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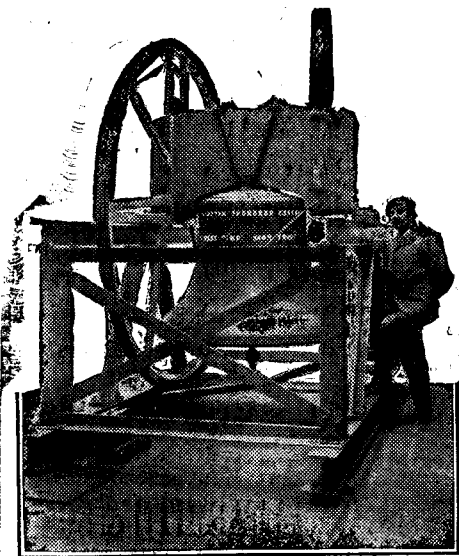
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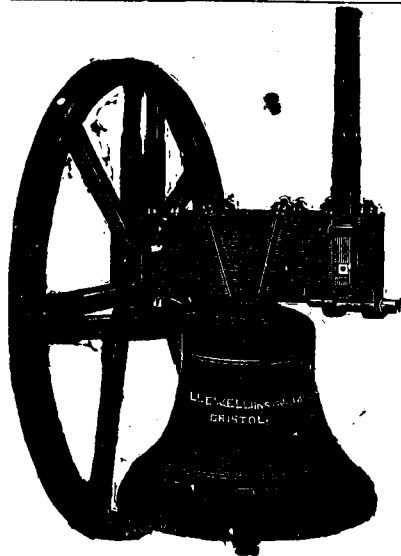
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ODD AND EVEN BELL METHODS.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 531.)

We have now settled our Hunts and the only Place in the Method which Place will decide the hunting and dodging of the working bells. We can now write out the two variations in full.

x24365	yx24365
x23456	xv23456
2x4365	x2y4365
24x635	2x4y635
426x53	24x6y53
4625x3	426x5y3
64523x	4625x3y
	64523xy
65432x	
5634x2	65432yx
536x42	5633y2x
35x624	536y4x2
3x5264	35y6x42
x32546	3y5x624
	y3x5264
x35264	yx32546
	xy35264

Now compare the four triangles in the two variations. You will see that not only do the Places, dodging and hunting correspond, but the rows are actually the same. Now write out the two variations, calling the bells 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., as usual.

124365	1234567
123456	2135476
214365	2314567
241635	3241657
426153	3426175
462513	4362715
645231	4637251
	6473521
654321	
563412	6745312
536142	7654132
351624	7561423
315264	5716243
132546	5172634
	1527364
135264	1253746
	2157364

The first is Bob Minor ; the second is Grandsire Triples, which proves that Grandsire is constructionally exactly

the same Method as Plain Bob applied to odd numbers of bells.

Now turn to Double Norwich. Double Norwich consists of a plain Hunt and seven working bells, the paths of which are decided by Places made every whole pull immediately next the path of the Hunt, except at the Hunt's whole pull at lead and behind, when the extreme Places are made. If you want to ring this Method on nine bells you cannot add to your working bells or you would get an odd number at a dodge. You must therefore add to your Hunt. Follow the same plan we adopted above. First settle your Hunts.

	xy0000000
x0000000	x0y000000
0x000000	0x0y00000
00x00000	00x0y0000
000x0000	000x0y000
0000x000	0000x0y00
00000x00	00000x0y0
000000x0	000000x0y
0000000x	0000000yx
0000000x	0000000xy
000000x0	000000y0x
00000x00	00000y0x0
0000x000	0000y0x00
000x0000	000y0x000
00x00000	00y0x0000
0x000000	0y0x00000
x0000000	y0x000000
	yx0000000

Next mark your Places, which we will do with the letter P.

x0000000	xy0000000
0x0p0000	x0y0p0000
00x0p000	0x0y0p000
00p0p000	00x0y0p00
00p0x0p0	00p0x0y00
0000p000	00p0x0y00
0000p0x0	0000p0x0y
0000000x	0000000xy
0000000x	0000000yx
0000p0x0	0000p0y0x
0000p0x0	0000p0y0x
00p0x0p0	00p0y0x00
00p0x0p0	00p0y0x00
00x0p000	00p0x0p00
0x0p0000	00y0x0p00
x0000000	0y0x0p000
	y0x0p0000
	yx0000000

Now fill in your working bells,

	xy2345678
x2345678	x2y436587
2x436587	2x4y35678
24x35678	24x3y6587
423x6587	423x6y578
2436x578	2436x5y87
42635x87	42635x8y7
243658x7	243658x7y
4263857x	4263857xy
4628375x	4628375yx
648273x5	648273y5x
46287x35	46287y3x5
6482x753	6482y7x34
468x2735	468y2x753
64x87253	64y8x2735
6x482735	6y4x87253
x6847253	y6x482735
	yx6847253
x8674523	xy8674523

Again you will see that the triangles are fully alike, and that not only do dodging, Places, and hunting correspond, but they are made by the same bells, and the rows are identical.

