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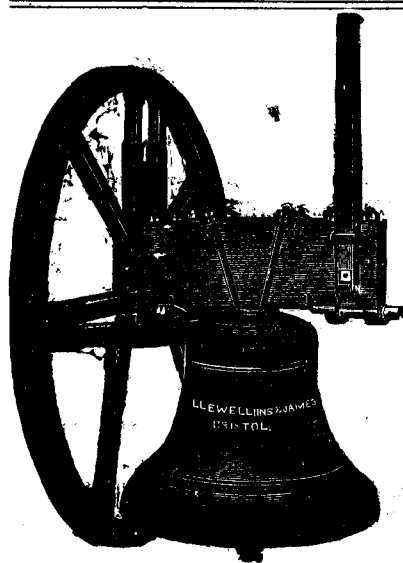
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

WIMBORNE (Dorsetshire). St. Cuthberga. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears 1856; 3rd and 4th by Knight 1686; 5th, 1598; 6th, 1600; 7th, 1798; tenor 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., 1629; founders of the last four not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Tenor rehung by Warner 1881. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.40, and 6.15 to 6.25. Practice in winter months alternate Tuesdays, 7.

WINDSOR, OLD (Berks.) St. Peter. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 5th by Mears 1890; the rest by Swaine 1775. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1890. Ropes new 1896, good. Method; Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Thursday, 8.

WINGFIELD, NORTH (Derbyshire). St. Lawrence. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Taylor 1902; 3rd by Mears 1811; 4th by Oldfield 1617. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. by the same 1661, and was brought from Chesterfield in 1820; 5th and 7th old bells without date or founders name; 6th by Taylor 1878. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.25, and 5.30 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

WINGHAM (Kent). St. Mary the Virgin. Eight bells; all by Phelps 1720. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repair last done was clapper of 5th mended in 1728 at a cost of 2s. 6d. It has been proposed to repair tower and rehang bells, but there are not yet sufficient funds. Ropes good. Bells are not rung as tower is unsafe.

WINSHAM (Somersetshire). Eight bells. No information as to weight, date or founders of bells. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn 1894. Ropes new 1904. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Friday.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEAUMARIS, NORTH WALES.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

On Easter Eve, the Lord Bishop of Bangor performed the ceremony of dedicating to the use and glory of God the two new bells which have been recently added to the peal of six in the tower of St. Mary's parish church. It may be interesting to record that the existing peal of six were presented to the church in the year 1819 by the Lord Viscount Bulkeley. The tenor bell bears the inscription: "These six bells were the gift of Thomas James Warren Bulkeley, Lord Viscount Bulkeley, 1819." The 4th bell is inscribed: "Fear God and honour the King," and the 2nd bell: "Let us lift up our voices with joy."

This is the only peal of bells in the county of Anglesey. After almost uninterrupted use for a period of eighty-five years, and during that period very little having been expended in their upkeep, the work of ringing them of late involved no inconsiderable amount of risk to the ringers. This being the case, a movement was set on foot with the object of renewing the original peal, and if possible to add two more bells to complete the octave. It was not long before the Rector (Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin), was able to announce the welcome news that two generous donors had intimated to him their intention of presenting the two bells, provided a sufficient amount was collected to carry out the other work. It is gratifying to state that no difficulty was experienced in raising the money, donations from rich and poor alike being readily forthcoming, and early in the New Year the contract was let to the firm of Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford, whose work was satisfactorily completed some weeks ago.

The donors of the new bells are Sir David Gamble, K.C.B., of St. Helen's, whose princely benefactions are household words in his own neighbourhood, and who spends almost every week-end during the season at Beaumaris in his fine steam yacht, the "Aline." The other donor is Miss Hamilton, now of Maelog Cottage, Beaumaris, and formerly of Manchester, whose gift was intended to serve as a memorial of her late brother.

The one bell bears the inscription—"Sir David Gamble, Bart., K.C.B., A.D. 1904," and the other "M. H. T. Lloyd Kyffin, Rector, 1904."

