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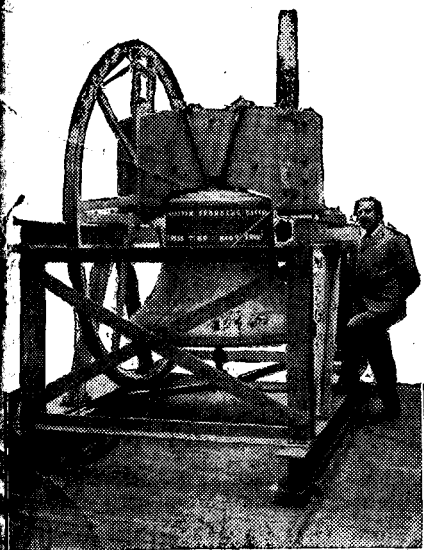
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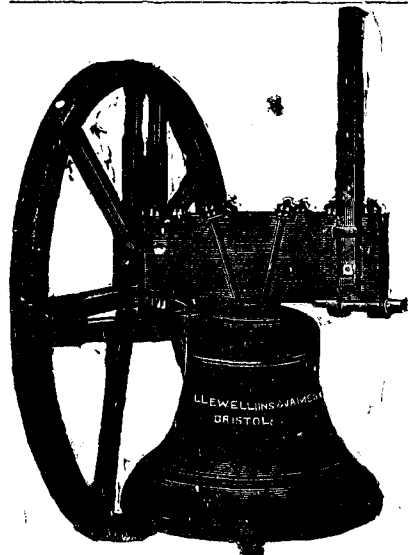
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

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).

LONDON. St. John's, S.E. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1874. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897, good. "Standard" Methods. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.30.

LYMINGTON (Dorsetshire). St. Thomas a Becket. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor, 1900. No information as to the 6th; the rest by Wells, 1786.

MARSHAM (Norfolk). All Saints. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears, 1842; 3rd by Newman, 1703; tenor 7 cwt., by Brend, 1621; the rest by Dobson, 1824. Bells are not ringable. No further information.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire). St. Tydfil. Llandaff Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1896. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1896. Method; Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice; Tuesday, 8. Visitors are welcome.

NEWPORT PAGNELL (Bucks.) SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells; 7th and tenor by Mears, 1816 and 1819 respectively; 3rd by Lester, 1769; the rest by the same, 1749. Tenor 22 cwt. No further information.

OLNEY (Bucks.) SS. Peter and Paul. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Howell, 1903; 3rd and tenor by Bagley, 1682; 5th by the same, 1822; 4th a pre-Reformation bell; 6th by Alton, 1631; 7th by Russell, 1733. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Howell, 1903. Ropes new 1903. Method; Bob Major. No further information.

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On a recent Tuesday evening the work was tested by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, in which Messrs. Matthews, Milsom, Tull, and Palmer of Midgham, and Mr. Smith, of Aldermaston, took part.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

The reopening of this ring of ten took place on Saturday, October 21st, Nelson's Day, when the following towers were represented: Hornchurch, Loughton, Leytonstone, Romford, Wanstead, Woodford, and the local company. The work of re-hanging the bells, and strengthening of the frame, has been ably carried out, and the go of the bells reflects great credit upon the bell-hangers. The bells were raised about 4.30, and kept going until 8 o'clock in Grandsire Triples, Caters, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The tower also has been restored at a cost of about £600.

PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF GRANTHAM.

About four years ago, the vicariate of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, being vacant, it was offered and accepted by the Rev. Welbore MacCarthy, formerly Archdeacon of Calcutta, who, upon his appointment to the living, was made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral and Rural Dean. During his residence in Gainsborough he has worked extremely hard, and made a great many improvements in matters connected with the parish church, among which were necessary reforms in the belfry, for which all true ringers in the neighborhood are very grateful. A few weeks ago he was offered the living of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and by the express wish of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, accepted the same. A little later His Majesty the King was pleased to appoint him Bishop-Suffragan of Grantham, in the See of Lincoln, and he was consecrated at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by other Bishops, on October 18th, and will shortly leave Gainsborough to take up his residence in Grantham.

