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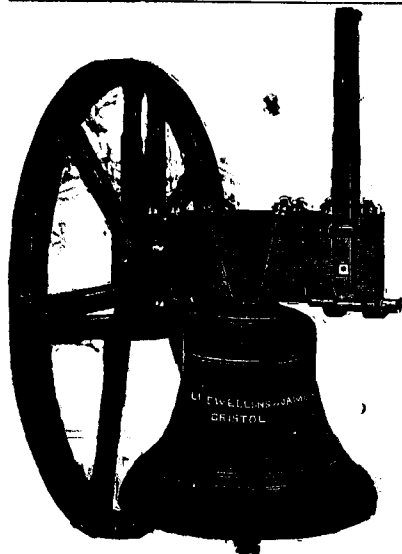
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

YATTON (Somersetshire). St. Mary. Eight by Carey, 1852; 5th and 7th old bells, 1622, no name of founder. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in.; the rest by Rudhall 1824 (?) Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Barwell, no date given. Ropes good. Half-pull ringing begun, but method not stated. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 7.

YEovil (Somersetshire). St. John. Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ten bells. No particulars beyond that there are bells by Purdue, Bilbie and Warner. Tenor 40 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1891. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes good. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing or practice.

YORK. St. Martin-le-Grand. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells: all by Seller 1730. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Mallaby; no date given. Ropes bad. "We always ring one of the three methods when we do meet." No Sunday ringing or practice.

The Minster. Yorkshire Association. Twelve bells; all by Mears. No date given. Tenor 54 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mallaby. No date given. Ropes fair. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.15 to 10. Practice: Saturday, 7, in winter only.

YOULGREAVE (Derbyshire). All Saints. Eight bells; all by Mears, date not given. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears twenty years ago. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before each service. No regular practice.

The present issue completes the synopsis of reports. An appendix of late reports will follow.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

(Continued from page 207.)

I have taken the trouble to enter into the question from the point of view of the "pieces," not because it throws any additional light upon it, but simply to meet and answer Mr. Thompson on his own ground. The divisions between the pieces are mere and sheer abstractions with no objective existence whatever, quite different to the lead-ends, with which we have to deal when we regard the method as divided into leads. Lead-ends are real and tangible things. But Mr. Thompson starting with these abstractions has been forced by the exigencies of his dream to turn them into solid barriers, and having empowered himself within them proclaims the whole of the enclosed space to be "one place." The worst of Mr. Thompson's long letter is that it is so mystical that he explicitly states that he does not suppose that there are more than a very few in the world who can understand it, and indeed in one place he plainly says that there are probably no others but himself and Mr. Snowden. This is a pity. If he will only come down from his aerobatic flight and confine himself to the question of the actual rows involved, it would materially shorten and simplify the discussion. With this view I give the actual rows themselves, first for the ten-part, and then for the six-part as they would be found on our two drums, except that instead of being on the top of one another as they would be there, they are here given side by side.

TEN-PART.

1st half.

2351746
3215476
3124567
1325476
1234567
2135476
2314567
3241657
3426175
4362715
4637251
6473521
6745312
7654132
7561423
5716243
5172634
1576243
1752634
7156243

Begins here

SIX-PART.

1st half.

5371624
3517264
3152746
1325476
1234567
2135476
2135476

Begins here

2134567
1325476
1324567
3142657
3416275
4361725
4361725
half.
2nd

Begins here

2nd half.

Now here we have before us the very rows themselves without any distracting lines or abstract divisions of any sort, but simply having their rows placed side by side according to the plan that Mr. Thompson himself adopts, and I

Blessed Vergin Marie of Lincolne," which was formed in October 18th, 1612, as their "hall" or "chapel," and on the walls are inscribed the names of the Masters from 1614 to 1635, from 1714 to 1720, and in 1725. The chapel is invariably called "St. Hugh's Chapel," "Pele Altar," or "The Ringers' Chapel." It occupies the south-western corner of the west front, on the south side of the south-western or St. Hugh's tower, in which St. Hugh's bells hang. Later it was used as a store-room for temporary platforms erected in the Cathedral, but this has for some time been discontinued. Members of the Northern Branch, particularly Mr. F. Linley, of Gainsborough, have been striving for years past to obtain the use of this chapel for the ringers in the diocese. These efforts commenced in the time of Dean Butler, a sincere supporter of ringers, and have been brought to a partially successful termination, owing to the kindness of Dean Wickham, who allows the ringers to hold their annual meeting in it. It is hoped the time will come when they will be allowed to hold their annual service in it, and that it will be looked upon by ringers in the diocese as their central place of worship.