When I pointed out the similarity of these triangles to a prominent member of the Exercise, he objected that if you divide both Double Norwich and Double Oxford into triangles you will find that the hunting and dodging *within* them are identical. He therefore supposed I should consider Double Norwich and Double Oxford the same method, or at least variations of the same method. But I have insisted that you must not have a Place in one variation which does not fully correspond to a Place in the other variation. Double Norwich has the Place made at the parting of the leads *furthest* from the Hunt; Double Oxford has the Place made *nearest* to the Hunt. The methods are therefore quite distinct. But there are cases where the transferring a method from one number of bells to another does necessitate the making of other Places. Take Double Oxford for instance. Double Oxford has Places made every whole pull throughout on either side of the path of the Hunt and immediately next it. If you transfer Double Oxford Major to Caters you find that there are exactly the same number of whole pulls on either side of the path of the Hunt in both variations; consequently there will be exactly the same number of Places. But if you ring the method on ten or eleven bells you will find there is one additional whole pull on either side of the Hunt; consequently there will be one additional Place on either side. But though you actually have two more Places you cannot call them *new* Places, but only the expansion of the old Places necessitated by the greater number of bells. The description I gave above of Double Oxford will apply equally well to Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus, which would not be the case had you added Places foreign to the method. In the same way that Grandsire Triples is got from Bob Minor, and Double Norwich Caters from Double Norwich Major, any odd bell variation may be written out of an even bell method. And any odd bell method with only one Hunt may be rung on an even number of bells with two Hunts. When we first began to investigate legitimate Methods some were of the opinion that every method must have an odd number of working bells, the idea being

that one bell is wanted for place-making, and an even number for dodging; and that if you have an even number of working bells you must have an odd number at a dodge. That however is not necessarily the case. There are several good methods, some of them old ones, on seven bells, with only one Hunt. All these may be rung as Major, with a treble and a bell in the hunt.

Take the following:—

1234567	12345678
2135476	
2314567	21436587
3241576	24135678
2345167	42316587
3254617	43261578
2345671	34625187
	43652817
2436571	34568271
4263517	43658721
2436157	
4231675	46385712
2413657	64835172
2146375	46381527
1243657	64318257
	46132875
1426375	41623857
	14268375
	12463857

I cannot stay to point out the advantages peculiar to a method of this kind, but they are many, not the least being that singles can practically be done away with altogether.

Of course in insisting on the structural identity of these odd and even bell variations, I do not lose sight of the fact that in practical ringing and also in composition, a bell in the hunt makes a world of difference. I should not waste my time for instance trying to make the ordinary man in the tower see that Bob Major and Grandsire Triples are the same method, though as we have seen they actually are. But as you get to the more complex methods the likeness increases, because you have more Places; and Double Norwich Caters is not so very unlike Double Norwich Major to ring. Differences of course there are. You cannot transfer any method from one number of bells to another without making some difference. Stedman Cinques is not Stedman Triples.

When you transfer a method from an even number of bells to an odd, two things happen. First you must have a different bob, and second, all backstroke Places and dodging above the treble in the one becomes handstroke Places and dodging in the other. You could if you wished use the bob of the one-hunt variation in the two-hunt variation, but in that case the same bell would be in the hunt throughout.

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Special hymns were sung, and several 120s of Grandsire Doubles called differently were rung before and after the service, and 60 just before the sermon. Some of the St. Giles' company, Northampton, came over and rang. Everyone was very highly pleased at the way Mr. Bowell had carried out the work, and the "go" of the bells.

THE ST. JOHN'S DEPTFORD SOCIETY.

An interesting event took place in the belfry of St. John's Church, just before the service on Christmas morning. The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, had the pleasing duty of presenting to the Captain and Secretary, Mr. W. J. Jeffries, jun., a present, in the shape of an umbrella, on behalf of the young ringers, in recognition of the kindness and patience shown by him in teaching them the art of change ringing. The Vicar, in a few well chosen remarks, spoke again of the good-will existing amongst all the church workers, which included the ringers, and concluded by saying that although he did not wish any ill showers to fall on his friend Mr. Jeffries, he trusted that when they did come, he would be sheltered from them under the ever sheltering arm of Him for whom we are met to serve.