On Tuesday evening, October 24th, his lordship visited the tower to say good-bye to his ringers, when Mr. P. O. Bixby in the name of the members thanked him for the kindly interest he had taken in their Guild, and on their behalf asked him to accept a small gift as a mark of their gratitude to and affection for him. The present was a

handsome brass inkstand. His lordship thanked Mr. Bixby for his kind words, and the members for what he called a useful present, and gave them excellent and practical advice. In the course of a short but interesting speech he said: "Of all the work that I have undertaken in the parish, and which by God's grace I have been able to accomplish, none has given me so much satisfaction as the reforms that have been made in the belfry." He then urged the members to push on, persevere, and become expert change-ringers, and to take no notice of reports and predictions which were being circulated." For, said he, "I can assure you that no alteration will be made in the constitution of the Guild either by me or by my successor, and if any one attempts to alter it I shall consider it a great slight to myself." He also stated that probably he would occasionally visit Gainsborough, and that if convenient he would pay a visit to them in the tower, and that undoubtedly opportunities would arise when the practical experience he had gained in Gainsborough would be of great service to him, when advising on matters affecting belfries and ringers.

A QUAIN RINGING CUSTOM.

Having heard that for three or four consecutive Sundays the bells of the parish church, Corringham, Lincolnshire, were rung at the close of the morning service, my curiosity prompted me to ascertain the cause. Meeting a parishioner, I interrogated him, and the following conversation took place:—"Why were Corringham bells rung last Sunday after morning service?"—"Because there was a 'spurring'."

"A spurring! What do you mean? I don't understand you."—"Don't you know? I thought everybody knew what a 'spurring' is. Why, a 'spurring' means an 'axing' in church. Mr. S—the 'churchwarder,' can tell you all about it, because he is a ringer."

Later, I interviewed the "churchwarder," who explained that for many years it has been customary at Corringham, whenever the "banns of marriage" are published for the first and third times, for the ringers present to repair to the tower immediately after service, and ring a short touch.

He also informed me that, an old and respected inhabitant of that village was in the habit, during his lifetime, when present at church, immediately after the publishing of the banns, to rise, and in an audible voice say, "God speed them well."

Undoubtedly there exist in various places many curious ringing customs, accounts of which would possibly interest and amuse many of your numerous readers. May I suggest that those who know of the existence of any such quaint customs, be invited to forward accounts of the same to you for publication in "THE BELL NEWS."

P. O. BIXBY.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Thursday, October 18th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, being the first on the bells. A. Rainbird C. Sheldon, A. Rainbird conductor, R. Mison, E. Drake.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the above Association was held at Heathfield on Saturday, October 21st. There was a capital attendance, the following towers being represented: Christ Church, Eastbourne; Christ Church, Blacklands; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Pevensey; Mayfield; Hellingley; Southover, Lewes; St. Nicholas, Brighton; and Waldron, in addition to representatives from the local band. The bells were raised about 3.30, and good practice was had in the four Standard methods until 5.30, when the members present, numbering twenty-five, adjourned to The Star hotel, where a first-rate tea had been provided, and to which ample justice was done. In the absence of the Vicar—the Rev. Canon Pennethorne—Mr. G. Howse, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, presided at the tea, and at the business meeting which followed. The following new members were elected: Rev. S. F. Borrow, of Christ Church, St. Leonards (an annual hon. member); Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Whyke Regis, Weymouth (Life Member); and Messrs. C. Gatland and A. Harfey, of Christ Church, Eastbourne.

It was proposed by Mr. A. Gower, and seconded by Mr. Piper, that the next quarterly peal be one of Grandsire Triples, that it be rung at Christ Church, Eastbourne, and that Mr. G. H. Howse be asked to conduct it. This was carried unanimously, it being left for those desirous of taking part in it to send their names to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Penfold, and carried. The Secretary proposed, and Mr. Stroud seconded, and the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Howse for his able conduct in the chair. In thanking the members for their expression of goodwill to him, he congratulated them upon turning up in such goodly numbers, by doing which he assured them they were rendering the work of the officials more pleasing and encouraging.