To return, however, to the dedication service, evensong was said to the end of the third collect. At this point a procession was formed in the following order; the bell-ringers, sidesmen, churchwardens, the Rev. T. L. Kyffin (Rector), the Rev. Harry J. Morgan (curate), the Lord Bishop, who was accompanied by his chaplain (Rev. W. Williams), and proceeded to the ringing-chamber in the tower. Here the Bishop officiated, and on receiving from the Rector the ropes of the two new bells, he formally dedicated them for use and service in the sanctuary. A short touch in which his lordship rang the treble. All the company afterwards returned to the church. The Bishop delivered a short address, which was followed by special collects, and after the singing of a hymn the Benediction was pronounced.

On Easter Day the local ringers were kindly assisted by Messrs. W. T. Pegler, J. Mldwinter, A. J. Hughes and G. Lord from Bangor, when the bells were rung for all the services.

THE PEAL AT CLAPHAM, SURREY.

On Easter Monday morning, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rung a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of the Redemptorist church of St. Mary, Clapham Park Road. A local paper tells us "that this venerable society has been in existence for the promotion of scientific change-ringing since the year 1637, and has members residing in all parts of the British Empire. It had its origin at a church (destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666) situated in College Hill in the City of London—hence its title 'College Youths.' As most Clapham residents are aware the bells of St. Mary's church have been recently augmented from six to eight. The work has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Road, a firm which has brought into existence and restored thousands of bells since its establishment in the year 1570, and the accomplishment of the peal on the above day, wherein the ringing was continuous for 3 hrs. and 7 mins., with ease and comfort to the ringers, shows the splendid workmanship of this firm of bellfounders, and is an assurance to the church authorities of the excellent condition in which their bells have been placed. The peal in question is known to the ringing world as Thurstans's four-part, having been composed by a celebrated Birmingham ringer, Thomas Thurstans, in May 1846. Its regularity of composition has made it a masterpiece of this class of bell-music. Mr. Wood, the ringer of the 2nd, is in his seventy-ninth year, and it is interesting to note that he rang at the opening of the six bells at St. Mary's in 1851—fifty-four years ago. This hardy 'youth' has rung in his long career close on 400 peals. While the ringing was proceeding, the Very Rev. Father Rector held an impromptu reception."

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE WEDDING PEAL AT ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.—The bride is a performing member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and it may be remembered that when she visited England in company with her father—Dr. Arthur H. Nichols—at the time of the coronation, she took part in some extraordinary performances in London. Dr. Nichols is a diligent writer on the history of bells; and his youngest daughter, besides her great cleverness in ringing, excels in athletics, and won the lady championship of lawn tennis in Nova Scotia last year, and first prizes in other exercises. It is hoped she will succeed in imparting to her husband her own and Dr. Nichols's love and delight in the atmosphere of bells and ringing. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, conducted by W. E. Garrard, were rung at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on the evening of the wedding-day, April 27th.

THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—W. Perkins's 100 Peals.—On five bells 1, Bob Triples 2 conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 9 conducted 4, Stedman Triples 17, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (including 10176), Royal 1, Double Norwich 34 conducted 4, Superlative 25 conducted 4, London 3. Total 100, cond. 13.

THE PEAL AT DEPTFORD.—Mr. W. J. Jeffries's fifty peals.—Grandsire Triples 11 conducted 1, Caters 1, Oxford Bob Triples 4, Stedman Triples 7 Caters 4, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 14, Royal 2, Double Norwich 4. Total 50.

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EASTER AMONG THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

In compliance with your instructions, Mr. Editor, I spent my Eastertide holiday amongst the dales for which the "county of broad acres" is so famous—and deservedly so. I am pleased I accepted your kind invitation, for a more happy holiday I have never experienced. Good Friday morning found me in the quaint old town of Wakefield, but all was quiet there, for on the following Tuesday was to be the great celebration—the consecration of the memorial to the first Bishop of the diocese—Dr. Walsham How, of revered memory. How these good Yorkshire loved their first Bishop in this diocese is amply demonstrated in the fact that the "memorial," which consists of an extension of the Cathedral, has cost well nigh £50,000. Comment on this fact is superfluous. So, under the circumstances, my Good Friday experiences were of a quiet character, but none the less happy on that account. I sauntered during the afternoon to Sandal, a few miles out, redolent—indeed crowded—with historic reminiscences, lovely in its early spring beauty, which I remembered of long years ago as one of the "gardens of England," with its grand old parish church, to reach which in summer-time you have to pilot your way through a perfect bed of flowers. I then wended my way back to Westgate Station, *en route* to my "diggings" in Bradford, tired, but happy, and was soon in the arms of Morpheus, sleeping the sleep of the just, and tired-out.