Mr. Jeffries in responding, and thanking the ringers for the present which came quite unexpectedly, said he was glad to know the young ringers were improving in change ringing, and was in hopes that before long he would be able to record an entirely local peal by them at St. John's in "THE BELL NEWS," and that the zeal and interest shown by them in learning Grandsire would be increased, and ambitions raised to higher methods.

The Vicar in leaving the belfry, wished every one a merry Christmas, and ringing commenced for the service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

On Tuesday evening, January 2nd, the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers were entertained to dinner at The Boar's Head hotel, by the Ringing Master and Churchwarden Mr. C. H. Howard: the host, Mr. T. Bates, providing an excellent repast. The health of Mr. Howard, who presided, was drunk with enthusiasm, on the proposition of Mr. A. B. Wiffen. Mr. Jas. Newman presided at the piano. Mr. F. G. Fuller contributed a flute solo, and songs were rendered by Messrs. H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, S. R. Roper, and E. Newman.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Sonning Branch of the above Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 13th, seventy-eight ringers and six clergy attending, among the latter being the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild). After a bright and hearty even-song at the parish church, followed by an admirable address from the Rector of Finchampstead, the company met in the Church House for tea and business. During the transaction of the latter, hearty congratulations were offered by the Master, the chairman, and others to Mr. W. Houlton, who, with other Wokingham ringers, had successfully accomplished a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 48 mins. on November 14th. This is the first record of an eight-bell peal by local members of the branch. The following took part in it: Messrs. Houlton (3), Paice, Mattingley, Lush, Adams, and Jones. The officers were then re-elected for the year, and the usual votes of thanks brought the proceedings to a close.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of this society held at the Bedford Head, Covent Carden, on January 8th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Master—Mr. J. Parker; Treasurer—Mr. H. Dains; Stewards—Mr. W. Shimmans and Mr. G. A. Card; Secretary—Mr. T. Card; Trustees—Messrs. E. F. Cole and E. Wightman. It was decided to commence the practice at St. Martin's at 7.30 p.m. in future instead of 8 p.m.

THE OLDEST ENGLISH BELLRINGER.

Stephen Pierce, the oldest bellringer in England, has just died at Hurst, Sussex. He rang at the coronations of George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. PAGETT.—Nothing is known of what you mention.

J. BOARDMAN.—1. We have not heard. 2. Mr. Cherry, we are glad to find, has been successful.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

THE PEAL AT DURHAM.

SIR,—Re the peal at Durham referred to in my letter kindly inserted by you in your issue of December 2nd last, I feel I am under an apology to you, Mr. Editor, and your correspondent Mr. Story, in being so long in replying to his letter of the 16th ult., owing to not having had an earlier opportunity of giving the matter due attention. I regret to observe that Mr. Story has considered I have cast a reflection on other bellringers who have previously manipulated these bells. This I had no intention for a moment of doing, and I consider that it is an unfortunate instance that Mr. Story has gone into particulars, mentioning individual names. I have no doubt as to the abilities of the gentlemen mentioned. My object was only to give praise due on the occasion referred to. I venture to say in reminding Mr. Story that his remarks as to the first peal ever rung on these bells, which was a peal of Grandsire Triples, has no comparison with the peal of Superlative Surprise Major, considering that the peal of Grandsire Triples is only one step

above parish music, compared with Superlative Surprise Major, the latter being one of the first-class methods which shows forth all the best abilities of first-class ringers, and appeals to the sensitiveness of the musical talent. What would Dr. Carpenter have said on hearing a successful peal of Superlative Surprise Major? Referring to Mr. Story's remarks of having been denied the pleasure of taking part on these bells in either of these peals before-mentioned, I feel sure, and I have been confirmed of my belief that it must have been an oversight on those concerned, as his ability is unquestionable, well-known and appreciated by change-ringers. I learn and mention this fact without any intent of detracting praise, that men were sent to examine the bells in question, to see that all was in order, and to adjust if necessary, and was it not wisdom on their part to do so before going haphazardly to ring such a peal? Perhaps it would not be questionable taste to mention that the band was fortified with a substantial plate of "Pye" each before commencing the peal.

H. ATKINSON.

FULHAM BELLS AND THE LONDON SCHOLARS.

