police, the mace-bearers in their official dress and carrying the maces; the Mayor (Alderman G. E. Nash), in his robes and chain of office, accompanied by the Bishop of Ripon

(also wearing his robes), and the Marquis of Zetland, Colonel Bruce, the Rev. L. S. Robinson, M.A. (Rector), the Aldermen and Councillors of the borough, the borough officials and those holding public offices in the town. The route was by way of the Market Place, King Street, Queen's Road, Dundas Street, and Frenchgate, to the parish church. As the procession entered the sacred edifice the organist played the National Anthem, and the processional hymn was "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven."

The Rev. L. S. Robinson intoned the prayers, and the Rev. T. P. Levett read the lessons. After the third collect the Bishop, clergy, donor and churchwardens proceeded down the nave into the base of the tower whilst the hymn "Come let us join our cheerful songs" was being sung. The Marquis of Zetland and Mr. A. Morton (one of the churchwardens), each took a rope in their hands, and the Marquis of Zetland addressing the Bishop, said: "Right Reverend Father in God, I request you to dedicate these bells to the glory of God for the use of this church." The Bishop receiving the ropes, offered up suitable prayers.

As the procession returned up the nave the well-known Epiphany hymn, "As with gladness men of old," was sung.

The Bishop took for his text, "Whether it is greater, the gift, or the altar which sanctifieth the gift." St. Matthew xxiii. 19.

During the taking of the offertory the hymn "When morning gilds the Skies" was sung, and as the recessional "The Old Hundredth." The offertory realised about £9. After the service the bells rang out a merry peal, and the ringers were augmented for the day by Messrs. T. Metcalfe, Alcock, and W. E. Walland, Middlesbrough.

The two new trebles were supplied by Messrs. Warner. After the dedication service a touch of Bob Major was rung by the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association: R. H. Alcock, J. J. Kinchin, J. J. Phillips, J. J. Peake, W. E. Walland, J. T. Frenchum, R. Borrows, T. Metcalfe. For evening service 784 Bob Major. R. H. Alcock, A. Morton, W. E. Walland, J. T. Frenchum, F. Brand, R. Borrows, T. Metcalfe.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham, on Saturday, January 7th, this being the first meeting of the Association held here. The visitors having arrived at the church at 3.30 were soon joined by some of the local band, and some 120s of Grandsire Doubles were brought round, a few touches of Minor and some Stedman Doubles being rung till 5.30, when a move was made to The Anchor inn for tea. Afterwards the usual business meeting was held, the minutes being read and approved. Mr. Bennett proposed, and Mr. Tompkins seconded, the election of the Bosham band as members of the Association, which was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. Tompkins it was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning. A vote of thanks

was given to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells.

The rev. gentleman replied, and said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Bosham. The belfry was again visited and the bells kept going till 7.30, a social hour being afterwards spent at The Anchor.

It may be added that these bells have recently been restored and hung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank, and much local interest is taken in them, the Vicar and one of the churchwardens being members of the band, and with the assistance of Messrs. Blake and Ticehurst, of Chichester, are making good progress.

ST. WOOLLO'S, NEWPORT, MON.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Woollo's parish church Guild was held in the tower on Tuesday, January 10th, the Rev. B. Lloyd, Vicar, presiding.

The rev. gentleman congratulated the ringers on their attendance, and also extended a hearty welcome to the several ringers who have during the year come to live in Newport. He then called upon the Rev. E. L. Richardson, hon. Secretary, to read the minutes, which were adopted. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and five new members were made.

The next important business was a proposition brought forward by Mr. Attwell—"That the present ring of eight bells be augmented by the addition of two trebles, making a ring of ten." The proposer said he thought the time had arrived when Monmouthshire should have a ring of ten bells, and that no time had been more appropriate than the present for the contemplation of such an object, the matter having been in view for several years.

This was ably supported by Mr. Richardson, but although in favour of the scheme, he was afraid that the churchwardens would object for the present, seeing that other things were more pressing.

The Vicar said although he was not a ringer, he thanked the members for bringing the question forward, and said he thought that in a parish like theirs there should be no difficulty in raising the money, and he would take steps at once with those interested to raise funds. He would also publish the same in the parish magazine for February, and after seeing the churchwardens with a view to making arrangements, another meeting would be held.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and other officers concluded the meeting.

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The twenty-fourth annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 14th, and passed off most successfully. Although no peal can be recorded during the past year, yet the ringers are progressing very favourably. Out of the 105 ringing members only three were returned as probationers at the close of 1904.