Saturday morning found me in Airedale. I should have stated previously that on Friday I was in Calderdale, so that I had changed my venue. I took one of the splendidly-equipped city electric cars to Saltaire. Here the heights of the Pennine range were in front of me. All round were scenery of the wildest character. Steep hills and deep valleys seemed to vie with each other for mastery. I went past the colossal Saltaire Mills, over the railway, the river Aire and the canal. I had a peep into the beautiful little park given by the late Sir Titus Salt, and walking further along the pretty carriage drive I was advised to go on to "The Glen," which I did, and was well repaid for doing so. Time however was passing, and I had to deny myself the luxury of a lengthened stay, so reached Bradford again, and retired for rest in view of the following day's proceedings.

Easter Sunday was fraught with a sort of calm pleasure. I listened to the sweet ring at St. James's, Bolton, in quite a variety of methods, both Triples and Major. Sauntered through the Peel Park just by, which I was told had been bought by private subscription and presented to the town many years ago. In church there was a nice musical service which did me good, and then I rested myself for the following day, a procedure for which I was subsequently thankful.

Drighlington was the order of the day for Monday morning, and thither we went in the electric cars. Arriving, I wandered along the site of old battlefields, listening to a 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob Major being rung on the bells of the parish church. This was brought off smartly under the conductorship of Mr. T. B. Kendall, and then after luncheon I joined a party for another peal at Shipley. This seemed to me a bit of high pressure work, but these Yorkshiremen appear to be nothing if not thorough, so I went with them through the mazes of Dudley Hill, Tong Street, and I don't know where else till Bradford was reached, and we changed cars for Shipley. Here Kent Treble Bob Major was the order, and a 5088 smartly brought round in a few minutes over 3 hrs. This was surely sufficient ringing experience for

one day, so after a real good Yorkshire feed, and a pleasant chat, intermingled with handbell ringing, I bade my friends good evening, and returned to my temporary domicile in the city of Bradford, well-pleased with my day's outing among the "tykes." I will continue my story next week with the Editor's permission. B.

LATE NOTICES.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Birstall on Saturday, May 13th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Black Bull hotel. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 20th. The towers of St. Mary's, Walmer (8 bells), and St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6 bells), will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Station hotel. Business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 17th. Half travelling expenses not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 4 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
101, High Street, Hythe.

BRAMLEY (Hants).—On April 13th, at St. James's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. Miss E. Lawrence, T. Greenaway, Miss E. Belcher, D. Lawrence, G. Neville conductor, W. Lawrence. In the evening another 120. A. Frap, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss E. Belcher, T. Greenaway, G. Neville, W. Lawrence. The band only began to learn change-ringing last December.

GORTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 18th, at Brookfield church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Topping, J. Topping, E. Collins, H. Worthing, S. Collins, R. Newton, W. Brammer conductor, W. Seddon. The above was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Jones, who was interred on the above date.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, C. H. Howard conductor, H. E. Hammond, W. Moore, S. Sargent, F. Rndkin, H. J. Collins, W. Grimwade.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, A. Shufflebotham, S. Sargent, W. Moore, A. B. Wiffen, C. Bearman, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. P. Holmes, a member of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, to Miss Wash, of Bocking.

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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

25th April, 1905.

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."

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for so kindly publishing the notice of long peal attempt, and as you might assume it did not come off. I will give you the particulars of how far we rang. We started into changes soon after 12 noon, but had a second start after five or six minutes. We then settled down and rang 7196 changes in 5½ hrs. Up to the time the bells were turned into the handstroke position we had good ringing, but afterwards the quality of the ringing fell off, and in the course where we stopped there was a nasty trip, which if it had been got over would have been a great blot on the performance had it been finished to the end. However the attempt failed, and the ringers, parishioners and visitors (of which there were many) were all disappointed, but I am pleased to be able to say the Vicar of Painswick has given his permission for another attempt to be made on his bells, and I hope to give due notice when the next attempt will be made through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS."

F. G. MAY.

"OLD STRING'S" REPLY.