The chair was taken by Mr. C. W. P. Clifton. The Secretary presented the report and balance-sheet, which shewed an income, including money in hand, of £85 6s. 8d., and an expenditure of £34 2s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £51 3s. 9d. Owing to the death of Canon Andrews the branch had lost its President.

To mark their appreciation of the interest taken in the branch by Mr. F. Linley—who has completed his twenty-first term of office as Vice-President, which position he has held continuously since its formation in 1884—the members present unanimously elected him President.

Fifty new members were elected, among whom were Mr. James Marshall, Mr. F. M. Burton, Archdeacon McCarthy, Rev. —. Ker (Gainsborough), Rev. A. Hunt, Vicar of Welton, Rev. F. Worsley, Vicar of Corringham, and Mr. C. Sibthorp, of Canwick Hall, Lincoln.

Market Rasen was the place chosen at which to hold the half-yearly meeting. On the motion of Mr. Linley it was resolved "That to mark the twenty-first year of the existence of the branch, a sum of £5 be set aside to form the nucleus of a fund for the better keeping, or furnishing, or restoration of the Ringers' Chapel in the Cathedral, and that the Dean and Treasurer of this branch be asked to act as joint trustees of this fund, and that in the event of the Cathedral authorities declining to allow such a scheme, the fund shall revert to the Northern Branch and be treated as though such fund had never existed."

Mr. P. O. Bixby moved "That Rule 6 be altered so that it shall read 'For the better working of the branch it shall be divided into five districts, viz., Lincoln, Grimsby, Gainsborough, Market Rasen and Caythorpe.'" This was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and Chapter, Chancellor Crowfoot, and the various incumbents for the great help they had extended to the ringers that day. The bells were kept going till 9 o'clock, affording a very pleasant outing for the visiting ringers.

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The annual outing of the St. John the Baptist Society of Leytonstone took place on Saturday, June 24th. "Meet at Liverpool Street at 5 a.m." was the first item on the programme, and everyone was there to a man. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung, and 5.8 saw us under weigh for Diss. Touches on the handbells helped to shorten the journey, and at 8 o'clock item number two was reached, viz., breakfast at Diss, and this deponent witnesseth that early rising does not take away one's appetite. Nine o'clock and our brake takes the road bound for Blo-Norton, a nice little church with a light ring of six. 720 of Carlisle and 720 of Cambridge having been rung we started for Hopton, a church with a clerestory roof and a quaintly-carved and painted ceiling. 720 of London and 720 of York, and after, by kind invitation of the Rector, walked round his garden and admired his pansies, and took the road once more, bound for Garboldisham. Our party had been increased by the arrival of Mr. Fitzjohn, who had ridden over from Thetford. Dinner was served at The Fox, Garboldisham, and we then rang 720 of Chichester, a 720 of Wells unfortunately being lost through a change-course. Quidenham, the home of Lord Albemarle, was our next destination. The church was reached through a beautiful avenue nearly a mile long, and is a fine structure filled with memorials of the Albemarle family, many of them soldiers and sailors, and one, not the least noted, the late Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, who served his Queen in the old line of battle ship, and lived to see sail superseded by steam, and the old wooden walls of England replaced by armour plate. The north porch of the church is Norman, as is the lower part of the tower—a round one containing a light ring of eight. The bells were all raised when we arrived, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Grandsire being the methods rung. On to Banham, to, and afterwards a 720 of Worcester and a 720 of Kent were rung. The latter deserves special mention for its excellent striking, there not being a flaw from beginning to end. The return journey to Diss was then made, and through the kindness of the Rector the magnificent ring of eight were placed at our disposal. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire, a pleasant hour with our local friends and supper brought the day to a close.