A very striking address was given at Evensong in St. Paul's church by the Rev. B. Long, himself a peal-ringer. After a substantial tea in St. Paul's parish room, attended by eighty members, including six clergy, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis took the chair for the business meeting. The accounts were passed, with a small balance of £2 16 3 in hand, and the officers elected for 1905. One or two questions were discussed regarding the financial position of the branch, and the possibility of rendering the occasional meetings for ringing practice of greater utility to the members. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly before 8 o'clock, with the usual votes of thanks to all who had taken part in arranging and managing another very pleasant and helpful gathering.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting of the above branch held in new year took place at Emberton, on Saturday, January 7th. The bells were available at 2 p.m., and some very useful Minor ringing took place in sundry touches of Plain and Treble Bob. A short service was held in the church at 3.30, when an address was given by the Rector, after which an adjournment was made for tea in the parish room. It seems a pity that of all the enthusiastic ringers in this branch, numbering some 140, only twenty-eight could sacrifice the half-day on Saturday to attend the meeting. It seems and is very disappointing to those who make all arrangements that so few should appear. It is hoped that a much larger number will turn up at the next meeting to be held at Linslade on April 1st next.

Many thanks are due to the Rev. — Sams, who, in the absence of the chairman of the branch (Rev. C. Leslie Norris), so kindly and ably filled that office.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, January 7th, at Aspley Guise, the bells of Crawley not being available on account of a funeral taking place, but the meeting was well attended by members from Aspley, Bedford, Crawley, Dunstable and Woburn. An excellent tea was provided at The Bell, to which about twenty-five sat down, presided over by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Charles Herbert (vice-presidents), supported by the Rev. — Rust and I. Hills (Hon. Secretaries). The usual business meeting followed, tea and the minutes of previous meetings were read.

Aspley tower containing only six bells, the ringing was divided between tower and handbells, when some excellent ringing was done on both by mixed companies in various methods, and a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent amongst old and fast friends in the cause of change-ringing.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's kind letter, let me say that I know very little of the history of bellringing, and am only a humble student of the Middle Ages. Doubtless some person of greater learning will be able to answer his questions.

But such information as I have upon the subject I ought to give. The earliest passage in which the words "chime" and "ring" are contrasted, so far as my reading goes, occurs in Chaucer's *Reeve's Tale*, Group A, line 3896 (Skeat), but this is very unhelpful. It may be dated between 1360 and 1400 A.D. An interesting entry occurs in the accounts of St. Edmund's church, Salisbury, in 1652, when "some strangers" pay an extraordinary fee of 1s. "for ringing for pleaser," but in the course of the year this was forbidden on the ground of necessary repairs.

More information may be found on the subject of Bells in the "*Liber Niger* or *Lincoln Black Book*" (Cambridge, 1892.) I have not a copy by me, but the references are pp. 273, 286, 292, 295, 364, 387. Also in the "*Statutes of Lincoln*" (Cambridge, 1897) vol. ii., 461, 414, 415.

Strange to say, I can find no information in Migne's *Lexicon Medial et Infimae Latinitatis* under the heading *Pella* ("peal:"); nor is any help given under *pulsare* (to ring), not *pulsatio* (ringing).

As for the names of the bells themselves, Hieronymus Magius gives the following in his work *De Tintinnabulis, Tintinnabulum* or *Tinniolium*, a small bell for refectory or dormitory: called by Durandus *equilla*. *Petasius*, a large bell with a broad brim. *Codon*, a Greek handbell. *Nola*, a small bell used in choir (named from the town Nola in Campania). *Campana*, a large steeple bell (named from Campania in Italy.) *Squilla*, a shrill little bell. *Cymbalum* and *campanella* for the cloister; *nolula* and *dupla* for the clock; *signum* in the tower.

It has been maintained that church bells were first introduced in 604 A.D. by Pope Sabinianus. In 680 St. Benedict Biscop brought them into England for his twin-abbey of SS. Peter, Wearmouth, with St. Paul, Jarrow, where still exist some very ancient bells with inscriptions, which I knew well during my work at St. Paul's, Jarrow, from 1899 to 1902.

The first regular peal of bells in this country was sent in 1456 by Pope Callixtus III. to King's College, Cambridge, which was for 300 years the largest peal in England. In the beginning of the 16th century sets of eight bells were hung in a few large churches. In 1668 appeared White's famous *Tintinnalogia*, in which we find change notation, with our modern terms, such as hunting, dodging, bob, Major, Grandsire, Cator, etc.

With many apologies for the scrappiness of my information, and in the hope that some one else will throw more light on the subject.

EDWARD J. G. FORSE, M.A.

Boyne Hill.

A SHABBY TRICK.