The meeting then adjourned for further ringing, the bells being kept going until eight o'clock.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The autumn meeting of the above Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and a service was held in All Saints church at 4.30, the lesson being read by the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), and the address given by the Rector (Rev. B. Long). The company then adjourned to All Saints Church Rooms where about fifty sat down to a substantial tea, the Mayor of Wokingham, N. C. Mylne, Esq., being in the chair, being supported on his right by the Master, and on his left by the Rector of Wokingham. Among the company were S. S. Mellvill, Esq. (churchwarden), the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, E. Broome, E. J. G. Forse, Messrs. W. Pole Routh, W. Newell, J. Swain, S. Paice, G. Martin, A. W. Osborne, G. J. Wright, and A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary). After tea another move was made to the belfry, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge. S.E. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Bucking, ham, Burden, Dale, E. A. Davies, Dawe-Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, H. Langdon, T. Maynard, Newton, O'Meara, Peck, Pettit, G. N. Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 o'clock. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, November 2nd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 7th. After the latter, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Bolton, to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 o'clock. The President has promised to attend. G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Melksham to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 3 p.m. E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Branch Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held on Monday, November 6th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., the Rev. W. W. Hough presiding. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than the first post on Wednesday, November 8th. Half-railway fares allowed up to 2s.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
1, Belmont Cottages, Green Lane, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 11th. Cathedral bells available from 2 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumpers restaurant at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A meeting of the committee will be held immediately after the General Meeting. JAMES W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.

The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest, on November 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held

at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 14th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient, is earnestly requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester Street, Oxford Road, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch Church Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, December 2nd next. Bells available 2 p.m. A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held on Saturday, October 14, at Holy Trinity, Hulme, when, considering the bad state of the weather, over forty put in an appearance from Ashton, Hyde, Reddish, Pendleton, Eccles, Miles Platting, Stretford, Didsbury, Rusholme, Manchester Town Hall, and St. John, Worsley, and the local company. The meeting was further brightened by the local company inviting the visitors to tea which was much appreciated, the Vicar and churchwardens sitting down with the company. After tea the Vicar welcomed the association to his parish, and he was supported by one of the wardens, when the visitors adjourned to church for shortened evensong, the business meeting following, at which the Vicar and four of his ringers were elected members, and also one from the Town Hall.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed to 36, Saudringham Road, South Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Mr. William Horne has changed his address, viz:—c/o E. A. Goulding, Esq., M.P., Wargrave Hall, Twyford, Berks.

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

THE BEDS. AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Gale's letter concerning the resolution passed by the Beds. Association re the Bedford and District Amalgamated Society, I may state that the discussion was upon the words recorded in B.N., and not upon the resolution as given by Mr. Gale. I stood in the Cumberlands peal rang at Luton, and have not heard a word said against that by any one; we hope to have the Cumberlands down again to assist us to ring a Beds. Association peal. I am inclined to believe that the majority of members in the Bedfordshire Association would prefer to ring on the "quid pro quo" system with other counties, and thus have some visible means of the "entente."

Now Sir, we will put the case as short as we can. On Saturday, June 10th, at Harrold, Beds., we formed a small society to hold monthly meetings, to visit towers not visited by the Beds. Association, and try to work up some enthusiasm for the art in this district. It was expressively stated that it was not a peal-ringing association (notice the list of peals rung in Beds. this year). The report in B.N. stated that "the rules are of a formal character, stating the objects of the society, the meetings to be held monthly, conditions of membership, etc., and one rule stating expressively that the society do in every way possible help and assist the Bedfordshire Association."

A peal has been rung by the St. Peter's company, Bedford, as an Amalgamated peal. That is what, and rightly so, the Beds. Association objects to, and that is what was discussed at Dunstable. That is how St. Peter's company got, as Mr. Gale puts it, their teeth cut. Mr. Gale thinks an undertaker may be called in. He is a member of both societies, and it is his duty, as a member, to do his utmost to prevent the decay of either. A copy of the rules was given to him on Saturday, October 14th, the conductor of the peal in question received one three months ago. Any other person interested in ringing can receive the same by applying to me.