On Sunday we rang at Diss for morning service, and then drove to Eye, remarkable for its splendid perpendicular flint tower. 576 Double Norwich and a touch of Grandsire having been rung we had dinner and proceeded to Thornham Magna. Here we were met by the local company, who were ringing some splendidly struck Treble Bob as we arrived. Touches of Cambridge and a 720 of Wells concluded our ringing, and the return journey was made to Diss, where tea and train for London concluded our programme. Throughout the trip the weather was glorious, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Each of the churches visited had something of special interest, and the ropes and "go" of the bells in all cases left nothing to be desired.

In conclusion our best thanks are due to all who by their kind assistance helped to make this visit to Norfolk and Suffolk so successful. In the first place our special thanks are due to the various incumbents for the kind permission to use their towers and bells. Secondly we must thank the various steeple-keepers and local ringers who met us and had everything in readiness, and last, but not least, we are deeply indebted to Mr. J. Souter, of Diss, and Mr. F. Day, of Eye, for meeting us and making all arrangements for our comfort. G. A. B.

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

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Some years ago I pointed out in "THE BELL NEWS" the similarity in construction between Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples and Reeves's 13,440 of Bob Major; more recently I shewed that a simple touch was the foundation of Reeves's peal, and also of a good many other very different compositions; and now because I believe this same touch to contain all the essentials of the construction of Holt's ten-part I should like to shew what light it throws on the present controversy between Mr. Davies and Mr. Thompson. This touch in its simplest form really consists of two touches, and is as follows, given by the bob leads:—

2345678		3254678	
2357486	I	3247586	I
4523678	6	4327586	7
2453678	7	5243678	6
2437586	I	5237486	I
5324678	6	3527486	7
2534678	7	4235678	6
2547386	I	4257386	I
3425678	6	5427386	7
2345678	7	3254678	6

Putting beside these the two halves of Holt's ten-part we find the following points of resemblance:—

1. G. T.—Contains the extent (in-course) at back stroke leads of changes on 234567.

B. M.—Contains the extent (in-course) at back stroke leads of 2345 (6-7-8 being fixed).

2. G. T.—Five bells are displaced at a bob (one less than number of bells we have to work on.)

B. M.—Three bells are displaced at a bob (one less than we have to work on.)

3. G. T.—Each half is in five parts, same number as bells displaced at a bob.

B. M.—Each half is in three parts (same number as bells displaced at a bob.)

4.—Second half of each starts from similar row.

5.—Second half of each is nearly a reverse variation of first half.

6.—The two halves of each may be joined by two doubles.

Now I do not say that these similarities amount to a complete proof that the two cases are identical, but they are of such nature as makes me believe that a proof of identity can be found. Assuming this what answer does this touch give to the question. Do the two halves of the ten-part start from the same place?

Now if you write down the first half of the Major touch and reverse it direct you get—

23456	W	R	23456	M	R
45236	-	-	42356	-	-
24536	-	-	63254	-	-
53246	-	-	26354	-	-
25346	-	-	43652	-	-
34256	-	-	64352	-	-
23456	-	-	23456	-	-

But if you start the reverse variation one lead earlier you get—

23456	W	R
52436	-	-
43526	-	-
24536	-	-
53246	-	-

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23456

which is the exact calling of the second half of our touch. This seems to prove that the two halves do not start from the same place, but from places one lead apart. But let us look a little closer into the matter.

In our touch as we are tied down to fixed 6-7-8 we can only call bobs at w and r and on 2, 3, 4, 5. The coursing order of these bells is 5324. A bob at w affects 5, 3, 2. A bob at r affects 3, 2, 4. Thus:—

W
5 3 2 4
R

These two bobs are therefore equal and complimentary to each other in their work.

Now suppose you have a touch and you want to reverse it. Usually you start from a r on either side of the r at equal distances are w and m—one forward, the other backward. So that if in the original we have a call at m it becomes a w in the reverse, and vice versa. But suppose instead of starting your reverse variation at r you suppose an imaginary line midway between r and w, and start your reverse from that. Then just as the m and w lay at equal distance on either side of the r as we saw above, so now r and w lie at equal distances on either side of this imaginary line. Consequently if we reverse from this line and not from r, in our reverse variation r becomes w and w becomes r. Which is exactly what happens in the touch of Bob Major we started with. We can therefore settle the question so far as Bob Major is concerned by saying that the two halves do start from the same place, and that that place is a point midway between the home and the wrong. Now when you turn to the ten-part I can only conjecture, but I assume from the similarity of the two cases that there are two bobs in ten-part (probably the one which brings the 2nd into the hunt, and the one which takes her out) which two bobs are in some special way complementary of each other, and that the two halves of the peal start from a point midway between these bobs.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