SIR,—I wish to draw the attention of your readers to a shabby trick that I fear is only too common amongst a certain class of ringers, namely that of allowing themselves to be nominated in the tower for election with an Association before starting for a peal, and afterwards refusing to pay up their subscription. Especially is this the case when the peal in question is lost. It may be said that the remedy is simple, namely to insist on payment at the time of nomination. But if this was always enforced there are those who may think implied a doubt of their good faith, or to whom it might be inconvenient to pay up at the moment. Still I think all true ringers will agree that such evasion of payment is both mean and shabby, and it should be beneath any real lover of the Art to resort to such a practice. I should like to see the names of those that act so dishonourably exposed in your paper, that other companies may be warned not to ring with them. I have been constrained to write this letter, because two such cases have occurred in our own tower. In one of these the peal was scored, and the other members of the company now have the choice of either having the peal struck off the Association's books, or paying the subscription of

the defaulter, and this unfortunately amounts to rewarding his meanness by presenting him with a life membership of the Association in question. Could not all the large Associations combine to put an end to this practice as far as possible by refusing to allow such a man's name to remain on their books, if he has previously joined any of them. Or is it not a question for the consideration of the Central Council? E. A. GOSTLING.

Henley.

THE WIGSTON RECORD PEAL.

"Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll deserve it."—ADDISON.

Long peal-ringing has always held a fascination for me. It grew, I suppose, from the time when, having accomplished my first 5000, two peals of 6048 and 7008 were taken in hand and safely secured. After that, one object was always in view. It seemed very remote in those days, but that goal was ever before me. When I commenced "bob calling" it was to qualify by degrees for the position of conducting some day—the longest length. Call it ambition or what you will, it was ambition, and I do not envy the man with no object or ambition in life—the desire was there and it grew with years. Once we rang in a long peal attempt and broke down at 10,400. It damped one's spirits, but was excellent training for the future. John Buttery, one of our umpires, rang in this. In 1901 we met at St. Thomas's, South Wigston, a mixed band, not one of whom had ever seen the church before, and attempted Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob Major. It was pulled off at the first attempt in six hours and twenty-six minutes, Mr. H. W. Abbott, our other umpire, ringing the 7th. This was followed by a peal of 7001 Caters, rung at Loughborough, in five hours, and after several peals of Double Norwich had been accounted for the writer felt that he was justified in making a bold bid for something much greater than hitherto.

"With a view to a record peal of Double Norwich, will you meet me on August Monday for a 10,000 or 11,000 in the method, as a trial trip?" Such was the private intimation conveyed to a number of M.C.A. men, and a band was fixed after some difficulty. The arrangements were complete, when within twenty-four hours of its attempt I wired the men that the peal was off—for one of them had cried "peccavi."

Thus it lay in abeyance until the spring of last year (1904) and then it was again on the tapis. This time there was no fiasco, for on Easter Monday, April 9th, we again met at St. Thomas's and rung 11,008 Double Norwich without a hitch. We were coming nearer the goal. That peal was rung by the same men who now hold the longest length. In my opinion the 11,008 was a better peal than the 17,104, for there was no crisis, and consequently no excitement, although the composition had the tenors parted for the first 3000, and finished with the last 8000 of the 21,024. This success gave us every confidence—confidence which never left us until—but I will speak of that critical moment hereafter. At midnight, after the 11,008, a group of hilarious ringers might have been seen in Leicester Market Place, toasting one another's health with bottles, some full some empty, but it all ended with one injunction—"Get the long 'un on now as soon as possible."

It was considered best to attempt the record length on some Monday in October, but as that time drew near several found it impossible to leave their employment, and ultimately Christmas Tuesday, December 27th, was definitely decided upon. Each man was enjoined to go into strict training for the event, and above all, no smoking allowed. The writer commenced with swimming in the open river, which he did every morning for four months, and the result was that he became as "hard as nails." In his opinion swimming is the finest exercise, nothing excepted, every muscle being brought into play.

When within one month of Christmas, I sent a note round to the men after this fashion: I am about to publish the attempt for the long peal. If there is any cause or just impediment why this should not be, you are to declare it by Sunday next. This is the last time of asking." There were no defaulters, and the notice appeared. The sensation it caused is of course known to readers of "THE BELL NEWS," but a P. A. man got hold of a copy, and the Press Association flashed it all over the country, the forthcoming "great peal" being the topic of the day. It was a good thing, for we ringers live far too much secluded from

the public in a world of our own. Our ringing career is simply spent in seeking "the bubble reputation," and our life's work is gone in sound with nothing tangible to shew for it. Let the public know that the pursuit in which we engage requires muscle and brain.

About three weeks before Christmas, a retired champion athlete said to me in conversation—"Do you feel all right for the big job?" I said "yes, I think so, why?" He replied: "Well, you just take my advice and finish on "Phosferine," its effect is marvellous." Now let me say here that I have no interest in mentioning this unless it be to do some reader good. I took the advice, and whatever "Phosferine" is made of I don't know, but a fortnight's use made me feel ten years younger. It kept the body right. It is a King of Tonics, and I don't wonder at its patronage by all the Royalty of Europe. Henceforth I am done with Scourem's pills or fruit salts and all their progeny. I stand on "Phosferine." It is absolutely food for the brain. And conductors of peals, long or ordinary, should know this pleasant fact.