SIR,—I am greatly interested in Mr. Cole's letter appearing in your last issue. From this we get a later date in connection with that distinguished Society—The London Scholars—than any of which I have previously been aware. These dates are as follows:—

1702.—Issue of the first Edition of the London Scholars' Book (*Campanalogia Improved*), which went through subsequent Editions.

1717.—A Peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's.

1719.—A joint subscription with the College Youths for providing the present trebles at St. Bride's.

1727.—A Peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

1729.—A similar Peal at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

And now we may add the date Mr. Cole has given us, viz.:—

1730.—Announcement of the Society's intention to try the Fulham bells as soon as bung.

Can anyone give us any further details about this old London Society whose records have hitherto evaded all research? Discussion in your columns on points of this kind has ere now resulted in valuable information. Probably a study of old newspapers would result in the acquisition of additions to our present knowledge of the doings of change-ringers of the past, and Mr. Sadler, of Norwich, suggested to me last autumn that the files of bygone periodicals at the British Museum should be searched. But—who is going to find time to do this? Where is the sufficiently leisured enthusiast? If he exists, let him not be backward to come forward.

R. A. DANIELL.

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SIR,—According to "THE BELL NEWS" of the 13th inst., Mr. Dains claims his 5056 of Superlative as being on a new plan, and of course original, and also says the most bobs before ever got was nine in any previous peal, and he also states he has the 6th her extent right and wrong, this extent being six times each way. Now I must tell you and all concerned, that Mr. Lindoff holds the palm, for I have by me a peal of Superlative—Mr. Lindoff's composition (5056)—with fifteen bobs before, and contains the 6th nine times in 6ths, and the 5th six times, and the 4th three times. I believe Mr. Dains will find the figures of the peal in his society's peal-book, rang in 1903.

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Obituary.

THE VERY REV. HENRY CARRINGTON, M.A.

With much regret we record the death of the above rev. gentleman, the venerable Dean and Rector of Bocking, Essex, which took place at the Deanery, Bocking, on Tuesday, January 2nd, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Deceased had been nearly sixty-two years Dean and Rector of Bocking. It will be remembered two years ago Mrs. Carrington rehung the old ring of six, and added two trebles in the parish church to commemorate the sixtieth year of the Dean's ministry in the parish. Although latterly his great age prevented him taking part in the services of the church he took a lively interest in church-workers, especially his ringers, nothing giving him more pleasure than to listen to his bells and entertain his ringers. He did not confine his generosity to his own ringers solely. There is scarcely a single ringer in the neighbourhood that he has not entertained at some time or other. He was an honorary life member of the Essex Association. It was his greatest pleasure to provide a high tea whenever the Association held meetings in his parish. At the funeral which took place at the neighbouring parish of Panfield on the following Saturday, notwithstanding the very inclement weather, a very large concourse of people from his own and neighbouring parishes were present, including his own ringers and several from Braintree. After seeing the last of that was mortal of their dear old Dean, as he was usually called, the local band wended their way back to their parish church and rang with the bells deeply muffled, 1056 Bob Major, and for the morning service on Sunday 672 in the same method. N. Smith, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, E. Newman, W. Grimwade. At the memorial service in the afternoon the local band very kindly allowed the St. Michael's Guild of Braintree the use of the bells, to shew their last respect, and with the assistance of W. Grimwade rang 1248 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, S. Roper, C. H. Howard conductor, H. E. Hammond, G. H. Sentance, A. B. Wiffen, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade.

RICHARD SHUTTLEWORTH.

Death has removed the above ringer of Northallerton parish church, Yorkshire, at the age of 63. Deceased was born in the parish, and had been a ringer thirty-six years. He was not a change-ringer, but was a good coverer. He was laid to rest on December 26th. He was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. After the funeral service was ended, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by J. Metcalfe, L. Brown, H. Stevenson, J. Brettell, J. Carter, W. Thompson, J. Barnell conductor, J. Naylor.