SIR,—Sir Arthur Heywood is reported as saying at the Council meeting that Double Norwich Caters is not Double Norwich at all. I should like very much if I can find time, and you will give me space, to write a short chapter shewing the way the Caters is got from the Major, and how any Major method can be treated the same. Meanwhile may I ask that the great weight that the Exercise deservedly attaches to anything that Sir Arthur Heywood says should not prejudice the case. On our side it may be sufficient to say at present that Shipway was the man who first got Double Norwich Caters from Double Norwich Major, and that the ancients evidently knew and recognised the structural identity of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—In your report of above I see the Council has made a recommendation to the points committee that double-handed handbell peals shall be allowed twice as many points as those on tower bells. And the Rev. H. L. James's reasons for moving this to raise the standard of ringing and to encourage handbell ringing. And he considers the analysis "lowering to the Exercise." All rules of Associations that I have seen state that the Associations have been formed to encourage change-ringing and promotion of belfry reform. Belfry reform, I take it, amongst other things includes securing regular Sunday ringing on "tower" bells. The Rev. H. L. James therefore is trying to discourage the necessary at the expense of the unnecessary by means of an analysis "lowering to the Exercise." Further he would allow as much for Bob Major on handbells as for Treble Twelve on St. Paul's.

FRED. R. BORRETT.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCES.

SIR,—Please allow me to inform the members of the Worcestershire Association that I was present as their representative at the meeting of the Central Council at Canterbury. In the "Schedule of Attendances" it stated the above Association was not represented. The Hon. Secretary of the Council was informed of the change in the representation of our Association.

T. J. SALTER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting was held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. In consequence of the opening of the new light railway from Headcorn it was decided to hold the meeting in what had previously been a rather inaccessible district. Possessing as it does one of the finest, if not the finest, rings of eight in Kent, hung in a world-famous steeple, with a noble church standing in the midst of a most beautiful country, Tenterden on a fine day in June would be a most delightful venue. Unfortunately the elements were not propitious; rain fell the whole day. There was very little good ringing, therefore, and those who were paying a first visit to the old Cinque Port town (though the sea has now receded a long way from it) could hardly appreciate its beauties or those of its surroundings.

Matins, in slightly shortened form, was sung at 11 a.m., the officiating clergy being the Revs. S. C. Lepard, Vicar, and A. G. Lepard, curate. The organist, Mr. A. Smith, and a large contingent of the church choir attended. The hymn "Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove" was sung before, and "Our blest Redeemer" after the address, which was given by the Vicar from Col. iii. 23—"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord." The offertory, amounting to £1 4s., was given in aid of the widow and family of the late William Hadlow, of Lenham, a well-known and respected member of the Association; a collection taken at the dinner afterwards for the same object realised £1 1s. The dinner was excellently served by Mr. A. E. Bishop, of the Woolpack hotel, in the Town Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by his churchwarden, E. H. Hardcastle, esq., the curate, the hon. secretary, and other officers and members of the committee. The company numbered altogether one hundred and sixteen. The usual toasts, King and Queen, proposed by the Chairman, and Archbishop and Clergy, proposed by Mr. F. W. Thornton (St. Nicholas, Deptford), were duly honoured, the Vicar returning thanks for the latter. The Hon. Secretary proposed the toast of the officers of the parish church, churchwardens, organist and choir, to which Mr. Hardcastle briefly replied. The business meeting was then held. Mr. Groombridge, Hon. Secretary Lewisham district, proposed in an addition to rule iv. to the effect that any member neglecting to pay his annual subscription, and so *ipso facto* ceasing to be a member, should not be re-elected until after the lapse of three years. This was seconded by Mr. G. Paine (Mersham), and carried. The Secretary then read his annual report. From this the flourishing state of the Association was very evident, though one token of weakness was deplored, to wit, the absence of five-bell towers from the list of towers in union. The bands at Leeds, Aylesford, Boughton-under-Blean, St. Laurence and Frindsbury were no longer members; but the Association had gained Rochester Cathedral, St. George's Beckenham, St. Nicholas Deptford, Hawkhurst, Aldington, Sturry, Ash-next-Sandwich, and Ash-by-Wrotham. Much amusement was caused by the acquisition of the last two being likened to the achievements of our English cricketers in Australia. There were now eighty-four towers in union, and the total number of members had for the first time reached four figures. The Rev. D. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny, at Speldhurst, Canon Dyke, at Mersham, and Mr. Churchwarden Skinner, at St. Nicholas, Deptford, were thanked for their kindness in entertaining members at district meetings. The balance-sheet shewed a net gain of £12 in the general account, and there was a balance of £54 1s. in the belfry repairs fund, from which a grant of £3 3s. had been promised towards the rehanging at Hadlow, but had not yet been claimed. After notice of the repairs to bells effected in the county during the past year, the report stated that eighty-six peals were rung in 1904, being one less than in 1903. It seemed more than probable that 1905 would be a record year in this respect; but members were requested to consider quality rather than quantity. Not much paid instruction had been given; but it was hoped that weak bands would derive material aid from the committee's decision to allow the travelling expenses of one or two experts who would be willing to give occasional help in towers where change-ringing was not thoroughly established.