Our programme was arranged for us to meet on Boxing Day at 2.30 p.m., and at that hour eight doughty men met outside Leicester M.R. station, with stern resolution on their visages to do their duty. How they did it is now a matter of ringing history.

W. W.

WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 531.)

It appears from the evidence given at the trial that a rumour got about Polstead that Baalham, the Constable, had received a warrant to take Maria into custody on account of her having had illegitimate children. It was, of course, false, and it has been suggested that Corder invented it for some purpose of his own, though what that purpose could be I fail to perceive. If he had really wanted to murder Maria he could certainly have got her into his power without inventing any such fiction. And his own interest clearly was to let sleeping dogs lie. My own belief is not that he invented it, but that he heard it and believed it. As I have observed, he was a young man, and he took no advice from more experienced persons, and what follows seems to me only explicable on the assumption that he did believe the rumour. Ill though his brothers were, and trouble though there was in his family, such a scandal as the arrest of Maria, must, he felt, be prevented at whatever inconvenience to himself. And consequently he arranged that Maria should go, dressed in male attire above her underclothing to the red barn, and he would leave her there and return in the evening in the gig and drive her off, Ipswich being their ultimate destination: where, as I understand the matter, Maria was to reside to qualify for obtaining a marriage license. Whether Corder would have married her as soon as he could or not I do not attempt to guess, but that was the arrangement proposed, and accordingly Maria, disguised in male costume, set off to the red barn on the morning of the 18th May, 1827.

Now unless Corder had believed the rumour mentioned, why should he have acted in this way? It is perfectly intelligible if he believed her liable to be arrested, but otherwise it is not. The theory of a planned murder involves that, while intending to destroy Maria in the barn, he deliberately made such an unnecessary fuss about getting her there that her relatives would have the circumstances of the case especially impressed upon their minds. This is not what a man does who plans a murder.

Again the theory involves that, as there was no concealment of resorting to the red barn, this man who intended to kill her there, practically told them where to go and look for her remains. This is not what a man would do if he had planned a murder. It was a most dangerous place for such a purpose, to say nothing of the fact that there was nothing to prevent the Marten family from keeping watch on the barn in order to be posted up in the movements of Corder and Maria. Corder had weapons on him, but he did not disguise the fact, and indeed there was nothing unusual in his carrying them.

The main thing a man who plans a murder has to bear in mind is to dissociate himself from the human remains, for a human body no more vanishes into thin air after being murdered

than after a natural death. Both Dougal and Bennett thoroughly understood this and took very ingenious pains, in their different ways, to carry it into effect. But Corder had not made one single preparation for disposing of Maria's body. Not only had he prepared no grave in the barn, but he had no means of making one. He was obliged to leave the corpse while he went to borrow a spade from a neighbour, and the spade not being efficient for his purpose he was compelled to leave the corpse a second time while he went home to get a pick—and all this in the middle of the day in the merry month of May!

No, I assert that the circumstances will not fit in with a planned murder. It so happens that we have an account of the murder from the only person who could give it. The confession made by Corder to the Governor of the gaol on the night preceding his execution is entirely consistent with these circumstances. It is as follows:—

"Bury Gaol, August 10th, 1828. Condemned cell, Sunday evening, half-past 11. I acknowledge being guilty of the death of poor Maria Marten by shooting her with a pistol. The particulars are as follows: When we left her father's house we began quarrelling about the burial of the child, she apprehending that the place wherein it was deposited would be found out. The quarrel continued for about three quarters of an hour, upon this and other subjects. A scuffle ensued, and during the scuffle and at the time I think she had hold of me, I took the pistol from the side pocket of my velvet jacket, and fired. She fell and died in an instant. I never saw even a struggle. I was overwhelmed with agitation and dismay; the body fell near the front doors on the floor of the barn. A vast quantity of blood issued from the wound, and ran on the floor and through the crevices. Having determined to bury the body in the barn (about two hours after she was dead), I went and borrowed the spade of Mrs. Stow; but before I went there I dragged the body from the barn into the chaff-house and locked up the barn. I returned again to the barn and began to dig the hole; but the spade being a bad one and the earth firm and hard, I was obliged to go home for a pickaxe and a better spade with which I dug the hole and then buried the body. I think I dragged the body by the handkerchief that was tied round her neck—it was dark when I finished covering up the body. I went the next day and washed the blood from off the barn floor. I declare to Almighty God I had no sharp instrument about me, and that no other wound but the one made by the pistol was inflicted by me. I have been guilty of great idleness, and at times led a dissolute life, but I hope through the mercy of God to be forgiven.—(Sd.) W. CORDER."