Mr. Gale finishes his letter with the capitals R.I.P. That must mean, not a Latin quotation familiar to our Roman Catholic brethren and to some Protestants, but—Rise In Power. That is our wish regarding change-ringing in Bedfordshire, that is the aim of our baby society regarding the Beds. Association. I am open to correction, but I think every member of the B and D.A.S. is a member of the parent association.

We are doing what at the present time, the Beds. Association cannot do; we desire to organise change-ringing in this district, to abolish stoney, and to get hands to take up scientific change-ringing, to obtain fresh members for, and to strengthen the hands of the Beds. Association. And we believe that each member has as his motto the motto of the Beds. Association: "Floreat in Aeternum Scientia Campanalogia."

JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—Members can ring peals under the name of the B. and D.A.S. if the same are booked to the Beds. Association. Please notice B.N. for methods of publishing.

"THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE."

SIR,—Mr. Davies, in his letter last week, has given all the information required, viz.: that the peal (so called) at Liverpool in 1863 was bad (therefore no peal at all). The correct note therefore to the Ashton peal should read: "First peal of Stedman Cinques by the Association; first peal rung single-handed in the county; and second in the county."

With regard to the composition, are there no other old ringers contemporary with the composer who can bear my statement out? I think I can find a few, although it is hardly worth while arguing this question so long as the peal was admittedly bad.

I do not and certainly did not contradict the 1828 peal, I only threw a doubt on the time of its performance. (The question of Bristol does not apply, as I think it was found, when the Bristol tenor was taken down and weighed, that it was something like half-a-ton (or more) lighter than reputed.) Does Mr. Davies think that St. Nicholas bells were rung through a peal

at 24½ per minute, and that when they were at their best? If he does I don't. His reference again to the supposition that the 1828 peal was one by Cooper of Birmingham, who composed the opening peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells (thirteen or fourteen years before) is rather unfortunate, as the Grandsire peal has been found out to be false. I think the figures are in evidence to prove this. Is the Stedman peal ditto?

Again, I cannot accuse my memory of deceiving me of a thing that I never knew the existence of. If he has seen the original peal book of the Liverpool Youths Society, he has certainly the advantage of me, and I may say scores of others. I would like to ask him to look again and see if his assertion is correct, that the record is embellished with the pictures of St. Nicholas, St. Peter, and St. Luke. If this is correct, why St. Luke? There was no such church in existence in 1828. A building there certainly was, and an iron bell frame bearing the date 1828 by Gillibrand, of Liverpool, is in the tower. The bells were bought from a church in Manchester, and were rung for the first time on St. George's day (April 23rd), 1829, while the church was not consecrated until 1831, and the first recorded peal (in the tower) was not rung until 23 years later (1852). The record of the 1828 peal, therefore, is posthumous, and the time of ringing must have been in the recorder's imagination.

In conclusion, I will be pleased (D.V.) to accept Mr. Davies's invitation to listen to the third peal of Stedman Cinques in Liverpool; but, if it is all the same to him, he might invite me to listen to the second first. However, I am pleased to think that, his invitation conveys the idea that something is at last being done to put the oldest peal of 12 in the county in order.

JOHN R. FRITCHARD.

AUTHORSHIP OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I should like to point out to Messrs. Craven, Bemrose, and Thomas that the above was handed to me by my brother on Saturday, February 6th, after I returned home from an attempt for a peal at Southwark. I sent the figures on to Mr. Lindoff the same week. Mr. Bemrose says Mr. Knights saw the peal on February 9th. I should like to inform Mr. Bemrose that I met Mr. Knights at Putney on March 1st. I told him about the peal my brother had, and he said: "Craven had a peal something like that, he thought, but he had not seen it."

I suppose Mr. Craven is aware that it's a recognised thing that he who publishes a composition first claims it. I must say I am surprised at him trying to claim a peal after it has been twice rung, and published in two association reports.

W. PYE.

Obituary.

HENRY BRADSHAW.