RICHARD HILL.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of the above-named ringer at the age of seventy-five years. When at the age of 15 years, he began to learn the Art of change-ringing in his native town of Mottram in Cheshire, under that able master, the late W. Harrison. After leaving Mottram he migrated to Manchester, where he was a ringer for a number of years. Afterwards he migrated to Southport, where death took place on January 6th, 1906. When coming to Southport in 1878, he joined the Christ Church company which included the late John Mason. In 1880 Mr. Hill was appointed steeplekeeper, and it was he who was foremost in getting the bells augmented to eight in 1882. There was no better known ringer in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire than Mr. Hill, always ready to do what he could to oblige old and young ringers. He was a member of the College Youths, the Yorkshire, and member of the committee of the Lancashire Associations, having rung several peals in the above Associations. The interment took place at the Southport Cemetery on Thursday, January 11th, being followed to his last resting-place by his old fellow-ringers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 25th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, all at 8 p.m.
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. For further particulars of the arrangements see Association Circular.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—Arrangements have been made with the Midland Railway Company for excursion fares to Yorkshire Association meeting at Barnsley, to-day, January 20th. Trains leave Sheffield (Mid.) 2.5 p.m. and 3.25 p.m. Return fare 1s. 8d.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 20th, 1906, at the parish church, Walsall. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the parish church at 5 o'clock, at which all members are expected to attend.
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

South Bedfordshire Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, to-day, January 20th, at 6 o'clock.
J. NICHOLLS, *Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Royal Cumberland Society.—A special meeting of this society will be held at the Bedford Head, on January 22nd, after the usual practice at St. Martin's at 7.30 p.m. to consider business of importance. Members are particularly requested to attend.
T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The annual and quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As business of the highest importance is to be transacted, every member is earnestly requested to attend, and particular attention is directed to the rule dealing with payments of subscriptions.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on Thursday, January 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
G. THOMPSON, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Wellingboro' District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Islip, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Usual arrangements.
T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley, on Saturday, January 27th. Service at 4.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Mauley Power, Rector, will deliver an address. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, January 24th.
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Victoria Hotel, 5.30, meeting after. Members requiring tea, kindly let me know not later than 22nd. I also wish to remind members that their subscriptions are now due for 1906.
J. W. WHITING, *Dist. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 and tea (1s. each) at 5.15 p.m. in the school room near the church. Will those members and friends who intend being present at tea kindly notify Mr. Wm. Humphreys, 9, Church Walk, Hinckley, not later than Thursday, 25th inst.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 37th January, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the hon. secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1906 are now due.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A combined district meeting of the Hunts. and Ely Archdeacons will be held at Over on Saturday, January 27th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.
G. D. COLEMAN, } *Dis. Secs.*
P. WEBB, }

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee Meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in the Parish Room. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 24th. As the cost of the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Subscriptions for 1906 are now due, and should be paid to the Dis. Sec., or paid at the meeting.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Reigate, on Saturday, the 27th January, 1906. The bells at St. Mary Magdalene will be raised soon after 3 o'clock. Tea will take place at Mr. Mark Dean's refreshment house, and the usual meeting will follow. Tea can be provided for non-members at 1s. 6d. per head, but notice should be sent to me not later than Thursday next.
CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kilmersdon, January 27th, 1906. Bells available all day, Wellow unavoidably cancelled.
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's church, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock

Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.
CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The London County Association, (late the St. James's Society), Est. 1824.—Members are requested to note that the annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, February 3rd, 1906, further particulars of which will be announced later.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, 5.30. Business meeting after. All ringers and friends invited.
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions for 1906 are now due.
A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The All Saints' Fulham, Society.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th. Tower open from 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Room. Meeting after. Members intending to be present are requested to notify Mr. J. W. Driver, 387 New Kings Road, Fulham, not later than February 8th.
WM. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Notice is hereby given that the peal of Grand-sire Triples rung at St. Peter's, Walworth, on March 25th, 1905, is not a London County Association one, the band not being all members; rule IX. not having been complied with.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. Taffender has removed to 1, Budge Row, E.C.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1906.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Sixth Council will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, 5th June, 1906. Nominations for the office of President and also for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, any other notices of motion—all the foregoing to be signed by 2 members of Council—and the reports of Committees, should reach me not later than Saturday, May 5th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will, it is hoped, pardon the reminder that affiliation fees (2s. 6d.) for each elected representative became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall feel grateful if they will at the same time, kindly furnish me with the names and addresses of elected representatives, whether re-elected or now chosen for the first time, so as to enable me to draw up the list of the new Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.
Frettherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire,
January, 1906.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 13, 1906, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.**

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
EDWIN HORREX 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING 10.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11.
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**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, January 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.**

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 2.	HARRY MILLER 6.
HARRY E. BALAAM, JUN.* 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method away from the tenor. ‡First in the method as conductor. First peal of Stedman by the local company. This is J. Attwater's first peal for upwards of six years.