The election of representatives for the next Central Council (1906-7-8) resulted in the re-election of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (97), J. H. Cheesman (93), E. Barnett (74), and W. Haigh

(63). F. W. Thornton, the only other candidate, received 47 votes. The vice-presidents and other officers were re-elected, the Marquis Camden, Lord Lieutenant of the county, being elected in place of the late Earl Stanhope, and Dean Lane, of Rochester, instead of the late Dean Hole. The other towers open for ringing besides Tenterden were Rolvenden—where a peal of Treble Bob was rung in the early morning—Headcorn and Benenden. Permission to ring at Biddenham was not sought, the bells there being sadly in need of restoration. In spite of the rain and other drawbacks the meeting was in was in many respects an enjoyable one; and though the place was by some described as "outlandish," there were those who hoped they might live to see another general meeting at Tenterden.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this district was held on Saturday, June 3rd, at Gillingham. Members were present from Rochester Cathedral, St. Margaret's Chatham, Gillingham, etc. Mr. W. Hunt was elected to the chair, and he called upon Mr. A. Osborne, Hon. Secretary, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly carried. The Secretary next had some names to submit to the meeting to become members of the Association, and Mr. W. Haigh proposed, and Mr. Easter seconded, that they become members, which was duly carried. The next item was the place for annual district meeting. Mr. Easter proposed, and Mr. S. Peacock seconded, that Swanscombe be the place for the annual meeting. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Haigh proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the chairman for presiding. The chairman returned thanks and the meeting ended.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 27th, at Oldbury, Worcestershire. The bells, a ring of eight in good going condition, were at the disposal of the members from four o'clock. A service was held in the church at five o'clock. Prayers were said by the Rev. A. P. Roberts, Vicar, who also delivered a very practical address, laying stress upon the opportunities for good so often missed by ringers absenting themselves from the services of the Church, after giving such stirring invitations to others to come and worship, and pointed out the inconsistency of walking away from the church in the presence of the congregation coming to worship. He lovingly invited his hearers to think of these things and use their best endeavours not to give the enemies of the Church such a cause for reproach. At the close of the service he gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild to Oldbury, and a kind invitation to tea in the schoolroom. Members to the number of fifty from Dudley, Tipton, Smethwick, Netherton, Westbromwich, Brierley Hill, Sedgley, Old Hill, and the local band sat down to a bountiful tea provided by the churchwardens, E. H. Wedgewood and W. S. Clark, esqs., Mrs. Parish and Mrs. Clark presiding at the tables. After tea a business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed. After several questions had been satisfactorily answered several new members were added to the roll. Propositions for peals to be attempted during the quarter were passed, and Coseley was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks were given to the ladies, the Vicar and the churchwardens, the Vicar and Mr. Clark responding, each expressing a hope that the Guild would pay Oldbury another visit where a hearty welcome awaited them. Touches in various methods were rung on the bells, which were kept going until 9 o'clock. 1W

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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1905.