We deeply regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Barthomley, Cheshire, on Sunday, October 22nd, at the age of seventy-five, after a very short illness. Deceased was a member of the parish church company for over fifty years, and was most regular in his attendances. He never mastered the art of ringing on an inner bell, always being content with the treble. At the funeral, which took place on Wednesday, October 25th, the local company followed him to his last resting-place. Previously a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a last mark of respect. May he rest in peace.

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CHARLES E. HART .. 1-2	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6
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Date Touches.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

LAWTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening October 22nd, at All Saints church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1905 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Hancock, E. Harper, W. F. Hartshorne, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. Wildblood, W. Rigby, W. Leeson. Arranged and conducted by W. F. Hartshorne.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MAIDENHEAD (Berks.).—On Tuesday, October 5th, at All Saints, Boyn Hill, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Little, A. Walker, T. Price, H. Cox, M. Smither, G. Martin, J. Eldridge, H. Jones.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Brooks, J. Richards, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, L. Fidler. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On October 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Gibbs, A. Hill, H. Salisbury, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, E. Gibbs. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Gibbs, A. Hill, E. Gibbs, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, H. Salisbury. And 360 each of College Single and Canterbury Minor.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Monday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 509 Stedman Caters. T. Harris, F. Hopper, T. Harris, W. Rogers, W. Farey, H. Key, S. Lawrence, W. Roberts, F. Wilford, E. James. On Wednesday, October 25th, at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wills, H. Blundell, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, J. Mackay, H. Smith, J. Metherell conductor, E. Haxley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, October 30th, for practice at the parish church, 1280 Double Norwich. F. Webb, W. Sadler, R. Roper, C. H. Howard, E. Clayton, J. T. Barker, W. Grimwade, A. B. Wiffen conductor.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1024 New Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. W. Prior, G. Jordan, F. Webb, T. J. Watts, S. R. Roper, G. Sentance, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Rose, G. Goacher, E. James, G. T. Sarel, G. Butcher, W. Biggin conductor, J. Allen, A. Slater. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. James.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Freeland, G. Edser, sen., A. Woodrow, F. J. Shepherd conductor, T. Cutforth, C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, R. J. Polley.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at St. Michael's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Elcombe, F. Faskins, C. Hayter, R. White,

J. Walker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler conductor, T. Hayter. Also a 210 with J. Walker, 4; R. White (conductor), 4; the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

GOSPORT (Hants.).—On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Gardener, H. Ford, H. Reynolds, B. Brown, A. Clark, B. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, J. White.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, sen., composer and conductor. W. H. Lowman, T. Upshall, A. Smith, A. Baigent, E. Bowditch. On Thursday, October 19th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Upshall, T. Upshall, E. Bowditch, H. Garfath, sen., conductor, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards, H. Kimber.

GOSPORT (Hants.).—On September 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Clark, B. Ford, H. Reynolds, B. Clark, H. Reynolds, B. Clark, H. Westbrook, H. Taylor, J. Whiting conductor, R. Fuge. On September 17th, for evening service, 500 Grandsire Triples. H. Reynolds, B. Ford, R. Brown, H. Westbrook, A. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, B. Clark, J. White.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sheaff, C. R. Millway, C. Turner, E. Potter, H. Last, H. Saywell, R. Stainer conductor, C. Sheaff.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 29th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, S.W., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Harvest Festival, in 48 mins. E. Weaver, G. Channer, F. T. Gover, T. Channer, J. Thimblethorpe, E. E. Phillips, E. Jones conductor, C. Teasdale.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds.).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. McCubin, L. Rickett, W. Seabrook, J. Nash, W. Webb, G. Bonfield conductor, W. Botsford, J. Clements.

OVERBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 8th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Whittle, E. Devereux conductor, A. Devereux, W. Payne, L. Nicholls, W. Ricketts. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Whittle, E. Devereux, A. Devereux, W. Payne, L. Nicholls conductor, W. Ricketts.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 15th, being the Dedication Festival at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. J. Perkins, H. W. Catterwell, G. R. Pye, J. Cottis, A. J. Carter, E. Pye, W. Watson conductor, R. Vyse. On Sunday, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, was rung in honour of W. Pye's wedding, which took place at Leytonstone on the Saturday previous. G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. W. Catterwell, G. R. Pye composer and conductor, A. J. Carter, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, E. Pye. His brother ringers wish him every happiness.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. J. Armstrong, H. E. Balaam, G. Bester, E. G. Tomlinson, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade, W. Pickworth.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 22nd, at St. Bartholomew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 48 mins. A. J. Wallater, H. Tinsley, E. J. Tyler, J. Tyler, C. Wallater, J. Malpass, J. Bates, G. Hughes conductor, J. Lawton, A. Blundell. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by all except the ringer of the 9th.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1905.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, October 14th, at the parish church, Brewwood, a good muster of ringers being present, representing the following towers in the archdeaconry:—Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wood Green, Walsall, Bloxwich, Tattenhall, Handsworth, Tipton, Darlaston, Blakenhall, and Brewwood. The bells were raised in peal, and during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich Major, were successfully brought round. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, when the Vicar, the Rev. C. Dunkley, instead of

preaching a sermon as is customary, gave a very interesting history of the fine old church, which was much appreciated by the members present. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Vicar, at which some new ringing members, and the Rev. F. Tennison, a honorary member, were elected. An adjournment was then made to the Institute, where tea was in readiness, and ample justice having been done to the good things provided, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Godden, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, that the best thanks of the members be given to the Vicar for his very interesting description of the church, for the use of the bells, and for the use of the Institute for the tea, and to all those who had done so much to make the afternoon a enjoyable one. In responding the Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome the association to Brewood; and, as the time went on, he would very much like to see them there again. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Walsall, on the third Saturday in January, 1906.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
MARK WOODCOCK 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by H. P. HABMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Pye and Miss Charlotte Newman, the band wishing the heartiest congratulations and the best of luck.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALFRED R. SANDIFORD .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5.
HENRY GEORGE HILL 2.	WILLIAM JAMES ALDRIDGE .. 6.
ARTHUR JOHN NEALE 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 4.	ALBERT NORMAN BANGAY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE HILL.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the consecration at Southwark Cathedral of the Rev. Canon John Cox Leeke, M.A., as Bishop-Suffragan of Woolwich.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7-8.

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On Wednesday, October 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. DEAN.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

J. LIVERMORE, JUN. .. Treble.	G. WATSON 5.
S. F. C. SAKER 2.	G. H. HOWSE 6.
A. GOWEE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
G. PENFOLD 4.	E. GOWER Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for getting them ready. This is one of the quarterly peals of the Association.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

NOBLE SPINDLOW .. Treble.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the eve of the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the above Guild at Witney, and of the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble.	ALFRED MILLIS 6.
LEONARD ALLEN 2.	EDWARD E. SMITH .. 7.
SAMUEL COTTON 3.	JOHN S. NEEDHAM .. 8.
FREDK. H. DEXTER 4.	ALFRED MARTIN 9.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

First peal of Stedman on tower bells by all except the conductor and A. Millis. On account of the central position of St. Martin's church, permission to attempt peals is only granted on very rare special occasions, the last being at the Coronation of King Edward in 1902, when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES HARDING .. Treble.	HARRY WRIGHT 5.
FREDERICK PESTELL 2.	DENISON HAYWARD .. 6.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. 3.	JOHN GODFREY 7.
EDWARD R. TODD 4.	JOHN W. HARWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BOWEN Treble	THOMAS J. SALTER 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN 2.	CHARLES BEAMAN 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

Rung on Trafalgar Day, and also on the occasion of the presentation to the Rector and Mrs. Vawdrey of a large silver bowl and pair of candlesticks, a gift from the parishioners after twenty-five years' work in the above parish; and in connection with their silver wedding.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION (No. 1) Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER R. WASHBROOK* Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 5.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD* 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
A. TAYLOR 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. 4.	R. PRESTAGE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman, aged 11 and 14 respectively.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

J. BUTLER Treble.	*T. J. BUTLER 5.
A. E. SELWYN* 2.	*J. PIPPIN 6.
G. H. ROBINSON* 3.	F. ATWELL 7.
SAMUEL BAKER 4.	†S. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by FRED ATWELL.