The Provinces.**FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

TOPHAM CUTFORTH .. Treble.	*THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	*THOMAS HESSELL 6.
CHRISTOPHER WARD* .. 2.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 7.
CHARLES NEVEASON* .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

*First peal of Major.

NORTH SHIELDS.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

E. E. FERRY Treble.	THOMAS HOGG 6.
GEO. W. DIX 2.	*G. T. POTTER 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	ALFRED HILLIER 8.
THOMAS TEASDALE 4.	EDWARD HERN 9.
ROBERT M. HOGG 5.	ANDREW TULLY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal on ten bells. Further reference elsewhere.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.**

JOSEPH J. PRATT .. Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
JOHN BADEN 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BADEN.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
ERNEST MURGATROYD* .. 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	WILLIAM JOYCE 7.
JOHN LAWSON 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by W. JOYCE.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. O. French, M.A., senior curate, on his preferment to the vicariate of Pudsey; also as a birthday compliment to B. E. Howe.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PHILIP O. BIXBY .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOWELL 4.
GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. 3.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILBY J. HAZELL.

Arranged to oblige P. O. Bixby, of Gainsborough, who was on a visit to the district

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.**

WILLIAM JUDGE* .. Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY JUDGE 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALFRED MOSS .. Treble.	HENRY BRIGGS 5.
JOHN W. BROWN 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 6.
ARTHUR BALLARD 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 7.
HENRY MOUNTFORD .. 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE COX* .. Treble.	†THOMAS HENRY 4.
RICHARD NICHOLLS† .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
HARRY HOPKINS† .. 3.	‡HARRY SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MAIN† Treble.	ALFRED MARTIN 5.
WALTER PERKINS 2.	FRED WILFORD 6.
ARTHUR SMEATERS 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
FREDERICK PALMER 4.	*JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

This peal is a reduction of a 6624. It was intended to ring Superlative, but meeting one short, the above was rung instead. *Fiftieth peal of Double Norwich, †First peal of Double Norwich.

KELMARCH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble.	HARRY DAVIS 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
JOSEPH C. SHALFORD .. 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

BRADFELD, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

BENJAMIN BRAMALL .. Treble.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. 4.
ARCHIE BREARLEY* .. 2.	JONATHAN GILLOTT .. 5.
CHARLES FOX 3.	GEORGE H. UTTLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. UTTLEY.

*First peal on six bells.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST HOPKINS .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
RICK PAINE 2.	GEORGE FINN 6.
SIDNEY FINN 3.	EDWARD S. RUCK 7.
ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 4.	GEORGE PAINE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Duke of York, two 720s of Violet, two of Kent and two of Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by J. BACKHOUSE

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the old year out and new year in. The ringers wish to thank the conductor for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

TOM LOCKWOOD Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 5.
J. B. JACKSON* 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
W. E. HOLLIS ASH* .. 3.	*FREDERICK W. HIRD .. 7.
GEORGE TINGLE 4.	DAVID YORK Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF BROOK'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell. This peal was brought round just before the close of the old year.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES E. JOYNES .. Treble.	HARRY WARBURTON .. 6.
ARTHUR T. WINTER .. 2.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. 7.
HERBERT HAIGH 3.	ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 8.
ROBERT MILES 4.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 9.
ARTHUR SWANNACK .. 5.	GEO. W. D. METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the close of the year.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN ELSON Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
TOM W. CREED 3.	*FRANK WAYGOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. J. P. Scott, of Wey, aged 91 years.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 3.	*WESLEY WATSON 7.
SERGEANT-MAJOR A. PYE .. 4.	ROWLAND E. VYSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WESLEY WATSON.

*First peal as conductor.

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BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

CHARLES DENSLEY Treble.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 6.
WALTER J. EAMES 2.	WILLIAM LANHAM 7.
CHARLES W. BELL 3.	THOMAS KING 8.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	HENRY W. BROWN 9.
JAMES FUSSELL 5.	GEORGE CRISP Tenor.
	JAMES N. WAKE Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

First peal of Caters on the bells, and by all the band except Messrs. Goodenough and Bell.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT KELLY Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
ALFRED H. EDWARDS .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
THOMAS H. HAMMOND, JUN. 3.	*EDWARD BRIGHT 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE 4.	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a farewell peal to Dr. Oliver, Vicar.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

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

Composed by FREDK BENNETT, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. All the above are members of the St. Mary le Tower Society, Ipswich, except the ringer of the 4th. This is the Vicar's fiftieth peal upon the bells, and the 64th rung upon them since their dedication as a ring of eight on May 15th, 1902.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