IN the present number two of those gentlemen who are regarded as "higher critics" have quite a field-day. Mr. DAVIES deals in a spirited manner with Holt's ten-part, but we fear very few will understand the contention between him and Mr. Thompson. The last-named, so we gather, has been writing a letter or publishing an article, or something else, which has brought the Rector of Fretherne into the fray. We must expect by-and-by a rejoinder, which possibly will not be very clear to an ordinary person. Our old friend Mr. Trollope has also indulged himself with a look-in on the question, and we may shortly look for some lively episodes in the correspondence column.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH), AND
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8th, by kind invitation of the Rector and ringers of Walton parish church, a joint gathering was held at Walton to meet the Bishop of Liverpool. About eighty members were present. Ringing began about 4.30, and at 5.30 a service was held, at which Canon Leigh (Rector), read the special prayers, the Bishop being the preacher. His lordship's address was based on two principles: "Honour your office," and "Walk worthily of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The preacher pointed out how the ringer's office was a ministry; (1) national in character; (2) entering closely into the life of the individual; (3) holy, because rendered to God. He emphasised the high importance of that branch of Church work and the necessity for ringers, who, like the clergy, were marked men, to live consistent Christian lives, making the very pertinent remark that a ringer who called others to church, but did not attend himself, was just as bad as a clergyman who did not practice what he preached.

After the concluding hymn the Bishop pronounced the Blessing, and then proceeded to the door, where he shook hands with each ringer as he passed out.

An adjournment was next made to the school, where by the Rector's kindness tea was provided. During tea the Walton ringers under the able direction of Mr. H. H. Barker, played selections of handbell music.

Canon Leigh, in addressing a hearty welcome to all the company, reminded them how Walton was once the mother parish, when Liverpool was a poor fishing village. He said that Walton people were now proud of their connection with the daughter city. They were also proud of their church, their bells and their ringers, so that altogether they were well satisfied.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Leigh and the Walton ringers for so kindly arranging that successful gathering; also to the Bishop (who had been obliged to leave early) for his admirable address, which was so much appreciated. He referred in particular to the praiseworthy efforts of Mr. H. H. Baker, and the success which had attended his labours. He also called attention to the fact that the present gathering included both the oldest and the youngest ringer in the diocese—Mr. Gough, of Garston, who was over eighty years of age, and Master W. Davies, of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, aged twelve years.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Gough, who mentioned that he rung a peal on his eightieth birthday; and Mr. Hill, another veteran ringer from Southport, a representative of the Diocesan Guild, added a similar expression of thanks, after which suitable replies were made by the Rector, the Rector's warden, and Mr. Barker.

Ringling was then resumed, touches in the following methods being successfully brought round: Plain and Oxford Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine, London Surprise (all Minor), and Stedman Doubles. A 360 of Superlative was attempted, but came to grief. A course of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells.

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The Metropolis.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9-10.
WILLIAM PYE 5-6.	REUBEN CHARGE .. 11-12.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE
Umpires—A. W. Brighton and A. T. King. Rung on the occasion of the formal opening of the South London Cathedral by His Majesty the King, and also to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to H. P. Harman.

The Provinces.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(PULBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble.	FRANCY H. DOICK 5.
STEPHEN STONE 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
TOM DOICK 3.	HUGH W. GREENFIELD .. 7.
SYDNEY W. CORDON .. 4.	JOHN BLAKE Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.
*First peal with a bob bell.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE SHERLOCK* Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD 3.
JOHN SHERLOCK 2.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 4.
ALBERT SONGHURST Tenor.	

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.
*First peal, and was elected a member of the Association before starting. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of Frank Sadler, one of the local ringers.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble.	*ROBERT STRONG 5.
J. F. PENNING 2.	N. J. PITSTOW 6.
CHARLES FREEMAN 3.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW 4.	WALTER PARISH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.
*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. J. T. Steele, Vicar of this parish, to Miss Gertrude Augusta Gosling, of Hassobury Park, Bishops Cleeve.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)
(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED CLAYTON Treble.	ALBERT BROOKS 5.
MARK WOODCOCK 2.	THOMAS BULL 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	HARRY BROOKS 7.
JOHN MONK 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	ALBERT HUMPHREY 5.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE H. KITE* 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS WARD† .. Treble.	†THOMAS O'HARA 5.
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE* .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6.
ALFRED H. WARD† 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM, AND THE
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH PIGOTT .. Treble.	†JAMES DOWLER 5.
FRANK WITHERS* .. 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS* .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JOHN WITHERS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the treble.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	DAVID ELLIOTT 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is E. W. Beckwith's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	PERCY WILLIAMS 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
ALFRED PEARCE 4.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	HARRY BORRETT 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	*ARTHUR LEEDER 6.
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 3.	†ALBERT WOODCOCK .. 7.
WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. 4.	ARTHUR FULLER Tenor.