First peal as conductor. †First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ellen Morwenna Martyn, only daughter of G. R. Martyn.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRED TROTH* Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
JAMES P. SIMPSON 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the Nelson Centenary.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY Treble.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 5.
GEORGE STAFF* 2.	*HARRY BUCKLEY 6.
JOHN W. FITTON 3.	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD .. 7.
EDWIN SCHOFIELD 4.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

First peal †First peal as conductor.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY Treble.	HARRY COOMBS 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW 2.	ROBERT MILES 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES 4.	FRANK COLLIER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

B. Debenham was elected an honorary member of the above society before starting for the peal, which was his first in this method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Pye, the company wishing him all happiness and prosperity in his married life.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	STEPHEN WILSON 5.
HENRY SYCAMORE 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

This peal, which is a six-part, is now rung for the first time. It is the first in the method by all the band and by the Association.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK BOSWELL* Treble.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
EDWIN S. MYNARD 3.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

*First peal on six bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

ERNEST OVERALL Treble.	CHARLES GALE 4.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT 2.	GEORGE H. CARTER 5.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the Hertfordshire Association.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES 3.	FRED HOLT 7.
JAMES FERNLEY 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the ringers, and by the Guild. Rung by way of honouring a hard working member of the Exercise, Mr. William Pye, on the occasion of his marriage.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble.	JOHN BRADNEY 5.
ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. 2.	*DANIEL JONES 6.
THOMAS O'CONNOR† .. 3.	†HERBERT KNIGHT .. 7.
JOHN PERRY 4.	THOMAS PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. †First peal in the method as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Oxford, two each of Oxford Bob and College Single, and one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALBERT GILBERT Treble.	ROBERT WILKERSON .. 4.
WILLIAM L. DARLOW .. 2.	ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 5.
ERNEST BONNETT 3.	ROBERT G. KING Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Rung to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the County Association. First peal by all the band, and first on the bells by an entirely local band.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

THOMAS HUXLEY Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	RICHARD JONES 7.
ROWE HUXLEY 4.	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal of Triples on the bells, and the first by the local company.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM BAYLISS Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
ALFRED WALLATER 2.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6.
JOSEPH ROBERTS 3.	†RICHARD DUNN 7.
WILLIAM HINTON 4.	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 2.	†HENRY FLETCHER 6.
WILLIAM FOX 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES H. CLARKE† .. 4.	*HARRY HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 500th peal of Stedman conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. First peal on the bells. *First peal in the method. Great credit is due to H. Harrison for the excellent manner in which he rang this badly hung tenor throughout the peal.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	*FRED WATKINSON 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	*JOHN BROOK 6.
FRANK HILL* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY GEORGE 4.	*GEORGE PIPES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN SHARDLOW* Treble.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	*JOHN SIDDALL 6.
HENRY GEORGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MILLETT* 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE Treble.	WILLIAM FOX 5.
JOHN H. PAULSON* .. 2.	JOHN SIDDALL 6.
BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. 4.	*ALFRED CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The weight of the tenor at Rochester Cathedral is 26 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. without clapper and fittings, not 25 cwt. —The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Great Yarmouth and recorded last week, should read Edwin R. Todd, and not Edward.

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THE HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

The first annual dinner (Wm. Verry commemoration) was held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 23rd. Forty-one ringers and friends sat down to an excellent dinner provided by host Sayers. After dinner an excellent programme was gone through. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. B. Clarke, of Endwood Court, Handsworth, Mr. W. H. Godden, Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, presided. The first toast given was that of "The King"; then a tune on the handbells by Messrs. Banks, Verry and Russam. The memory of the late William Verry was given in silence, the chairman dwelling upon the sterling qualities of deceased as a man in whose company no one need be ashamed.

Mr. Withers gave a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Double Norwich on the dulcimer. Mr. Reeves proposed

"Success to the Handsworth Ringers," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. R. Faux, to whom the meeting was so much indebted, remarking that he had been connected with the Handsworth ringers for fourteen years or more, and had done and would do what he could to advance their progress.