I know not whether it may not be said to be a testimonial to the truth of this document that Curtis does not accept its truthfulness. Of course if it be true, it upsets his theory, but as Curtis's arguments are pettifogging and illogical and his style canting, and he exhibits a mind the horizon of whose outlook is very restricted, I attach no importance to what he says in face of the fact that Mr. Orridge, the Governor of Bury Gaol, a man of great experience and common sense, and who had Corder in custody for a considerable time and had frequent conversations with him, was satisfied of its substantial truth.

The result therefore is, that I consider Corder to be a maligned man, and to be indebted to the cant and prejudice of Curtis for a much worse reputation than he deserves.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WATERLOO, LONDON.—J. T. KENTISH'S FIFTY PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 11, Stedman Caters 3, Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 7, Grandsire Triples on handbells 2. Total 50.

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OXHEY, HERTS.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS* .. 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by HENRY HODGETTS.

Umpires—Arthur W. Dix and Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Friday, January 13th, for practice, a date touch of 1905 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Moulton conductor, F. Milton, J. Hatchwell, T. Hogg, T. Hughes, J. W. Davies, A. White, C. Davies.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

BURY.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Woodcock, C. Bradbury, C. Viggers, W. Beswick, W. Cass, S. Greenhalgh, W. Mitchell conductor, J. Ramsbottom.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THIRSK.—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Watson, H. Brown, J. Wrightson, J. Neesman, E. Neesam, G. Neesam, J. Stott, D. H. Burton.

Miscellaneous.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Saturday, January 14th, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Sperring, J. Moulton, A. White, T. Hogg, T. Hughes, F. Milton, J. W. Davies conductor, C. Davies.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Friday, December 30th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sargison, H. Parrish, T. Sargison, G. Handley, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli conductor. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sargison, G. Handley, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, H. Jones, H. Pauli conductor. On Sunday, January 1st, 360 Bob Minor. W. Sykes, 1; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Sykes, H. Parrish, G. Handley, T. Atkinson, H. Jones, H. Pauli. On Thursday, January 12th, at Askrigg parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Peacock, G. Handley, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli. A plain course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. G. Handley, H. Parrish, H. Jones, H. Pauli. A plain course of Grandsire Caters. T. Sargison, H. Parrish, G. Handley, H. Jones, H. Pauli.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SPRINGFIELD.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. M. Windley, E. Dawson, G. Waterman, W. Sharpington, W. Hawkes, H. Sharpington. For morning service 108 Plain Bob. F. Ward, D. Dawson, M. Windley, W. Sharpington, E. Dawson conductor, W. Hawkes. And 360 of Kent. F. Ward, G. Waterman, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, M. Windley, H. Sharpington conductor.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. J. Steele, A. Shuffebotham, T. Churton conductor, A. Clowes, F. Goldstraw, W. J. Collison, J. Titterton, H. Page. On Sunday, September 17th, for evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob, in 44 mins. G. Woods, A. Latham, L. Churton conductor. F. J. Steele, F. Goldstraw, A. Clowes, T. Austin, H. Page. And 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Rose, F. Goldstraw, G. Woods, F. J. Steele conductor, J. Titterton, T. Austin, T. Churton, J. Timister.

BREWOOD.—On Monday, August 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T.

Rose, A. Latham, F. J. Steele, E. King, F. Goldstraw, J. Perry, T. Churton conductor, J. Simister. And 336 Grandsire Triples. E. King, A. Shuffebotham, A. Latham, F. Goldstraw conductor, G. Woods, J. Perry, J. Titterton, J. Simister.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Christmas Eve, at St. Andrew's church, 882 Grandsire Triples. On Christmas morning 672 in the same method. S. Frankling, J. Hands, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. Pike, G. Brown. On Boxing Day a 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Frankling, H. Simmonds, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, J. Hands, T. Russell, G. Brown.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, H. Miles, T. Bull, Rev. C. Jenkyn, J. Richards. Arranged for H. Miles, of Oxford. On Christmas Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, A. Clayton, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. Jenkyn, J. Richards. On Thursday, January 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Richards, A. Brooks, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, J. Monk, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Nicholas' church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. F. G. Perrin, E. H. Nixon, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, T. Taylor, J. E. Davis, F. W. Thornton conductor, F. H. Gooch. After service 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins. E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, J. J. Lamb, F. G. Perrin, T. Taylor, H. Warnett, J. E. Davis conductor, F. W. Thornton. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells for thirty-two years. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Thornton.

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JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, January 9th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Hall first 720, W. Shaw, G. Machattie, R. S. Russell, E. A. Hern, J. T. Hogg conductor.

KNUTSFORD.—On Tuesday, January 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Webb conductor, J. Hamman, F. H. Cockran, J. Johnson, F. Potts, S. Hough. First 720 by all except J. Hamman and S. Hough.

LYMN (Cheshire).—On November 10th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Warburton, W. West, H. Bradburn, H. Newton, J. Bradburn, J. Hughes conductor, W. Ardern, J. Nagle.