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

*First peal other than tenor to Triples. †First peal. Rung after the re-opening service, 20,000/ having been spent upon the necessary repairs.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
WALTER WOOD* 2.	CHARLES H. MOSS 6.
PERCY JOHNSON* 3.	HENRY LINDSAY* 7.
WALTER BURN† 4.	DAVID YORK Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

FREDERICK MEE .. Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP 4.	CHARLES MEE Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY* .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	*ROBERT BRETT 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. Treble.	*ROBERT P. KNIGHT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	JAMES ELCOMBE 6.
JOHN F. RUMMING* .. 3.	*WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 7.
FREDK. H. PASKINE* .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6208 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MCKEGG Treble.	JAMES EVINSON 3.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH .. 3.	GEORGE LEWIS 7.
JOHN THORPE 4.	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.
Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the hand. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lewis.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and four of Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES H. BLAKE Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	JOHN PULLEN 5.
ALBERT FEIST 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been augmented to six.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY SEAR Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
S. LAWRENCE 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
FRANK WEBB 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM STONE 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rang on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES BISHOP* Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY 5.
SIDNEY CHURTON 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 6.
ALBERT J. MILLER 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 7.
GEORGE WOODS 4.	JOHN MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, July 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

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

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

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLH .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 9.
HENRY J. TUCKER 5.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
Arranged and rang to oblige H. J. TUCKER.

The following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Northampton and district arranged specially for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS 2.	*WILLIAM ROBERTS 6.
FRED WILFORD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

HENRY GEORGE Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

TOM HARRIS* Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
FRED WILFORD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ABRAM G. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rang on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Ward, sidesman of St. Peter's, and Miss E. K. (Nellie) Hewitt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Askham, of The Bull hotel, Irtlingborough.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, July 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	WILLIAM TILLET 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION.

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*JOHN THORPE 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Sidney F. Palmer. *First peal on handbells.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, for the Visitation held by the Archdeacon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Saffery, V. Street, S. Best, E. Hinton, A. Wooff, B. Best, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley. On May 24th, being Empire Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 36 mins. S. Best, V. Street, R. Street, T. Best, A. Wooff, E. Hinton, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On May 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Burrows. On May 21st, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On May 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Metcalfe, W. S. Forshaw, G. Rawlins, T. Suart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On May 25th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Jackson, T. Suart, T. E. Shuttleworth, W. S. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, T. Lamb. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, J. Williams, W. H. Dennison, T. Lamb conductor, J. Burrows. On May 28th, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart conductor, W. S. Fordham, J. Burrows.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, June 19th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Emery, R. Hims, G. French, A. Darvill, R. Brett-Smith, G. Durling, T. Groombridge conductor, G. Head.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. J. H. Hesse, J. Rice, G. F. Williams, F. Bennett conductor, G. Woodiss, A. D. Mills, K. Hart, F. W. Rice.

COWFOLD (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Snmmersell, J. Akehurst, A. Feist, W. Denman, J. Pullen, G. F. Williams conductor. First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 9th, for morning service, 360 Kent. J. H. Blake, W. Short, others as at Cowfold.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Friday, May 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Moulton, C. Davies, F. Weston, P. Cain, F. Milton, J. W. Davies conductor, J. P. Wright, J. Crook.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Whitsea, W. Gosling, G. Hardstaff, W. G. Christian, C. Carr, H. Alsopp, F. May, W. Gosling, jun. conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, May 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1600 changes. T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, May 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 55 mins. C. H. Lomas, D. Prentice, F. Houlten, H. Welham, F. W. Froude, F. Lee, A. Hammond, R. T. Long.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. C. W. Owens, S. M. Doddington, G. R. Newton conductor, E. H. Lewis, R. Birchall, J. W. Evans, F. S. Barnes, S. Moston. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. D. Exhelby, a sidesman of this church.