SIR,—My best thank to Mr. Trollope. Nothing could have been calculated to serve my purpose than his very straightout reply. Among a group of friends I have been trying to introduce a certain method, but without much result. In vain have I introduced diagrams, in vain pleaded that it could not be administered through the medium of a spoon. Each man would so like to do it if he "only had the chance." The chance, I suppose, to be dragged through by others who have taken the trouble to learn. The man is a poor tool indeed who cannot learn to ring any method he may decide on if he will only sift it. It is no use staring at a whole page. With ordinary gumption and a little energy Mr. Trollope's three rules will carry a man through any method.

OLD STRING.

(Those concerned will see that something is attempted this week in the way of instruction. We are also able to inform our correspondent and others interested that in the course of a week or two some papers will appear with the title "How to ring the Higher Methods."—ED.)

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OUR RINGING COMPANY: HOW IT GREW.

[Introductory.]

The writer of the following lines has been invited to tell something of his experiences in learning to ring. It is surmised that what he has to relate may form a nucleus for others to follow on, in the shape of elementary (and perhaps advanced) instruction. There is in some places a hunger for teaching of some sort. If what follows tends to satisfy any one (I cannot hope to greatly enlighten), then any little trouble I am now taking will be fully rewarded.

Some years ago, a series of papers by a gentleman now deceased appeared under the title of "Our Ring of Bells: How it Grew," and over the signature of "AUDITOR TANTUM." I have taken this writer for my model so far as the heading and signature is concerned, from a sincere respect I entertain for his memory. Could I have written a book I should have dedicated it to him, but not being able to do this, I shall be helping to keep his memory green by adopting his cognomen.

Whatever I may relate in these my experiences will be true to the very letter. I shall give a correct account of the difficulties our company had to overcome in acquiring the art of change-ringing, from Grandsire Doubles up to Stedman Triples. When the latter point is reached, perhaps some one more competent than I may be found to go further. Some little anecdotes may also appear connected with our young company, which may not be regarded with disfavour. Another thing I ought to say, and that is, that this account will appear fortnightly, weekly would be too much for me to guarantee; and it might be that from various causes, exigencies of space, for instance, the papers sometimes may be delayed.

These introductory lines I think necessary and convenient. Perhaps I ought to add that I cannot claim the least originality in what may be said with regard to instruction. Everything in this direction has been so well done before (the chapters written by "Aleph" some years ago, for instance) that I cannot and do not claim to improve in the least upon what has been previously written. I agree with what Mr. Trollope said last week, that there is no short cut or royal road to proficiency. Hard work and the most unflinching perseverance is requisite.

Let us now imagine, in a certain part of England, a very old church indeed, dedicated to St. Hilda, built I think before the Conqueror appeared, but with a modern square tower having a good ring of eight bells—tenor about a ton. These bells had been hung years before this narrative commences by a bellhanger whose excellence of work was well known. They "went" grandly, like the proverbial fiddle; good ropes, good everything. But no ringers were allowed entrance to the tower. You will ask "Why not?" A dispute had arisen between the ringers and a somewhat bombastic warden. He threatened to close the tower if the ringers did not follow out his behests. They declined, and he made good his threat. This unwelcome condition of affairs continued some three years. During that period myself and three companions had learned to handle a bell at the neighbouring church of All Souls (which had a ring of ten). Regret was often expressed by the ringers at the closure of St. Hilda's, and after much cogitation us four "youths" determined to get round Mr. Warden if we could. No

sooner had we determined on this than we took action. We addressed his highness the Warden by means of a folio printed "humble petition," and after a deal of humming and ah-ing he conceded that we should have control of the belfry on certain conditions. These were that any one of the old ringers should never be allowed into the tower under any condition, and that we should chime the whole eight bells for the two Sunday services. We agreed to this, and should I think have agreed to much more, if required. Our printed petition, be it remarked contained the names of eight "humble petitioners," though only four of them could handle a bell, and only one of these four—the writer—had ever rung rounds. So that there was something to get through before even Grandsire five was reached. In my next I shall begin to tell how we got on.

AUDITOR TANTUM II.

Obituary.

JAMES HANNINGTON.