LEE (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, at St. Margaret's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. G. R. Simmonds, C. H. Walker, T. G. Deal, T. Groombridge, H. Barratt, J. Crowder, H. Warnett conductor, G. H. Dayaas.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Monday, December 26th, at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holiday, J. Hare, J. Nicholls, F. Vickers, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. Webb.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 2nd, at St. Edmund's church, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. F. Osborne, W. Taylor, H. Thompson, G. Thompson, E. W. Goldsmith, E. Goodwyn, T. King conductor, G. Blowers.

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In a letter on another page a correspondent alludes, with no small amount of honest indignation, to a practice which is far from novel. Developments of the kind he mentions, cannot be always avoided, unfortunately, and there only seems one remedy for their non-occurrence. This is to do away with the custom of proposing members in the tower. There will be found many to object, we have no doubt, to the abolition of the custom, but it is a relic of the past which can be well amended or ended. In many cases there is no reason whatever for the plan. Those who are so impatient to ring peals should curb their restlessness a little if they can. For it ought to be remembered that the great amount of peal-ringing we have in the present day has a tendency to dispel that

glamour which at one time the ringing of a peal engendered. We have got familiar with peal-ringing, and the natural result has followed, in a measure. Such occurrences as the one in question is not calculated to restore to us the great honour and satisfaction felt at one period in securing a peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th June, 1905. May I remind Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations that subscriptions became due on 1st inst., and that the rights of elected representatives are in abeyance until payment of their quota has been made? I shall be glad to receive them as soon as possible. I shall feel grateful also for kind information at the same time as to any change of *personnel* or address on the part of any Hon. Secretaries or representative members. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 13th May, in order that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of Council. Notices of Motion must be signed by at least two members of Council. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, Jan. 10, 1905.

The Metropolis.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
ALFRED B. PECK 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
HENRY G. MILES 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ERNEST G. STIBBONS 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is J. T. Kentish's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN 7.
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THOMAS CARD 6.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

First peal on twelve bells by all except Messrs. Dains and Jacob.

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On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

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On Friday, December 30, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH SMITH Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. PIPER.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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VILLIERS STACEY 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Stacey and J. C. Abbishaw. This is the fiftieth peal by Messrs. W. and J. C. Abbishaw.

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

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EDWARD SHERWOOD* 5.	WILLIAM MOTTS 11.
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Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Eight years have elapsed since the above society rang a peal in this intricate method. *First peal of Double Norwich Maximus. Afterwards the Vicar (Canon Pigot), visited the tower, and passed the compliments of the season to all the ringers.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FRED SPEED* Treble.	*JOHN C. HAMBLETON .. 5.
ROBERT J. ADAMS* 2.	*GEORGE R. DAVIS 6.
FRANK CHIVERS* 3.	CHARLES H. SHEARN .. 7.
FRANCIS PRICE 4.	*ROBERT JONES Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by CHARLES H. SHEARN,

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First on the bells.

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MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN C. JACKSON Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	THOMAS STEERS 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4.	ALBERT CALVER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Being 720 Plain Bob, two of Duke of York, two of Violet, two of Kent, and 720 and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. BACKHOUSE Treble.	R. SATTERTHWAITE 4.
W. NEVINSON 2.	J. HOLME 5.
F. WOODEND 3.	W. ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. BACKHOUSE.

Longest length by all the band and on the bells. Rung to celebrate the old year out and the new year in.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	HARRY MEETEN 6.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	ALFRED TULETT Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE Treble.	MORRIS A. TURNER 4.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 5.
ROBERT F. TURNER 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

This is the first peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE STUART Treble.	A. TAILYOUR 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 2.	I. MYERS 6.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD* 3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK 7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN., aged 12 years last September.

*First peal with a bob Rung with the bell's half-muffled before the midnight service.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	HENRY CORBETT 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

Rang on the thirty-first anniversary of the new peal which were recast and hung by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of which are splendid now; also a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROSE* Treble.	*WILLIAM ROSE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS* 2.	*JOHN MAYES 5.
ALPHAUS BERBY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal of Treble Bob, and first peal on the bells.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY BARNES* Treble.	GEORGE SCOTT 4.
THOMAS CRAGG 2.	ARTHUR MACKEARS 5.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES* 3.	†FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

*First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 5th. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 5.
FREDERICK RAINBIRD* 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 4.	WESLEY WATSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method.

STREET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

MAURICE STAGG Treble.	CRISPIN J. WEBB 5.
SAMUEL HAWKINS 2.	HARRY PARISH 6.
JOSEPH A. BARNES 3.	ARTHUR W. WEBB 7.
FREDK. MARSH, JUN. 4.	*HUGH MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WEBB.

*First peal of Triples. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mogg, niece of Mr. Albert Andrews, donor of the new treble bell, May 1903.