REDDISH (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, May 15th, some of the ringers from St. George's, Stockport, journeyed to Reddish, and with the assistance of a member of the local company and Mr. J. A. Teale, of St. Matthew's Holbeck, they rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Jackson, A. Barnes, J. Booth, G. D. Warburton, G. Astbury, J. A. Teale, J. W. Bayley conductor, G. Marshall. And three courses of Bob Major with H. Meakin in place of G. Marshall, conducted by J. A. Teale. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Smithson, wife of the chief ringer at this church, who was interred at Christ Church, Denton, on that day.

SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. W. E. Day, S. Hughes, J. Grazier, W. Murray, H. Mills, P. Foulkes, E. Brown, A. Bennett. For evening service, 700 of Holt's Original. W. E. Day, S. Hughes, J. Grazier, W. Murray, H. Mills, P. Foulkes, E. Brown, T. Lowe. For evening service 120 Grandsire Minor. P. Foulkes, W. Murray, W. E. Day, S. Hughes, H. Mills, E. Brown.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the parish church, 1008 Oxford Bob Triples, in 39 mins. N. W. Tarling, A. Brown, T. Saban conductor, Rev. H. W. Parker, H. Saban, E. J. Webb, W. Tarling, W. Boyton.

TROWELL (Notts).—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. H. Savage, E. Gobey, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Savage, F. Calow, A. Walker. This is the longest length by the local band, who have only recently commenced half-pull ringing.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, July 27th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 18th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
"Frodingham," Flmhurst Street, Clapham.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head.

E. W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Coggeshall.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. J. C. Hatten and churchwardens at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Evensong at 6.45, after which further ringing until 9.

G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An interim district meeting will be held at Rolvenden to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Rolvenden can now be reached by train service.

A. R. MANNING, Hon. Dis. Sec.
101, High Street, Hythe, Kent.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham to-day, Sat., July 15th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Newark.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., (ten bells), by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Puriton on Saturday, July 22nd. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Puriton inn at 5 o'clock. Tickets 9d. each, 5d. to members. Bells available all day.

F. G. COLES, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 22nd. A plain tea will be provided at The Eagle inn. Members intending to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, July 20th. The bells will be open for ringing.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON, Hon. Sec.
The Bungalow, Wildford, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next and annual meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton church on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4.30.

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

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual annual meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday the 25th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the parish room, the Rector in the chair.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

"Oakleigh," Chislehurst.

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will take place on Saturday, July 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints parish church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, Sec.
25, Chadwick Street.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—E. EVANS' FIFTY PEALS.—Grand-sire Triples 1; Caters 1; Double Norwich Major 11; Royal 2; Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 6; Caters 6; Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Royal 1; Maximus 5; Superlative Surprise Major 5; Cambridge 1; London 6. Total—50.

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CROYDON PARISH CHURCH RINGERS

The above ringers had their outing on Saturday, July 8th, Margate being their destination. On arriving there at 9 a.m. they were met by Mr. Saxby and the local band, and conducted to St. John's church, where the proceedings were started by ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. E. W. Bray, A. H. Saxby, C. F. Johnston, W. States, A. J. Jones, W. Hill, F. Pates conductor, E. H. Pope. They then adjourned for breakfast, after which an enjoyable ride on the electric car brought them within a furlong of St. Peter's, Broadstairs. They arrived there at mid-day, and notwithstanding the tropical state of the weather, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were soon sounding forth from St. Peter's belfry. The bells form a very musical peal, and it was getting on for 1.30 before a certain hollow feeling reminded them that it was time to return to

Margate for dinner, and when the stragglers had all appeared on the scene, they sat down to a well-earned repast, the relish of the roast lamb and mint-sauce being greatly enhanced by a full view of the briny deep. They eventually reached home again about 11 p.m., after a very pleasant day's holiday, and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of St. John's, Margate, and St. Peter's, Broadstairs, for the use of their bells, and also Messrs. Saxby and Hiscocks for having every-thing in readiness at their respective steeples.

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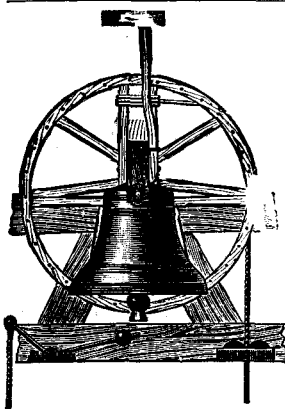
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