C. THRUSH Treble.	T. ELLIOTT 5.
J. HOLE 2.	H. MOORE 6.
S. M. DODINGTON 3.	J. R. JONES 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	J. PAYNE Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. FARDON Treble.	FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. 5.
CHARLES HESTER 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLFIELD 4.	WILLIAM STONE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 73rd anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER RICHARDS Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
ARTHUR TIMMINS 2.	GEORGE FIGOTT 6.
WILLIAM R. MASON 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7.
JOSEPH FIGOTT 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Richards, and is his first peal on eight bells.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY HUTTON Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 4.
ERNEST WORSFOLD 2.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. 5.
THOMAS STREETER 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Quarterly peal of the above district. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in seven methods on the bells, and first in the Guildford District.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. in A flat.

FREDERICK THOMAS* .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JOHN W. DAVIES 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
ROWE HUXLEY 4.	THOMAS HUXLEY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

*First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Morgan, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5280 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK* .. Treble.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 2.	*FRED W. DIXON 6.
JOHN B. JACKSON* 3.	CHARLES PRATT 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	FRED PAGE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

*First peal in the method.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. 4.	*STANLEY J. GIBBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

*First peal.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 6 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEDAMN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.**

GEORGE W. FORSTER .. Treble.	*ALBERT J. DAY 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	*JOHN TASSELL 6.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

*First peal of Stedman.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(PRESTON BRANCH.)***On Saturday, January 6 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. W. FITCHIE* Treble.	*TOM FITCHIE 4.
J. R. TAYLOR† 2.	†WILLIAM TAYLOR 5.
TOM BEADSHAW* 3.	*FRED HARWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. FITCHIE.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

HALSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 11th, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1906 changes, being 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 466 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Saunders, O. Laver, W. Burst, G. Arnold, W. Wiffin, E. Ridgwell conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

Miscellaneous.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts.).—On Sunday, November 12th, 720 Woodbine. E. Overall, A. Phillips, C. Gale, G. H. Barker, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, November 14th, 720 College Single. B. Patmore, F. Elliott, Rev. Langdon. A. Phillips, C. Gale conductor, G. H. Carter. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Carter, F. Elliott, E. Overall, A. Phillips conductor, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday, December 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence, E. Overall, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter conductor. On Wednesday, December 13th, 720 Violet. E. Oversall, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, December 19th, 720 Violet. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford. F. Elliott, A. Phillips, E. Overall, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. At midnight 720 Woodbine, A. Phillips conductor. On Sunday, January 7th, 360 Double Court and 120 City Delight. H. Carter, G. H. Carter, E. Overall, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence. For afternoon service 360 Single Court.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, January 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. Crandon, E. Counsell, J. Dunn, F. Iley, S. Crandon, G. H. Brien, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Crandon. The occasion was a presentation of a solid silver cigarette case to Mr. G. H. Brien by the rest of the band for being instrumental in getting the local band to go in for change-ringing.

THE ALL SAINTS' FULHAM SOCIETY.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, December 20th, for Divine Service, 1263 Stedman Caters in 46 mins. C. Charge, W. E. Judd, Arthur Jones, E. V. Harvey, G. Edsir, J. Attwater, J. W. Kelley, J. Herbert, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, G. Day. On Christmas Eve, at midnight, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. S.

Ough, W. T. E. Charge, J. W. Driver, E. V. Harvey, H. G. Miles, W. E. Judd, Alfred Jones, J. Herbert, J. W. Kelley conductor, Harvey.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 5th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Double Oxford. T. Coupland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, J. B. Halifax, G. R. Truss, R. Jarvis conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts.).—On Wednesday evening, October 18th, for practice a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples 1260 changes in 49 mins. J. E. Craft, T. Webb, J. J. Cawdell conductor, A. Castle, S. E. Roberts, A. H. Bray, C. Castle, G. Gentle.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMINGTON (Hants.).—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Harvest Thanksgiving services at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Arnold, C. Hughes, *W. Harrison, H. K. Clark, E. C. Elliott, H. F. Elliott, S. Clarke, A. Ayles. *First quarter-peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday evening, November 9th, in 29 mins. 720 Grandsire Minor. H. E. Watson conductor, O. Box, A. E. Porter, R. Watson, H. Porter, E. Barker. This is the first 720 of Grandsire on these bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER (Oxon).—On Tuesday, January 2nd, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Greenaway, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, R. Davis, W. Hutton, Rev. G. H. Ridout. E. Bannister conductor, F. J. Davis.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks.).—On Saturday, January 6th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing about 2200 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. H. Woodley, A. R. Bosley conductor, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, Rev. G. H. Ridout, E. E. Napper, V. R. Hitchman, G. Warwick.