It is with great regret we record the death, at the age of 46, of this well known ringer, who at one time promised well to become a leading man in the Cumberland Society, having passed through the offices of Secretary, Master, etc. Through the pressure of business, however, he was unable to devote much time in later years, although he continued to ring as a member of the local band at St. Ann's, Highgate, until his premature death. He rang his first peal—Treble Bob—at St. George's, Camberwell, on November 6th, 1880, and his first peal of Stedman Cinques on December 3rd, 1881, following up this by ringing another a week later. Although we have not a list of his performances we call to mind that he was one of the band that rang in the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in London on June 26th, 1888, at St. Ann's, Highgate, and also in the peal of London Surprise rang by the Cumberland Society at St. James's, Clerkenwell, in May 1895. He also took part in the "James's" peal at the same church. He had also rung several peals of Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., his last being in the latter method at St. Ann's, Highgate, on April 21st, 1904. He was a good conductor, having called peals in several methods, and in his young days called Holt's Original, which at that time was considered quite a feat. He was unconscious for fully a week before he died, finally passing peacefully away, leaving a wife and several children to mourn his loss. He was laid to rest on April 5th, at Finchley Cemetery, and having been a prominent member of the M.U.O.F. a large muster of that Society, together with many friends, attended the funeral. Mr. R. Bevan was also present, and deposited a splendid wreath of flowers (supplied by his old friend B. Foskett) from the Highgate band. As a ringer and conductor Jim stood well in the Society, and was highly respected by all, but alas, his time was of but short duration. A peal was rang at St. Ann's, Highgate, with the bells deeply muffled, which has already appeared in its proper place. The usual whole pull and stand was also rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and at the headquarters of the Cumberlands, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. His widow and children have the sympathy of all.

ELIJAH TRUMPER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above ringer, who passed away on Good Friday at Trevethin in his 60th year. He was interred at Trevethin church on April 25th, being borne to the grave by four of the oldest ringers. Muffled touches were rung for evening service as a token of respect. Mr. Trumper had been a ringer for the last twenty-four years at the above church, but had not taken any active part for the last twelve months. He was a member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and was very much respected by all who knew him. He was well known in the district, and much sympathy is felt for those who are left to mourn his loss.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 18th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 10th, and on Tuesday, May 23rd. The subscription of rs. 8d., which confers the right of voting on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. CCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, to-day, Sat., May 6. Tower open at 2 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Arthur Shirley. It is earnestly requested that all will attend this service, which has been specially arranged for them. The mayor of Greenwich, who will be accompanied by the mayoress, has kindly promised to attend in state, and during the service will unveil a peal-tablet in the belfry. Business meeting follows tea, the mayor presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.

Oakleigh, Chislehurst. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury to-day, Sat., May 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30. Members and friends are cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

North Notts. Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Retford, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Business meeting in West Retford school, 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford church, 4.30 p.m. Tea after the service. Members of kindred Associations heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Sheffield to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Bells at St. Marie's (8), Ranmoor (8), Parish Church (12), available from 4.0 to 7.0 p.m. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, 7.30 p.m., when officers for ensuing year will be elected.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 13. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Towers open: St. Peter's 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, after the service; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Luncheon at Royal Pavilion 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m., preacher, Rev. Canon Cooper, Vicar of Cuckfield. Those who propose to attend are requested to let me know by May 10th.

Holyrood, Eastbourne. A. B. BENNETT.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, May 20th, 1905. Further particulars by circular.

Exeter, Devon.—Practice at the Cathedral 7 o'clock sharp, May 10th.

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Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

R. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The Monthly Meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, May 13th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey on Saturday, May 13th. Bells of the Abbey church available from 2 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 at Victoria restaurant.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

St Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 16th instant, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

61, Roland Road, W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Handsworth, Birmingham.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of this Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at Poole. Service at St. James's church 12 noon. Dinner at The Antelope hotel 1.0 p.m., 2s. each. Towers open for ringing: St. James's Poole (8), St. Peter's Bournemouth (8), Wareham (6), Lytchett Minster (5). One shilling allowed to members for rail fare. Names of those intending to dine to be sent to Hon. Sec. before the 14th.

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Devizes.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, May 20th. Local Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. Clark, 121, Bradford Road, Otley. For full particulars of the day's arrangements see Association circular.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A District Meeting of this division will be held at Wenden (Audley End station G.E.R.) on Saturday, May 20th. Tower bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the school room at 5 p.m. The bells of Saffron Walden will be available after 6 p.m. to members and friends attending.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1905.