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WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DENNER Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
WILFRID J. MOSS* 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 4.	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE† 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal in the method in the county of Durham. †First as conductor in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7.
CHARLES GORDON 2.	JOHN HOLMAN 8.
ALFRED PEARCE 3.	JAMES HINTON 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 10.
HENRY PRING 5.	FRED G. MAY 11.
CHARLES TOMKINS 6.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Rung on the birthday anniversary of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, with wishes of many happy returns from the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN* Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
GEORGE LEWIS* 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
FRED COATES 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 8.
FRANK BURGAR* 4.	WILLIAM BURGAR 9.
JOHN THORPE* 5.	*GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD STEEPLE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. Treble.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 5.
NORVAL C. WILSON* .. 2.	RICHARD WHITSON .. 6.
EDMUND F. PRICE 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. 4.	WILLIAM R. FYFE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

*First peal on tower bells. First peal of Stedman Triples by all except Messrs. Barber and Ellis; also first in Scotland. Reference next week.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIEFEN Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, January 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	JOHN TOM HOGG 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE† 2.	JOEL HERN 6.
ROBERT M. HOGG 3.	†JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
EDWARD A. HERN† .. 4.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Composed by T. A. TEASDALE, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

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

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
GEORGE LADD 2.	RICHARD SMITH 6.
TOPHAM CUTFORTH* .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 7.
C. WILLIAM SMITH† .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

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

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

F. G. METCALFE Treble.	J. SMITH 5.
H. PEVERELL 2.	T. WICK 6.
H. LENTON 3.	R. B. ROBINSON 7.
W. H. METCALFE 4.	†G. W. PEVERELL Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

†First peal as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, January 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	FRANK WEBB 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS PAYNE 4.	HARRY JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 72nd anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WHIGHT Treble.	†HENRY F. COOPER 5.
HENRY HEAD 2.	REGINALD EDWARDS 6.
HENRY RICHELL† 3.	HENRY W. KIRTON 7.
G. FREDK. MARGETSON† .. 4.	THOMAS LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

†First peal of Major. It is also worthy of note that the last peal previous to this in which Mr. Margetson took part, was one of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, with the bells half-muffled for the late Lord Beaconsfield in the year 1880.

WARWICK.*On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EMSCOTE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble.	WILLIAM MALE 5.
WILLIAM COLLETT† 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6.
THOMAS MALE* 3.	GEORGE ELLIS 7.
QR.-MR. SERGEANT PYE .. 4.	*JOHN CASTLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLLETT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. B. Dickens, LL.D., Vicar of All Saints.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	KEITH HART 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM ALLFREY 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
PHILIP J. ALLFREY 4.	*THOMAS STRINGER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples on the bells.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN† Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6.
JOHN BODDY 3.	†JAMES MCGOWN 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT 4.	†JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

†First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT† Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 6.
WILLIAM BELLAMY* 2.	BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 8.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	JOHN FLINT 9.
SAMUEL WESLEY* 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Royal. †First as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGGIE DYSON Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
CLEMENT GLENN† 3.	†JOHN THORP 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER† 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

†First peal of College Single Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. John Bell, formerly Incumbent of this parish, who died on January 10th, 1892, and to whom the bells are dedicated.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Monday, January 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART (7TH THE OBSERVATION.)

ALF PADDON SMITH Treble.	†SAMUEL GROVE 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES† 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†First peal of Stedman Triples.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES* Treble.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
WILMER ROGERS 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
HARRY MORRIS† 3.	ABEL HAYES 8.
JOHN BARBER 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
ROBERT JONES 5.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by E. ROWLAND.

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

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

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Forest Gate on handbells, and published in our last issue, the umpire's name is omitted. It should have been—Umpire—H. F. Dawkins.—The number of changes in the peal at Tunstall, Kent, should read 5040, not 7200 as published.

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

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Notices.

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The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks to-day, Saturday, January 21st.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore to-day, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 21st. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local hon. sec.: Mr. J. W. Baxendale, Greentop, Pudsey, near Leeds. For further particulars see circular.

J. W. T. HOLTGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Seaford to-day, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Institute by the kind invitation of the Vicar.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice. The election of officers of this Society will take place on Monday, 23rd January, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Members are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7. Reports expected to be ready.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, January 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Church House (6d. per head) to those sending their names to me not later than first post Wednesday, January 25th. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible. Business meeting will follow the tea.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the hon. secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1905 are now due. They would save the hon. sec. a great deal of labour at the end of the year if they would only be a little more prompt in this matter at the beginning of it.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 28th. The Rev. I. G. Owen, Rector, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in

church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those members only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, January 25th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All subscriptions are now due and outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors of peals to Rule XI, so that all peals may be entered in the Peal Book in proper order, without delay, and also hand in correct list of members' names belonging to their Society.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted on Saturday, January 28th. Business meeting at the parish room at 6 p.m.