EAST HENDRED (Bucks.).—On Saturday, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins. F. Upstone, F. Waldron, F. James, F. Gregory conductor, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford.

FENTON (Staffs.).—On Sunday, November 5th, 1905, a 1/4-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Morris, J. Beech, H. Hough, G. Woods, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, J. Nicklin.

HARWELL (Berks.).—On Christmas Day 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. C. Mulford, A. R. Bosley conductor, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, L. Hitchman, H. Clack. On Boxing-Day 1200 Grandsire Doubles. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman conductor, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, H. C. Mulford. On Thursday, January 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins. G. Gardner, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman, H. C. Mulford.

LONG WITTENHAM (Berks.).—On Wednesday, December 27th, 600 Grandsire Doubles. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman conductor, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, H. C. Mulford.

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BRISTOL BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 6th, a party of eight members of the above journeyed to Congresbury for a ring on the fine peal of six. Arriving just after 4 p.m. the bells were pulled up and set going to Kent Treble Bob. An excellent 720 was rung in 32 mins., being the first in the method on the bells. H. Cavill, C. H. Horton, R. J. Wilkins, W. Apperley, J. Burford, J. Thomas conductor. Tenor 36 cwt. Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were afterwards rung, C. H. Gordon and two local men standing in. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony with the local men, song and handbell ringing being the order of the evening. Mr. Wilkins presided at the piano. The party arrived home about 10 p.m., having spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. These bells were

rehung in iron frame some time ago by Llewellins and James of Bristol.

THE LITTLE MUNDEN (HERTS.) SOCIETY.

The above Society's record for the year 1905 is 113 720s in fourteen methods, and the members have rung for every service that has been held in the church during the year, which numbers 132. This is most creditable to the company when it is said that it was done by seven men only.

THE FULHAM PEALS.

Mr. William Hale, of Hill View, Painswick, writes:—

"I would like to point out to Mr. Prewett that the long peal of 12,096 changes of Grandsire Caters rung at Fulham on May 15th, 1837, was not at that date the

greatest number of changes ever performed by ten men only, as ten members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths rung at the parish church, Painswick, on May 5th, 1817, a peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 12,312 changes, in 7 hrs. 44 mins., and is recorded on a stone tablet in the tower as follows. 'This tablet records the greatest achievement of change-ringing in England by ten men only in that musical composition of Tittum Grandsire Caters, comprising 12,312 changes, rung in this steeple by Painswick Youths, being on the 5th day of May, 1817, which was nobly performed in 7 hours and 44 minutes, and the artists were stationed as follows, viz.: Danl. Gyde, Treble; Giles Mansfield, 2; Geo. Harding, 3; Wm. Estcourt, 4; Jno. Tunley, 5; Jas. Savory (conductor), 6; Robt. Selwyn, 7; Thos. Bethell, 8; Thos. Handy, 9; Jno. Wood, Tenor. Weight of tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. neat bell metal.'

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

On Saturday, December 23, 1905, at the Church of St. Mary, 1512 Grandsire Triples, in one hour. A. Whight, H. Bush, W. Newman, H. Richell, H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Richell, H. R. Dawson. Rang with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Harward, who for forty years acted as church clerk at the above church, and who was hurried the same afternoon at the ripe age of 93 years.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

Mr. H. Dains writes to say that he is reminded by friends of the 29-course peal by Sir Arthur Heywood, which contains the same number of bobs before as the one he published last week, and so there is a slight error in his reference to that quality, for which he is sorry. He also sends the following peal:—

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
54632	-	-	-
35264*	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-

Twice Repeated.

*Add to calling of this course 4ths, 5ths and 6ths.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, January 14th, before evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a welcome to H. W. C. Erskine, Esq., who commenced his duties as organist of the above church on that day. E. Whittingham, W. J. Paice, F. Lush, S. Paice conductor, A. Wiggins, J. French, F. J. Mattingley, G. Cole,

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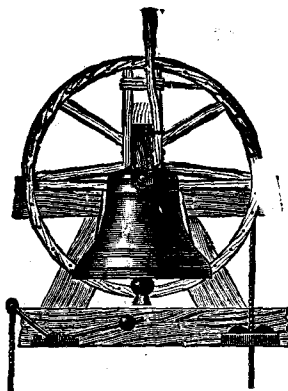
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