OUR comment upon the "novel incident" which occurred in connection with the ringing company at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, has been met not altogether with approval. The main issue has been widened by the letters of two reverend gentlemen who most emphatically disapproved of our passing allusion to Dissenters being ringers. There was very little necessity for their indignation. The reference to Nonconformists was only a bare allusion. The main point at issue was the "novel incident," and this was taken little notice of by these gentlemen. MR. WARREN certainly rejoiced in the fact that some ringers did feel it their duty to attend church at all. Our friend

MR. DANIELL however lubricated these onslaughts and divergences from the point by his timely letter.

Whatever may be said, whatever objection may be taken to our reference concerning dissenting ringers, the fact remains that the Rawtenstall affair was a great mistake, and devoid of that charity and freemasonry which generally exists among good ringers. We believe that the Exercise at large are in harmony with our remarks upon this matter, and of opinion also that common sense has had very little to do with the action of the ringing company in question.

It is hardly necessary to say more. But the letter from the Rev. G. DE T. ALDRIDGE gives the opportunity for a word or two. First, we have never suggested that a Dissenter should be a church officer. Our words were: "Though it may be deemed preferable for all ringers to be regular churchmen, it has never been laid down that a ringer shall not be a Nonconformist. We have never heard that a ringer who is a Dissenter ought to be disqualified from belonging to a ringing company." This is by no means suggesting "a Dissenter as a church officer." Yet there have been instances where Dissenters have become churchwardens. We recollect one in particular at a twelve-bell church in London, and this gentleman was the only one among the "authorities" anxious to have the church bells put into proper order. There are, as our rev. critics ought to know, Dissenters and Dissenters. There is the blatant political Dissenter, who is a nuisance requiring to be put down. There is the Christian Dissenter, pious and Godfearing, who is a Nonconformist only through descent or heredity, and many of these are often seen taking part in the Church's service. Could we reasonably object to the presence in the belfry as a ringer of a really good devout man though he was known to be a Wesleyan? Is it not better he should belong to such a body and attend the ministrations of divine worship in a Wesleyan chapel than be of no religion at all—a mere nothingarian? Why this connection with the Church as a ringer would be likely to make a Churchman of him.

That ringers should all be Churchmen, and attend regularly the services for which they ring the bells, is a great end to be desired, and we are amongst those who are as anxious as our two reverend critics for its attainment. But there is a danger in forcing the position. If genuine, real, practical religion is wanted, persuasion, not coercion, must be employed. In such a case force is certainly no remedy, but a delusion, which eventually will come to the front, and cause great disappointment. Even a ringer's religion should be real, and not a sham; the latter of which it is likely to become if proselytism or coercion is resorted to.

The reverend gentleman above-named—MR. DE ALDRIDGE—who is the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, says that he would "rather have one bell chimed by a man who means what he does, than the most beautiful touch of changes rung by men who are thinking only of their own skill, and nothing of God's service." Quite right. But would he apply this test all round?

Would he treat organists and choirs in the same manner? We know many of these talented gentlemen like to show off their own skill in many instances, regardless of the occasion or of the taste of the congregation, and have been known to "strike" or otherwise beard a Vicar who ventured upon having, in the slightest degree, a voice in the musical arrangements of the service. And we affirm, that ringers, as a rule, whether they attend the church service or not, are more anxious than any other officer of the church to please the Vicar, and generally do their level best to conform to his regulations and wishes.

. Next week will appear No. 1 of a series of Handbell Coupons, for a gift of handbells. Further particulars will be given, but a certain cutting, which will be pointed out later, taken from our issue of April 29th, will have to accompany the Coupons, when returned. Therefore it becomes necessary for all who save these Coupons to provide themselves with a copy of this paper of the above date.