N. J. PITSTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, January 28th. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. D. Shaw, Vicar of Wycombe and Rural Dean. Tea in school-room at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting. The number from each tower that will be present should be sent as soon as possible to the Rev. E. J. G. Forse, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Midlands Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, January 28th. The eight bells at Mansfield, and six at Mansfield Woodhouse will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., excepting the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 in St. Peter's schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for all those who send their names to Mr. W. Gosling, sen., 52, Union Street, Mansfield, not later than Thursday, January 26th. It is proposed at this meeting to alter rules vi., vii. and viii. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive particulars as soon as possible of any necessary alterations or additions to the new report now being prepared, particularly with respect to practice nights and the addresses of Life Members, or notice of their decease. He will also be obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1904 will kindly do so at once.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at the Institute, Leatherhead, on Saturday, January 28th, after tea, which latter will commence at 6.30 p.m. The bells (ten) will be open from about 3.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at the tea, which can be provided to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head, must acquaint the Assistant-Secretary not later than Wednesday the 18th inst.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon

JOHN C. JACKSON, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

12, Tabor Grove, Wimbledon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts. Archdeaconry.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, January 28th. Tea at 4.30. All ringers invited.

G. D. COLEMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—On Monday, January 30th, after the practice at St. Clement Danes, a special general meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, to appoint auditors for the past year, and decide the date

of the annual general meeting. It is hoped as many as can make it convenient to attend will do so.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is particular business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is drawn to rule vi., clause 4.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, 1st February. A short service will be held in St. Laurence's church at 6.30. Supper at 7.15, followed by business meeting and smoker.

A. W. H. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

31, Henry Street, Reading.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 5. Members intending to be present please send word by February 1st to

WALTER HUGHES.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting after. Will those intending to be present kindly notify their intention to Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New Kings Road, Fulham, not later than February 2nd.

WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTICE.

All communications concerning the Shere band of ringers, must in future be addressed to Mr. M. Sanders, Shere, near Guildford, Surrey.

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Obituary.

JOHN STAPLES.

Mr. John Staples, of Havant, Hants., who on the 4th instant had reached his 71st year, died on January 8th, and was laid to rest on the 12th instant. Deceased, who had been in business as a builder for about 40 years, was much respected. He took a great interest in Church matters, especially in bellringing, acting as leader for a number of years. He was also clerk of the mission church at Brockhampton from its first opening until his death. The funeral took place at Havant cemetery, the Ancient Order of Foresters (Court 3864), of which deceased was a member, being represented, also the Portsmouth district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who sent a beautiful wreath. In the evening eight members of the Portsmouth district intended going for Holt's Original, but meeting one short was obliged to obtain the services of Mr. Irish, one of the local men, who rang the tenor to a quarter-peal (with bells half-muffled) in good style, considering he is nearly 70 years of age. Those taking part were J. Harper,

J. Harris, C. Groves, W. Lebbon, J. Harding, G. Instrell, J. W. Whiting (conductor), W. Irish. Time 45 mins.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Horley branch of the Sussex County Association held their Annual Dinner on Monday evening, January 2nd, at The Six Bells inn, which has been the scene of so many of these familiar and friendly gatherings. The Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey (curate of the parish church) presided, and was supported by Mr. F. E. Glover (churchwarden). About 26 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The King," remarked on the absence of the Vicar, who wrote expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and wishing every member a bright and prosperous new year. In proposing what he termed the toast par excellence—"The Bellringers," he said Horley was extremely lucky in having such a fine peal, and such an energetic body of ringers.

Mr. W. Edwards (the foreman) replying

on behalf of the ringers said he was glad to see that they were more appreciated.

The musical portion of the programme was contributed to by the Horley handbell ringers; Messrs. A. Songhurst, S. Kenward, I. Kenward, P. Etheridge, and A. Etheridge. Some songs and glees brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, December 22nd, a presentation was made of a cow-hide kit bag to Mr. Walter Smith, conductor, in appreciation of his consistent attention to the formation of a new company of ringers at the parish church, Beckenham.

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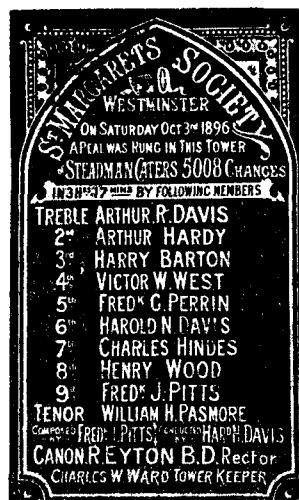
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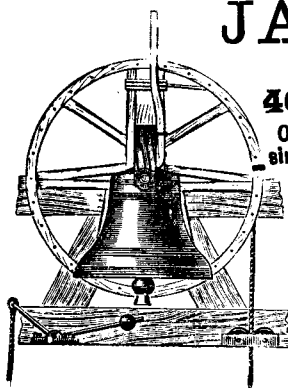
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