A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung in hand by A. P. Smith, H. Withers, J. Carter, T. Russam, S. Reeves.

Mr. R. Faux, in reply, said he had known deceased for over forty years, and could speak as to the sterling worth of him as an outspoken man, eccentric and odd in his manner, but genuine as a man.

Messrs. Banks, Verry and Workman gave a selection on the handbells. A course of Grandsire Triples by H. Withers, J. Carter, J. George, A. P. Smith. Time getting on Mr. S. Reeves gave "The health of the Chairman." Mr. George seconded. After singing Auld Lang Syne

the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

FESTIVITY.

On Saturday evening, September 16th, the ringers of St. Cadoc's church, Pontypool, were very kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Davies at The Mason's Arms, Trevethin. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

The Vicar, who presided, proposed The Health of the host and hostess, to which Mr. Davies suitably responded.

During the evening Mr. W. Williams, on behalf of the ringers, took the opportunity of presenting Mr. S. Rogers (the Captain) with a beautifully engraved walking stick, as a slight token of the valuable services he has rendered in the belfry.

Mr. Rogers, who was quite taken by surprise, said he would always be ready and willing to do all that lay in his power to further the interest of ringing.

Mr. Davies proposed "The Health of the Vicar and Churchwardens," the Vicar responding.

A vote of thanks to the chairman having been passed, a most pleasant evening came to a close.

WOOLWICH TOWN HALL.

The large tower clock has been completed some time, but was only formally started on October 28th. It has four illuminated dials, and is fitted with all modern improvements. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. The party journeyed by the eight o'clock train from Guildford, and arrived at Waterloo about 9.30, where they were met by Mr. C. F. Winney, who had made excellent arrangements for the day. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells at St. John's, Waterloo Road, St. George's, Southwark, and St. Magnus, London Bridge; and permission having been obtained the party were shown over the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral, and viewed Great Paul. After lunch the party again visited the Cathedral and the Tower Bridge, and in the evening South Kensington Museum, returning by the 10.15 train after having spent a most instructive and enjoyable day. The company desire to thank the steeplekeepers at the different churches visited, and Mr. Winney for his great kindness throughout the day.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, R. C. Ford, W. Alcock, F. Kennett, F. Medhurst, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,250 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the
31st December, 1904.**

LIABILITIES.					
	£	s.	d.		
Shareholders' Capital	1,000,000	0	0		
Reserve Funds	2,300,000	0	0		
Life Assurance Funds	51,911,568	7	0		
Claims fe cie admitted	147,936	16	5		
	£55,359,505	3	5		

ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.		
British Government securities	3,352,296	0	2		
Indian and Colonial Government securities ..	5,127,756	19	9		
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	4,556,180	8	6		
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	12,956,382	10	3		
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties ..	3,784,323	16	4		
Freehold and leasehold property	3,487,982	7	1		
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	7,303,050	5	2		
Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	7,408,311	15	7		
Suez Canal shares	165,742	7	5		
Telegraph and other shares	97,789	2	6		
Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	267,930	15	7		
Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6		
Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks ..	1,142,054	9	2		
Foreign Government securities	1,149,790	8	1		
Reversions and Life Interests	1,052,757	17	5		
Loans on Company's Policies	1,881,959	1	6		
Rent Charges	308,901	7	10		
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances ..	403,073	18	8		
Outstanding interest and rents	456,268	15	3		
Cash—In hands of superintendents	35,155	17	0		
Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand..	221,237	1	8		
	£55,359,505	3	5		

THOS C. DEWEY, *General Manager.*

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*
HENRY HARBEN,
THOMAS WHARRIE. } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO., *Chartered Accountants.*

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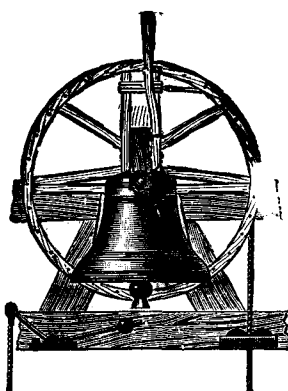
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