A. W. BRIGHTON.—If you will inform us to what address a letter, now lying at our office for you, shall be sent, it shall be attended to.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ALFRED R. SANDIFORD .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
HENRY G. HILL .. 3.	*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS .. 7.
RICHARD CARTER .. 4.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by H. S. HUMPHREYS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Sandiford, Carter and the conductor.
*First peal as conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.
Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. 7.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 9.
HENRY G. MILES .. 4.	EDWARD E. O'MEARA .. 10.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 6.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung in honor of the marriage of Miss Margaret H. Nichols to Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, on April 27th, at King's Chapel, Boston, U.S.A.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS .. 2.	WILLIAM BERRY .. 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
QR.-MR. SERGT. A. PYE .. 4.	FREDK. W. THORNEON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung as a compliment to Frederick G. Skinner, Esq., on being elected people's warden for the fourth successive year; also to celebrate the fifty-fourth anniversary of the conductor's birthday. *Fiftieth peal

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ALBERT E. CHORCH 8.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
BETRAM PREWETT 5.	DANIEL LOVETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers. The above is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung, and some of the bells quarter-turned by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them leaving nothing to be desired.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5-6.
FREDERICK GILL .. 3-4.	JOHN MOULE .. 7-8.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

Umpire—W. H. Dorau. First peal on handbells by all except the conductor.

The Provinces.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ALFRED MOSS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	*CHARLES ROOPE .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. 6.
CHARLES BORRETT .. 3.	OLIVER BROCK .. 7.
JAMES BETTS .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARDING* .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. 5.
JOHN HOWES .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIBR .. 3.	HENRY A. FOLKARD .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal of Major.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s of Plain Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

T. HRSSSELL* .. Treble.	W. WILKINSON .. 4.
F. EKINS .. 2.	T. HUMBERSTONE .. 5.
H. WAINER .. 3.	C. WARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WARD.

This is the longest peal rang on the bells; also the record for Lincolnshire.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. SMITHERS .. Treble.	A. J. BARTLETT .. 4.
J. W. HARRISON .. 2.	W. T. LIGHTFOOT .. 5.
W. T. COX .. 3.	*H. J. ELLIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. ELLIS.

*First peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

LEWIS CHAPMAN .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. PERKINS.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	FRED W. HERBERT .. 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 4.	ARTHUR FARRAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BENENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR J. LEWIS Treble.	SYDNEY F. G. SAKER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lbs. in E flat.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. 5.
OLDER WAGHOEN* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
GEORGE WATSON 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major; also on the bells. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section II., No. 135.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six 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.

EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble.	*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 4.
HERBERT J. JULIAN 2.	†ROBT. F. TURNER 5.
DAVID J. NICHOLS 3.	MORRIS A. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS A. TURNER.

†First peal as conductor, never having called a 720 before. *First peal in seven methods.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED DAVIES Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	JOHN WITHERS 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
FRANK WITHERS 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
HENRY BRIGGS 2.	FRED. W. HERBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS 4.	W. W. THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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SHIPLAKE, OXON.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

E. FOSTER† Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
W. WICKES* 2.	†W. WENMAN 6.
P. BARTHOLOMEW† .. 3.	O. H. PORTER 7.
W. COOK 4.	†A. SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

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

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	ARTHUR J. LEWIS 5.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 2.	SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	ALFRED TULETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Lewis and Wright, who hail from Westerham Mr. Lewis was elected in the tower.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH 5.
WILLIAM DYE 2.	GEORGE W. MEE 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	FREDERICK MEE 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP* .. 4.	JOHN GOOCH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal in the method.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1905, in Three Hours, and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK FRANCIS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK BRYAN 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 2.	ROBERT MCCANN 6.
ERNEST E. BARBER† .. 3.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 7.
FREDERICK HALL 4.	*HENRY CHANCE Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT T. KNOWLES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rang on the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of the diocese; also as a birthday compliment to Ernest E. Barber.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WEST* Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
ELVEY N. HOWARD† .. 2.	†REUBEN BALDWIN .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER† .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.	†ALBERT BATES Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal on eight bells. ‡First peal. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Bates, his brother-in-laws wishing him many happy returns.

ALDENHAM HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT 6.
WALTER BORRETT 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
WALTER MOBBS 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN C. JACKSON, and Conducted by EGBERT BORRETT.

WINSTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY PERRY Treble.	PERCIVAL WOODS 3.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 4.
JOHN RUMSEY Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

The above band are all members of the Debenham Society, and this is the first 5040 on the bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JAMES HENRY RIDING .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	JOHN DENTITH 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERBY .. 3.	RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING 7.
GEORGE HARDING 4.	JOSEPH KETTLE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Weatherby, who bails from Market Drayton, Salop. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN MORLEY Treble.	GEORGE WOODS 5.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 2.	JOHN JOHNSON 6.
ALBERT MILLER 3.	HARRY ROBERTS 7.
ARTHUR LATHAM 4.	CHARLES MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE,

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ISAAC SIDEROTHAM .. Treble.	FRANK HALL 5.
EGBERT STAMPER 2.	J. J. PEMBERTON 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	REV. A. T. BREBTON .. 7.
ROBERT WALKER 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BREBTON.

LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 4.	HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

W. IDLE Treble.	G. TAYLOR 5.
J. GARFORTH 2.	G. H. HARDY 6.
W. AINLEY 3.	F. BARKER 7.
T. HALL 4.	J. RUDELSDEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYN HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX .. Treble.	*MAURICE SMITHER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER* 2.	GEORGE MARTIN 6.
HARRY RICHARDSON .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First peal. *First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells by an entirely local band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. Treble.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 5.
GEORGE JORDAN* 2.	*THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
WALTER PRIOR* 3.	*THOMAS JORDAN 7.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 4.	*WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD. (THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALFRED MONKLEY Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 6.
THOMAS LAVER 3.	JOHN SANDOVER 7.
FRANK DAVEY 4.	JOHN RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SEARLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH POWELL Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	*ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
EDWARD A. HERN 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY 4.	*ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

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

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

HEAVITREE DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5.
THOMAS LAVER 2.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 4.	FRANK DAVEY Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM R. MASON* Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by FRED. ROBINSON and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

*First peal in the method.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
GEORGE IRVINE 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
CHARLES STONE 3.	HARRY J. SMITH 7.
THOMAS GWYNNE 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Hands.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The names of the ringers marked with an asterisk in the peals rung at Romsey on April 24th, and East Tytherly on April 25th, should have read first peal of Stedman instead of first peal.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Paskins, J. Elcombe conductor, C. Hayter, R. White, J. Walker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler, F. Paskins, and 514 Grandsire Triples. C. Hayter, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, G. Newman, A. Paskins, F. Paskins, W. G. Fowler conductor, F. Hands.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Streeter, W. Jackson, H. Burkitt, E. Lucas, R. Crowhurst, W. Trewin conductor. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Worstfold, E. Lucas, T. Streeter, R. Crowhurst, H. Burkitt conductor, W. Trewin.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Franklin, H. Hammonds, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. E. Brown. On Thursday, April 27th, at the parish church, to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the Foreman, Mr. G. Wright, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Russell, S. Franklin, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. E. Brown.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. T. Laver, W. Youlden, R. Hamilton, W. Burrough, W. Miflin, F. J. Shepherd conductor, J. R. Sandover, W. Lovton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Law, S. J. Bird, J. J. Lamb, R. Edwards, F. W. Thornton, W. Shimmans, G. H. Daynes conductor, T. Jakeman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW (Lancashire).—On April 15th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. W. Schofield, G. Hoyle, A. E. Wreaks, E. Schofield, J. Harrison, W. Crabtree conductor, S. Brierley, J. E. Nuthall. Rung to mark the departure of Mr. Birtwistle and family for Canada, the ringers wishing him God speed and every success in his new home.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Parry, J. E. Groves conductor, E. Gilbert, E. R. Rudd, W. Hemming, J. Perrins, J. Broad, T. Roberts. This is the first touch on the bells after rehanging operations in new oak frame by Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford. The tenors were recast by Mears and Stainbank.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Mason, G. Nicholl, W. H. Trippell, E. Watkins, E. Radden, S. Radford conductor. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. And 720 in the same method. G. Brown, E. Watkins, E. Radden, J. Goacher, S. Radford, A. J. Boniface conductor.

STONE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 8th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Rudd, E. Gilbert, J. E. Groves, 3-4; J. Perrins, T. W. Pratt and T. Badland. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lady Crease.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Hadlam, E. Pankhurst, E. J. Bottle, H. E. Simpson composer and conductor, T. Jarrett, W. Golding, W. J. Walker, S. Bottle.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday morning, January 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Green, C. Tirrell, F. Read, jun., H. Warner, R. Nicholls conductor, F. Cashmore.

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